

* No record of names in this office /ago/10-3-27 261

G.R.S. Form #114 B

To The A. G. O.

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cc

FEB 18 1926

DATE Oct. 25, 1921.

1. NAME COBB, Fred Walter

SERIAL No. 4606986

RANK Corporal ORGANIZATION 49th Co B 5th Marines *

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse Argonne American Cemetery 1232 (sec 66)

CTY. NAME Romagne sous Montfaucon NUMBER

88 Sec 66 Meuse 2

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 007^{row 8} Near Froidos Meuse

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 51NE 255.3N 308.3E

CONCENTRATED TO 6-16-19 88 66 2

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne 1232

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Tag on body Nov 3, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Minnesota

Data F.1 MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. B. BIRDSEYE

M. B. BIRDSEYE

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/25/21 13 22 Block A

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon Meuse.

CEMETERY

Robert C. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General

By [Signature] Res'd World War Div. SEP 22 1927

FEB 19 1926 WORLD WAR DIV. A.G.O.

AUDITED [Signature] 19-23

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF *R*

Cobb *4606896* *Fred W.*
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corporal *Co. 49* *5th Marines*
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. *November 4, 1918.*

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

American Cemetery, Chateau de Salvange, Rancourt, Meuse.

GRAVE NUMBER. *417.*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? *Yes* 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: *John D. S. Allison,*
1st Lt. San. Corps, USA, Adjutant.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Fred W., Corpl; 4606986.
HOME: No record.

EN 3rd, 1918.

tion November 1st, 1918 as company
 Nature of wounds not reported
he died from wounds on November 3,
ed.

IN TRAIN; William A., Sgt. 118541
49th Co. 5th Marines.
55 N. Main Street
Springfield, Mass.

William A. Van Train.

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No 1
/MJK

49th. Co. 5th. Marines.
2nd. Division.

COBB, Fred W., Corpl; 4606986.
HOME: No record.

DIED OF WOUNDS NOVEMBER 3rd. 1918.

Corporal Fred W. COBB was wounded in action November 1st. 1918 as company was advancing in the Argonne Meuse Sector. Nature of wounds not reported. Evacuated to Hospital (Mobile No. 2) where he died from wounds on November 3, 1918. Place and date of burial not reported.

INFORMANT: VAN TRAIN; William A., Sgt. 116541
49th. Co. 5th. Marines.
HOME: 55 N. Main Street
Springfield. Mass.

Signed: William A. Van Train.

Next of Kin:
No record.

/WMH/

Date 27th June 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name COBB Fred W.Number: 4606986Rank CplOrganization: 49Co. 5th U S M C

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit:

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

16th June 1919Amer Mil Cty Grave 307 Row 8CHATEAU SALVANGE MEUSE51 NE E. 308.3 N. 255.3

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

16th June 1919Grave No 88 Sec 66 Plot 2ARGONNE AMER CEMETERY #1232ROMAGNE MEUSE1232

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

Burial good Buried in uniform Body decomposed

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

Yes

What other means of identification were found upon the body?

None

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Note:

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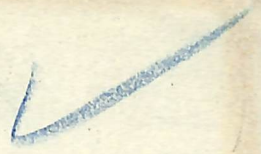
If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by C.O. 170, G.H.Q. D1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by Lt. WilsonFHHR. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A

C.O. Group

Unit

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Cobb, Fred Walter	3	3 52
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	13
	ROW	2	22
	BLOCK	1	1
STATE	Minn	2	27
RANK	Corpl	1	4
DIVISION	2	2	02
ORGANIZATION	5	3	005
ARM	U S MC	1	X
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Reid	5	85-9.
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	04
	COUNTY	2	48
	CITY	3	100
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	1
HEALTH	bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP		1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	2
	no.		67.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Cobb, Fred Walter (MA)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Sarah Reid,
220 York St.,
Vallejo, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, ~~making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.~~

In order that your desires may be of record, 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 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	<i>No.</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>67</i> Health: <i>not very good</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>not any.</i>

Mrs Sarah Cobb Reid
Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE
PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cobb Fred Walter (MA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Sarah Reid
220 York St
Vallejo Calif

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.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 295 A-M
Cobb, Fred Walter (MA)

January 14, 1932

Mrs. Sarah R. Cobb, *Reed*
220 York Street,
Vallejo, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Fred Walter Cobb, during the summer of 1932.

All expenses of the pilgrimage, including meals, tips, transportation by water, rail, taxi and bus, as well as incidental expenses, such as laundry, will be borne by the Government. Mothers and widows making the pilgrimage will need money only for the purchase of articles of a personal nature, such as souvenirs.

There is no provision of law, however, which would permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who is unable or does not desire to make the pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice, and it would seem from the many letters received from women who have made the journey that the effort has not been in vain.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the trip and doctors and nurses will be available from the time of arrival in New York City until return thereto. Arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that special attention be given pilgrims enroute to New York. Should you make the journey you are assured that the trip will not only be made at the expense of the Government, but that everything possible for your comfort, welfare and pleasure will be provided.

QM 293 A-M
Cobb, Fred Walter (MA)

January 14, 1932

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In the event you change your mind and desire to visit your son's grave during the coming summer, it is requested that you so notify 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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Cobb, Fred Walter (M-A) M

September 29, 1931.

Mrs. Sarah R. Cobb,
220 York Street,
Vallejo, California.

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?

No.

2. Please state your age and condition
of health:

Age: *67*

Health: *not very good*

3. Do you speak English?

yes

4. What other language do you speak?

not any other

Mrs Sarah Cobb Reid
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Back Letter
Encl:
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if the government would gi. me the money
what it would cost them to send me over
there they would be helping me a great deal
more as I have no money and am a poor
woman. I got to have some money if I did
go across and I dont see how I can go over
there what good would it do me not any
that I can see

Respectfully
Mrs Sarah Cobb Rude



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

A. S. BROWN
General
Assistant

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Cobb, Fred, Walter Cpl. (MA) M*

July 16, 1931.

Mrs. Sarah R. Cobb,
220 York St.,
Vallejo, Calif.

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

QM 293 A-M
Cobb, Fred Walter 1232 M

February 12, 1931.

Mrs. Sarah R. Cobb,
220 York Street,
Vallejo, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 5, 1931, declining the invitation to make the pilgrimage to Europe, sailing June 3, 1931 on the REPUBLIC, and requesting that you be given a sum of money in lieu of the journey.

There is no provision of the Act of Congress, approved March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, which would permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow in place of the pilgrimage, even in the case where a mother is ill and cannot make the journey.

It is regretted that you are not in a position to make the trip this year. Your name has been added to the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, and you will be communicated with relative thereto.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Cobb, Fred Walter
1232

Gallego Calif 220. York St

Feb 5th 1931.

Quartermaster General Sir
I'm not able to take this
trip this summer. I have
not got any money and
one needs a little money
even if the government pays
all expenses I'm not
taking in money enough
to pay my bills and my
heth is not so good at the
time. if the government
would give me what it
would cost them, to send
me over there they surely
would be doing something
that would help me
greatly as I have to need it
Respectfully Mrs Sarah R. Cobb.



[Faint, illegible handwriting covering the entire page, likely bleed-through from the reverse side.]

Republic

6-3-31

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Cobb, Fred Walter

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. Sarah R. Cobb

Sarah R. Cobb

(Name)

220 York Street, Vallejo, Solano Co., California

(Town or City)

(State)



QM 293 A-M

Cobb, Fred Walter 1232-M

February 10, 1931

Mrs. Sara R. Cobb,
220 York St.,
Vallejo, Calif.
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 "Republic" on June 3, 1931.

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 March 17, 1931, 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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1930.

Cobb, Fred Walter - 1232 M

Mrs. Sarah R. Cobb,
220 York St.,
Vallejo, Calif.

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 Mother 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?

yes

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

yes

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age *66 years old*
Condition of Health *just fair*

4. Do you speak English?

yes

5. What other language do you speak?

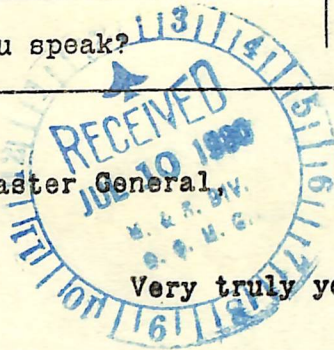
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment



Pallyo - California 220.
June 5th 1930. (York 20)

In regard to my name
My name is Mrs

Sarah Rasah Cobb
Mother of Fred walis
Cobb - G M 293 a - c.

I got my divorce when
this son went in the
service so therefore I
have taking my name
Cobb Nat Reed please
dont sign my name
on anything please
over

Mrs Sarah R. Cobb.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cobb, Fred Walter 1232-M

May 26, 1930.

Cobb
revised
Mrs. Sarah R. ~~Reid~~,
220 York St.,
Vallejo, Calif.

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

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

Mrs Sarah Pasche Cobb
(Sign here)

#1232

8-30-29

QM 293 A-C
Cobb, Fred Walter

September 23, 1929.

Mrs. Sarah R. Reid,
220 York Street,
Vallejo, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to the Pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

In reply you are informed that the Act of March 2, 1929 provides that invitations for a pilgrimage shall be extended the mothers and widows of the members of the military or naval forces of the United States who are buried in the cemeteries in Europe, but it makes no provision for any member of the family making the trip other than the mother or widow. It is therefore regretted to have to advise that your sister is not eligible under the law to accompany you on this pilgrimage.

It is thought that you need have no hesitancy in making this pilgrimage alone, as the War Department will assign thoroughly competent personnel to provide for the needs and welfare of those mothers and widows making the pilgrimage. You will in all probability make friends with the other mothers and widows and thus find congenial companionship on the trip.

Within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage, (May 1930), blanks will be furnished you upon which to make formal application for the journey. Space will be provided thereon for you to indicate the time you desire to go.

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

Cobb, Fred Walter
1232

Aug. 30, 1929.

Mrs. Sara R. Reid,
220 York St.,
Vallejo, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 27, 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 he was not married

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.

*He has still got a mother
Mrs Sarah Roseline Cobb Reid*

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

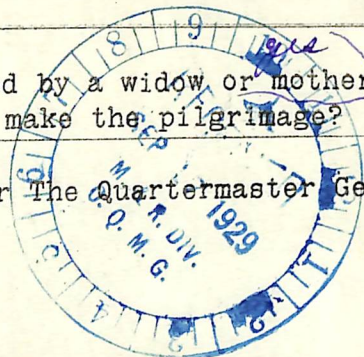
*This mother intends to take
the trip 1933. if I live that long
but I cannot go alone my
sister Mrs Gester D Loring
will have to go with me
she is a widow*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress
Envelope



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cobb, Fred Walter

June 27 1929.

**Mrs. Sara R. Reid,
220 York St.,
Vallejo, Calif.**

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 **Cpl. Fred Walter Cobb, 49th Co. 5th Marines**, whose remains are now interred in the **Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France**.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married 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,

2 incls.
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-M

Sept. 7, 1932.

Cobb, Fred Walter (MA)

Mrs. Sarah Reid,
220 York St.,
Vallejo, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

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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

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Cobb Fred Walter (NA)

July 9 1932

Mrs Sarah Reid
220 York St
Vallejo Calif

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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? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

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Cobb, Fred Walter (MA)

January 14, 1932

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In the event you change your mind and desire to visit your son's grave during the coming summer, it is requested that you so notify 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.

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QM 293 A-M
Cobb, Fred Walter (MA)

January 14, 1932

Mrs. Sarah R. Cobb, *Reid*,
220 York Street,
Vallejo, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Fred Walter Cobb, during the summer of 1932.

All expenses of the pilgrimage, including meals, tips, transportation by water, rail, taxi and bus, as well as incidental expenses, such as laundry, will be borne by the Government. Mothers and widows making the pilgrimage will need money only for the purchase of articles of a personal nature, such as souvenirs.

There is no provision of law, however, which would permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who is unable or does not desire to make the pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice, and it would seem from the many letters received from women who have made the journey that the effort has not been in vain.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the trip and doctors and nurses will be available from the time of arrival in New York City until return thereto. Arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that special attention be given pilgrims enroute to New York. Should you make the journey you are assured that the trip will not only be made at the expense of the Government, but that everything possible for your comfort, welfare and pleasure will be provided.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Cobb, Fred Walter (M-A) M

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Sarah R. Cobb,
220 York Street,
Vallejo, California.

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

Cobb, Fred, Walter Cpl. (MA) M+

July 16, 1931.

Mrs. Sarah R. Cobb,
220 York St.,
Vallejo, Calif.

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

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February 12, 1931.

QM 293 A-M
Cobb, Fred Walter 1232 M

Mrs. Sarah R. Cobb,
220 York Street,
Vallejo, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 5, 1931, declining the invitation to make the pilgrimage to Europe, sailing June 3, 1931 on the REPUBLIC, and requesting that you be given a sum of money in lieu of the journey.

There is no provision of the Act of Congress, approved March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, which would permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow in place of the pilgrimage, even in the case where a mother is ill and cannot make the journey.

It is regretted that you are not in a position to make the trip this year. Your name has been added to the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, and you will be communicated with relative thereto.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M

Cobb, Fred Walter 1232-M

February 10, 1931

Mrs. Sara R. Cobb,
220 York St.,
Vallejo, Calif.
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 "Republic" on June 3, 1931.

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 March 17, 1931, 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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cobb, Fred Walter - 1232 M

June 27, 1930.

Mrs. Sarah R. Cobb,
220 York St.,
Vallejo, Calif.

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 Mother 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.

Enclosures:
Envelope
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cobb, Fred Walter 1232-M

May 26, 1930.

Mrs. Sarah R. Reid,
220 York St.,
Vallejo, Calif.

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)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cobb, Fred Walter 1232 M.

October 7, 1929.

**Mrs. Sarah R. Reid,
220 York St.,
Vallejo, Calif.**

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,

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

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Cobb, Fred Walter

September 23, 1929.

Mrs. Sarah R. Reid,
220 York Street,
Vallejo, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to the Pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

In reply you are informed that the Act of March 2, 1929 provides that invitations for a pilgrimage shall be extended the mothers and widows of the members of the military or naval forces of the United States who are buried in the cemeteries in Europe, but it makes no provision for any member of the family making the trip other than the mother or widow. It is therefore regretted to have to advise that your sister is not eligible under the law to accompany you on this pilgrimage.

It is thought that you need have no hesitancy in making this pilgrimage alone, as the War Department will assign thoroughly competent personnel to provide for the needs and welfare of those mothers and widows making the pilgrimage. You will in all probability make friends with the other mothers and widows and thus find congenial companionship on the trip.

Within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage, (May 1930), blanks will be furnished you upon which to make formal application for the journey. Space will be provided thereon for you to indicate the time you desire to go.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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See Case 1115

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cobb, Fred Walter
1232

Aug. 30, 1929.

Mrs. Sara R. Reid,
220 York St.,
Vallejo, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 27, 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:

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
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
Cobb, Fred Walter

June 27, 1929.

Mrs. Sara R. Reid,
220 Yrk St.,
Vallejo, Calif.

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 Cpl. Fred Walter Cobb, 49th Co. 5th Marines, whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married 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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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

QM 293 C-R

September 13, 1923.

Mrs. Sara R. Reid,
220 York St.,
Vallejo, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Corporal Fred Walter Cobb, 19th Company, 5th Marines, Block A, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagnous-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 Branch

H. H. CHEAL

Assistant.



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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

Marines

File 53955

(5/25/21 MEB)

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COBB, Fred W. ^{Walter} Ser. No. 4606986
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization 49th Co. B, 5th Marines
 (c) Date of death 11-3-18 (d) Cause of death dwria

TYP. b
 CKR. yo

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

(a) Grave No. 88 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 66 TYP. b
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Sara R. Reid (mother) 220 York St., Vallejo, Calif.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases 1/1/1 CKR. yo

IV. Marine A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Sarah R. Reid (b) Relationship mother
 (c) Address 220 York St., Vallejo, Calif.
 (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. W. J. Ryder
 3rd Ave., Sibley, Minn.

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

Examiner's Initials HR Date 5-14, 1921

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

_____, dated _____

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date (3-6-21), 1921

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

Communication from Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps states that the wish of kin desires that the remains be left in France

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials HR Date 5-14, 1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 66 SHEET No. 38

JUN 9 1921

H. S.

checked 5/26/21 MEB

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 192

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on **JUN 3 1921**, 192

Sec 66

*Par. 2 Not To Be Returned (JEH) Marine
Cobb, Fred Walter*

IX.

REMARKS

~~Form 124 to Marine Corps Form 840 from Marine Corps~~

Date Sent 5/24/21 Date Rec'd 5/24/21 Form #840 -

*To be left in France - n. of K. Mrs. Sarah
R. Reid, (mother) 220 York St., Vallejo, Calif.
5/23/21 MEB.*

WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE.

Location Index

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Rosenbrock

A.G.O. Card & Corr. *5-14-21*

Discrepancies

Name *✓*

Rank

Serial NO.

Org.

Remarks *E.O.A.*

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

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Remarks

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name *✓*

Rank

Serial no.

Org.

Remarks *E.O.A. (spelling)*

*checked by
25-16-21*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 24, 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 COBB, Fred W *altu* 10. Name _____

2. No. 4606986 11. No. _____

3. Rank Corporal 12. Rank _____

4. Org. *49th* Co B 5th Marines 13. Org. _____

5. D.D. November 3 -18 14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. DOW (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 88 Sec. 66 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 2 Row _____ 16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____ 17. No descop .

18. Cemetery Meuse Argonne American 19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse 21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 (sec 66)

23. Disinterred (Date) 10-24-21 By J. L. Haky

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Fred W. Cobb Serial No. 4606986

Rank Cpl. Organization Co. B. 5th Marines

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes 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).

Tag on body and tag on peg over body check with GRS records.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial U~ Uniform, burlap and pine box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 10-24-21 By J. L. Haky

31. Casket sealed by J. L. Haky

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-13168

32. Designation of body:

Name COBB, Fred W Serial No. 4606986

Rank Corporal Organization Co B 5th Marines

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne American Cemetery 1232
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon Meuse

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 10-24-21 By J.L.Haky

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 Geo. C. Bland, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) 10-24-21

To point of Concentration Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232 (Name)

Convoyer W.J. Royed Signature Shipping Officer G.F. Spann, Capt. Q.M.C. cjt

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

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred: Meuse-Argonne Cemetery 1232 Oct. 25, 1921. (Date)

42. Grave No. 13 Section

43. Plot Block A Row 22

G.R.S. Representative Geo. C. Bland,

1st Lt., Q.M.C.



Place Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 24, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF COBB, Fred W. *altu* SERIAL NUMBER 4606986

RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. B. 5th Marines.

2. Disinterred (date) : Oct. 24, 1921 From (give complete location) : gr 88, sec 66, plot 2.

By : Group 7 Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date) : Oct. 25, 1921. In (give complete location) : Messa-Argonne Cemetery 1232 Grave-13 Block-A Row-22

By : Group Reburial S. Unit Nature of reburial Unlined casket

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

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? yes On grave marker ? yes.

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

Tag on body and tag on peg over body checks with G.H.C. records.

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

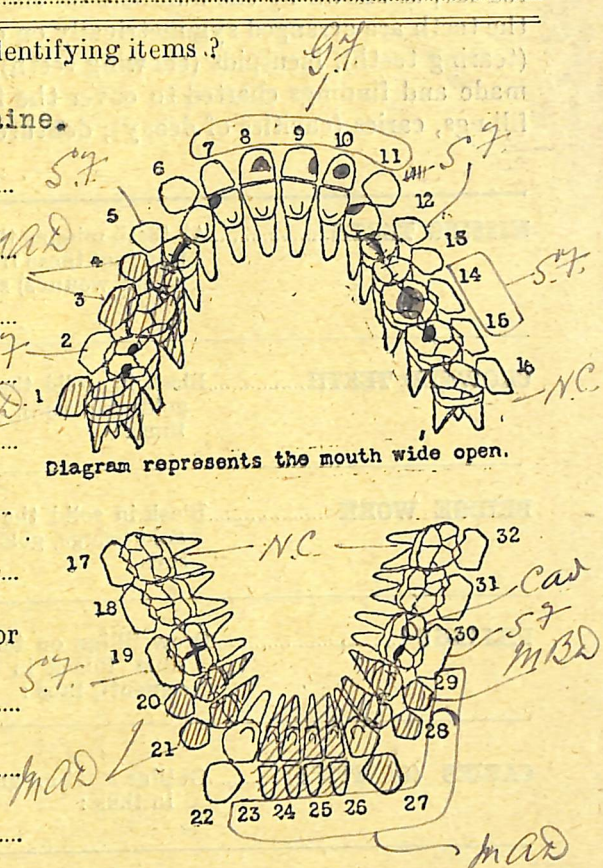
Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none visible.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) none visible.

7. Disinterment supervised by J. L. Haky
J. L. Haky

Approved : Geo. C. Bland
Geo. C. Bland 1st Lt. U.S.M.C.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault
A. U. Dufault

Approved : Geo. C. Bland
Geo. C. Bland
(Title) 1st Lt., U.S.M.C.

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), 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:



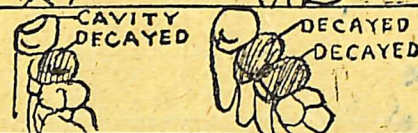
BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:



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.



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Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,

Washington, May 24, 1921.

From: The Major General Commandant.
 To: The Chief, Cemeterial Division, Office of Quartermaster
 General of the Army.
 Subject: A. E. F. dead: Confirmation or revision of G. R. S.
 record of disposition status.
 Reference: Form No. 124, File No. 53955 dated 5-24-21
 Case of COBB, Fred Walter Cpl. #4606986.
49th Co. 5th Marines. 1232 Sec. 66-38.

1. It is requested that the remains of the above-named man be disposed of as follows:

DISPOSITION: To be left in France.

CONSIGNEE: Name: _____

Address: _____

NEXT OF KIN: Name: Mrs. Sarah R. Reid,

Relationship: Mother

Address: 220 York St.,

Vallejo, Calif.

REMARKS: _____

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Lt. Col., U.S.M.C.

Asst. Adjutant & Inspector,

By _____

HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS.

Washington, D. C.

March 6, 1920.

From: The Major General Commandant.
To: The Chief, Graves Registration Service
VIA: War Department, Washington, D.C.
The Adjutant General of the Army/
Subject: Change in the wishes of the next of kin
of the late Corporal Fred Walter Cobb,
Marine Corps, in re- disposition of his
remains.

Reference: (a) List of names showing the wishes of
the next of kin of deceased Marines buried
abroad, forwarded with the MGC letter 4382-
25B-1-IQI, 2-14-20.

1. Reference (a) stated that the next of kin in the
case of Fred Walter Cobb, #4606986, 49th Company, 5th Marines,
requested that the remains be returned to the United States.
The next of kin however requests now "THAT THE REMAINS BE LEFT
IN FRANCE".

H. C. Haines.

4606986

COBB, FRED WALTER. CORP.- 49th Co., 5th Reg.,
Marines.

DISPOSITION: RETURN OF REMAINS REQUESTED TO:
W.J. RYDER.
3rd AVE., HIBBING, MINN.

NEXT OF KIN: SARAH R. REID. RELATION. MO.
ADDRESS: 220 YORK ST., VALLEJO, CALIF.

Drawn by HRP

1232 Sub 66-38

5-14-21

checked by cd

5-16-21

5/26/21

Mr. Wilson

Cobb. Fred Walter

Cpl. SH 4606986,

49th Co - 5th
marines

Adjustment Made

6-14 1922

File No. 53955

Form 840 from Marine Corps

Date Rec'd 5/25/21

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53955

1. G. R. S. Form No. 1. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 4606986

3. *Cobb* *Fred W.*
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. *Cpl.* *4960.* *5th U.S.M.C.*
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. *Nov. 3, 1918*
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. *Nov. 4, 1918* *A. E. F.*
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. *Chateau De Salvage* *Meuse*
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. *417* *B.*
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross? Headboard? Bottle?
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker?
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

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12. *Map 51 N.E.*
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

Points 255.37. 308.38.

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed *Capt. W. J. Durison*

Group..... Unit. *301.* G. R. S.

Mobile Hosp. #2

1. G. R. S. Form No. 1

2. Soldier's No. *4400 982*

3. *John J. ...*

4. Rank *Private* Company *11th* Post or Corps *1st*

5. Date of Death *Nov 3 1918* Cause, if known *...*

6. Date of Burial *Nov 11 1918* Cemetery *...*

7. Town or Cemetery in which Burial took place *...*

8. Grave No. *...* Position of Father *...*

9. Name of Person to Whom Burial is to be Made *...*

10. Buried with Body *...*

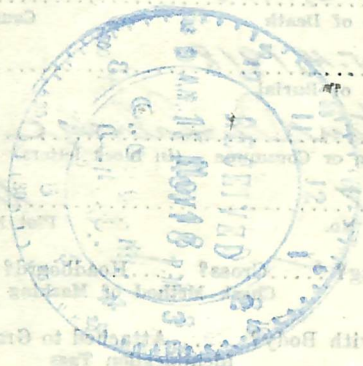
11. If name unknown and last missing give marks and description *...*

12. Map Reference, if instrument is outside of country *...*

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer *...*

Signed *...*

Unit *...* G. R. S.



John J. ...


(FROM REPORT OF DEATH FORWARDED
TO C.R.O. 53,55)

COBB Fred W. 4606986

Corp Co 49 5th Marines

Date Death 11/3/18

Died of (GSW)



G.R.S. #106
DISPOSITION OF BODY

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

March 19, 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:

Corporal Fred Walter Cobb,
Company B, 5th Marines.

Grave Location:

Grave #88, section 66, plot 2,
Argonne American Cemetery,
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

Request for action 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:


Mrs. Sarah R. Reid,
220 York Street,
Valejo, Cal.

By authority of the Quartermaster General

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, ~~U.S.A.~~, U.S.A.

Chief, Graves Registration Service.

NS-2992/L DS



March 16, 1920.

53955 (Inquiry) Cobb, Fred Walter, Cpl.

The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division)

Mrs. Sarah R. Reid, 220 York St., Vallejo, Cal.

Disposition of Body.

1. This office is in receipt of a communication from the Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps concerning your desire as to the final burial of your son. Notation has been made of your present wish to cancel your former request and to have the remains of Corporal Fred Walter Cobb, Serial #4606986, Company "B", 5th Marines, permanently interred in France.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

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

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Cobb, Fred Walter, Cpl.

1st Ind.

HHH/DS

O. Q. M. G., Cemeterial Division, Munitions Bldg., Washington, D. C.
March 16, 1920. - To: The Major General Commandant, Headquarters U. S.
Marine Corps, Washington, D. C.

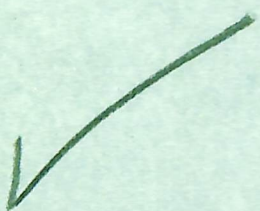
1. Returned. Notation has been made of the desire of Mrs. Sarah R. Reid for the cancellation of her former request concerning the final disposition of the body of Fred Walter Cobb and of her present wish to have the remains permanently interred in France.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

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



53955
GRAVE LOCATION BOOK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Colt 4606986 Fred W.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Captain Co. 49 - 5th Infantry
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL November 4, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL

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

American Cemetery, Chateau de
Salvaize, Rancant, Meuse.

GRAVE NUMBER 417

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes 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:

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REPORTED BY: John D. S. Allison
5th Lt. San. Corps, USA Adjutant
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



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NEW YORK

Reference #53955

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

March 7, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO: Mrs. Sara R. Cobb Reid, 220 York Street, Vallejo, California.
SUBJECT Corporal Fred W. Cobb, Co. B., 5th Marines (4606986)

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the
regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these head-
quarters he is buried in grave #417, Plot B, in the AMERICAN BATTLE AREA
CEMETERY, CHATEAU-de-SALVANGE, FROIDOS, in the DEPARTMENT of the MEUSE.

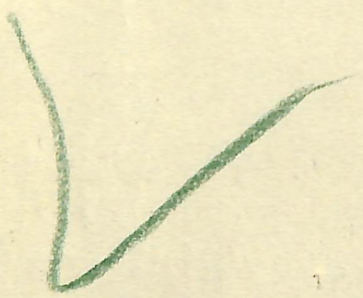
By direction

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.

Form .004.5 enclosed.



VALLEJO CHAPTER
The American Red Cross

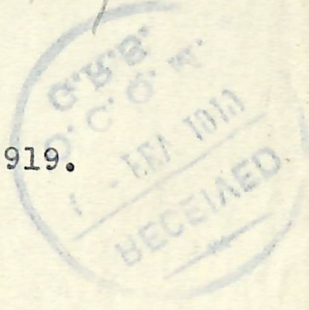
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Neutrality



Humanity

Vallejo, California, U. S. A. Jan. 15, 1919.



Chief, Graves Registration Service,
Headquarters Services of Supply,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France.

Dear Sir:-

News of the death of my son, Cpl. Fred W. Cobb, 4606986, Co.49,
5 marines, at Hospital No. 2, received ~~and would~~ you kindly send me
photograph, location, etc. of the grave which I feel will be of some
comfort to me .

Very respectfully yours,
Mrs. Sara R. Cobb Reid by
HOME SERVICE SECTION, A.R.C.

~~Mrs. Sara R. Cobb Reid,~~
220 York St.,
Vallejo, Calif.



1000 10th St
New York N.Y.

HOME SERVICE SECTION
1000 10th St
New York N.Y.

Dear Sir:-
I am sorry to hear of the death of your son, Sgt. [Name] of the 1st [Unit]. He was a brave and gallant soldier and his death is a great loss to his family and to the country.

Very truly yours,
[Name]
[Title]

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS



THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
LAWRENCE CHAPMAN



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

FILE NUMBER 53955

FROM:- *A.P.C.*

DATE: *4/7/19*

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *COBB, FRED W.*

NUMBER: *4606986*

RANK *CORP.* ORGANIZATION *Co. 49- 5th MARINES,*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	1- Cobb, 4606986, Fred W. Corp. Co B, 5th Marines.
2.	Date of Death	
3.	Cause and place of death	
✓ 4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4- 315
5.	Date buried	
✓ 6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	6- Grave 417, Pl-B. Cty. 558 Amer. B/A. Froides, Meuse.
7.	Who reported burial	
✓ 8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑧ <i>yes</i>
✓ 9.	Report as to Grave Marker	9- not given.
10.	Report as to Identification Tags	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	
✓ 12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	120 Yes. 12-26-18
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.?	

bc

NWB. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

✓ RIN
9/18/19