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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cobbs,.....1289497.....William O.....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

.....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: .....

CAUSE OF DEATH: .....

DATE OF BURIAL: November 21st, 1918.....

PLACE OF BURIAL: Vicinity South of Mollen-  
ville Farm  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map references must  
specify clearly what map is used.

Montfaucon-Etain map 1/50000 25.5-81.5.....

GRAVE NUMBER: .....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY:

W. T. Willis, Chaplain.....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

315th Infantry

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



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To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114 B

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MAY 14 1926

DATE Oct. 17th 1921.

1. NAME COBBS, William O. SERIAL No. 1289497

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. I, 116th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne Amer. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232 sec 81

CTY. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

35 sec 81 1

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Isolated Consenvoye(Meuse).

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 35-N.E. 281.59-N. 325.7-E.

CONCENTRATED TO 6.2.19. 35. 81 1.

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.

No tag on body Tag on cross.

DATE OF DEATH Oct 15, 1918

Data form 1. SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Vc

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

Robert O. Davis,

Major General,

The Adjutant General.

By RVD

MAY 18 1926

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

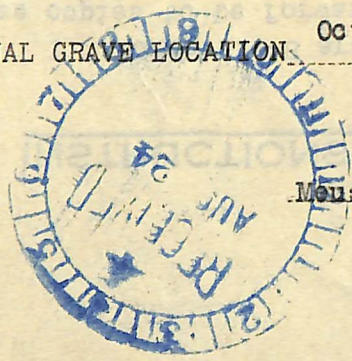
SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. B. Birdseye

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 17th 1921. 26 9 D

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

CEMETERY Block



MAY 15 1926

AUDITED BY 136-4-23-23



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Lontfaucou-Stain map 1/50000 23,5-81,5

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NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Maryanne W. T. Willis Chaplain

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

315th Infantry

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

Name..... COBBS, Mrs. Mary E.O.

Paris Hôtel..... **HOTEL AMBASSADOR**  
..... **BOULEVARD HAUSMANN**

Home address..... Lynchburg. Campbell County. Virginia.

Party..... J Group I Unit ~~SS~~ AMERICA.

Date of arrival..... July 11, 1930. Date of departure ~~SS~~ HARDING, July 24, 1930.

Relationship..... Mother

Name of deceased..... COBBS, William O.

Rank..... Sgt Organization Co. L. 116th Inf

Cemetery..... Meuse-Argonne

REMARKS



# MEDICAL RECORD

Cobbs, William O.

Sgt, Co L, 116 Inf.

Station: Paris, Party J.

Date: July 20<sup>th</sup> 1930

Name Cobbs Mrs Mary

Home address 301 Harrison St. Lynchburg Va.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mr James M. Cobbs (Son)

101 Broadway St. New York City

Religion Catholic

Age 70

History of Present complaint : July 21<sup>st</sup> 1930, sore mouth headache  
slight coughing July 22<sup>nd</sup> complain of constipation and  
headache

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Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) July 21<sup>st</sup> 1930 Mouth wash, Aspirin gr  $\bar{v}$   
cough drops. July 22<sup>nd</sup> Aspirin gr  $\bar{v}$ , cough med. Alvin Co.  $\bar{ii}$

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

July 24-30 To Charbourg - Beach-

Party "J" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group.

Sailed July 2, 1920 on SS AMERICA. Major Holland Walsh in charge. Arrived Cherbourg 5.30am July 11th. Tender arrived 5.40am, bearing Majors Dailey and Kinderman; Capt. Saulnier; Lts. Freeman, Yarbrough, Gregory and Moroney; 3 nurses and 2 civilian employees. Train left at 8.22am. Arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, at 2.15pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff; a detail of interpreters; nurses.

July 12th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Left hotel by bus at 3pm for Arc de Triomphe. Wreath placed by Mrs. J. M. Frosthelm for party. Other wreaths laid by Mrs. Conseau and Mrs. Greene. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel. Evening free.

July 13th. Morning free. Sightseeing in afternoon. Dinner at hotel.

July 14th. Left 7.15am for Verdun via Montmirail - Lunch at Hotel Haute-More-Dieu at Chalons s/Marne - Rest stop Modern Hotel at Ste. Mansould. Arrived Verdun 6.15pm. Nouvel Hotel.

July 15th, 16th, 17th. Made daily trips from Verdun to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.

July 18th. Lunch at cemetery. Left 2.00pm via Charpentry, Argonne Forrest, Four de Paris, Vienne le Chateau, Vienne la Ville, Somme-Bienne. Arrived Suippes 4pm. Rest stop Hotel de Champagne. Left 4.30pm via Juchery, St. Hilaire le Grand. Arrived Reims 6.00pm. Hotel Bristol Crystal.

July 19th. Reims and Cathedral in morning. Lunch Hotel Bristol Crystal. Left Reims 1.30pm via Champfleury, Ay, Spornay, Dormans. 5.30pm Chateau Thierry. Rest stop Hostellerie du Benhoeme. Left 4.00pm via LeThiolet, Montreuil-aux-Lions, LaFerte-sous-Jouarre. Arrived Paris 6.45pm.

July 20th. Morning free. Lunch at hotel-Notre Dame-Dinner at hotel. Sightseeing night trip.

July 21st. Fontainebleau. Lunch Hotel Legris. Dinner at Paris hotel.

July 22nd. Free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Napoleon's Tomb.

July 23rd. Louvre - Versailles - Belle Cycliste - Dinner at hotel.

July 24th. Boat train for Cherbourg 10.30am. Arrived Cherbourg 4pm. PRESIDENT HARDING sailed 5.40pm. Arrived New York August 1st.

Mrs. Mary E. O. Cobbs

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 ROOM 901  
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

*COBBS, WILLIAM O.*

*M.A.*

Party ... *J.* .....

Number .. *1834* .....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

..... **MRS. MARY E.O. COBBS** ..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
 Name of Traveler

..... **LYNCHBURG, CAMPBELL COUNTY,** ..... New York, to ..... **LYNCHBURG, VA.** .....  
 Home Address

..... **VIRGINIA** ..... \$ ..... *4.50 Slopew*  
*3.00 - Seat* .....

New York, to ..... **LYNCHBURG, VA.** .....  
 Destination

Via ..... **PENN TO WASH - SO TO DEST.** .....

**LIMIT - SEP 30-50**

Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	<b>PENN STA</b>	<b>P RR</b>	<i>123</i>	<i>7:30</i>	<i>1410 A</i>			<i>4.50 Slopew</i>
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LV								<i>3.00 Seat</i>
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TOTAL .....

Remarks:

..... **STOP OVER - NEW YORK UNTIL SEPT 30** .....

*X* ..... **T.H.R.U. CAR** .....

*Capt Chinn*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS  
225 WEST 34TH ST. N.Y., N.Y., ROOM 901

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$300.

*Cobb, Mrs E. C.*

Lower 6 Car S-200 No.34 leaving 8.45 P.M. June 30th Kemper St Station  
Lynchburg to New York for Mrs Mary E.O.Cobbs on Govet Order No.  
WQ-1,003,592



Ms. Mary E. O. Cobb.  
Part 5.

# SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM

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Mrs. Mary E. O. Coff.  
Address Hyduburg-  
Stopping at ny  
With John M. Coff.  
Address Englewood n j

File J 1834

RECEIVED RAILROAD AND PULLMAN TICKET

James M. Coff.

NAME COBBS, MRS. MARY F. O.

S.S. HARDING AUG 1 1930

1834

HOME LYNCHBURG, CAMPBELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA

R.R. Pin to work

STATION

So to Lynchburg

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Sept. 30 - 30  
Mrs Jessie L. Jones  
301 Harrison St  
Lynchburg, Va.

(Daughter)

(Stopover in N Y City  
until Sept 30th)

Stopover - New York

June 12th, 1930.

Mrs. Mary E.O. Cobbs,  
Lynchburg,  
Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge:

Arrived NY 6:40 am July 1  
Train 108 - Penn RR  
St Emery

Enclosures:  
2 tags.

George F. R. Taylor,  
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

quarters sent: above  
sent: Mrs W. J. Lee

Cabin 206 a on  
sent

2 bags

CBR

WAR DEPARTMENT  
ALGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS  
225 WEST 34TH ST., N. Y., N. Y., ROOM 901

VIA WESTERN UNION

JOS. F. COTRELL  
Major U.A.C (DOL.)

August 1, 1930

Mrs. Jesse L. Jones  
501 Harrison Street  
Lynchburg, Virginia

YOUR MOTHER ARRIVED NEW YORK SAFE FRIDAY MORNING

COLONEL WILLIAMS

(Mrs. M.E.O. Cobbs, Party "J", Hotel Pennsylvania)

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Cobb, Wm O</i>	3	3 5-2
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	1
	GRAVE <i>26</i>	2	26
	ROW <i>9</i>	2	09
	BLOCK <i>29</i>	1	4
STATE	<i>Va</i>	2	54
RANK	<i>Sgt</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>29</i>	2	29
ORGANIZATION	<i>116</i>	3	116
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>Remarried</i>	1	3
NAME	<i>Mrs. Mary E. O. Cobb</i>	3	3 5-2
RESIDENCE	STATE <i>Va.</i>	2	54
	COUNTY <i>Campbell</i>	2	16
	CITY <i>Lynchburg</i>	3	018
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. <i>1930</i>	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>Yes</i>	1	

*Sailed*

*2930*

*1 Audited*  
*25*  
 OCT 23 1931  
*MB*

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Cobbs</i>		
	<i>Cob</i>	3	35 <sup>0</sup> 2
WILLIAM O			
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	1
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NAME		3	
	STATE	2	
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Widow</i>	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>No</i>	1	2
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
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TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514			

*Audited*  
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*MB*

Cobbs, William O. Sgt. Co: L. 116 Inf. Va.

Mother sailed

XC-152884

Rem  
Widow

Mrs Jesse Daniel  
2110 Tulip St  
Lynchburg - Va

QM 293 A-M  
Cobbs, William O. - 1232 M

August 7, 1950.

Mrs. Mary E. O. Cobbs,  
Lynchburg, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation to the United States Government, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS Harding were so kind as to send me regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that these making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DEWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

ADH  
JTH  
WRG

NAME Cobbs Mrs. Mary E.O.

J

ADDRESS Lynchburg, Campbell County, Virginia

DATE Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1930

TO:

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED

TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH, *and a most*

*wonderful trip.*

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Mrs Mary E.O. Cobbs

*Letter will follow.*

WAR DEPARTMENT

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.

=====  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE.....VIRGINIA.....

Cobbs, Wm O.

M.  
 NAME .....Cobbs, Mrs. Mary E. O...... HOME ADDRESS .....Lynchburg,  
 Campbell County.....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN

Mrs. Jessie Jones 301 Harrison St.  
 Lynchburg, Va.

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE .....July 1, 1930..... HOTEL .....AWA..... ROOM NO. ....1944.....

DEPARTURE NEW YORKS/S AMERICA

DATE .....JUL 2 1930..... VESSEL .....S/S AMERICA..... CABIN NO. ....102-A.....

DESTINATION

Cherbourg, France..... CEMETERY .....Meuse-Argonne.....

RETURN NEW YORK

AUG 1 1930  
DATE .....

M.  
NAME Cobbs, Mrs. Mary E. O. HOME ADDRESS Lynchburg, Campbell Co., Va.

RETURN ON S. S. S/S HARDING HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA ROOM NO. No room

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

AUG 2 1930  
DATE .....

ROAD ..... TRAIN ..... CAR ..... BERTH or SEAT .....

REMARKS .....

*Stopover until Sept 30.  
Left hotel at 9:30 P.M. Aug 1/30*

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party J

E. Harper, R.N.

Station: Paris,

Date: July 20, 1930

Name Cobbs, Mrs. Mary

Home address 301 Harrison St. Lynchburg, Va.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Son, Mr. James M. Cobbs  
101 Broadway, New York City.

Religion Catholic Age 70

History of Present complaint: July 21st, sore mouth, headache, slight coughing. Mouth wash, aspirin grs v, cough drops. July 22nd complains of constipation & headache, aspirin grs v, cough med. Aloin ii  
7/24/30 to Cherbourg, Beach.

(over)

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Diagnosis and complications : (*include dates*)

Treatment and Progress : (*include dates*)

Disposition : (*include dates*)

Remarks :

AUG 1 1930

O.C.

E. S. HARDING

W. H. Ballard MD

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party: "J" .....

S. S. HARDING .....

Eastbound  
\* Westbound

Name Cobbs, Mrs. ....

Home Address .....

Name and address of nearest relative or friend .....

Religion .....

Age .....

History of present complaint:

July 25, 1930

Heartburn,  
Headache

Cabin

"

" 26,

Constipation

"

" 27 (OVER)

Headache

"

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

*Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)*

July 28, 1930

Constipation

Cabin

*Treatment and Progress: (include dates)*

*Disposition: (include dates)*

*Remarks:*

**Post Office Department**

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**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

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1232

RETURN RECEIPT.

Annica 7/2/20

Received from the Postmaster the Registered, or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Mary C. C. Cook

(Signature or name of addressee.)

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(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, \_\_\_\_\_, 192

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

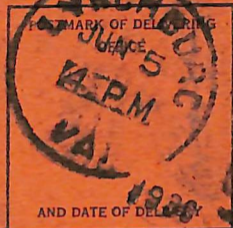
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1972 RETURN RECEIPT. 1232

Annica 7/2/30

Received from the Postmaster, the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Mrs Mary E. O. Corbett  
-----  
(Signature or name of addressee.)

-----  
(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, JUN 5 1930, 192

*Stopover  
noted on Trans list  
Invt. list and card*

QM 298 A-G  
Cobbs, Williams O. 1232 M

May 17, 1930

Mrs. Mary E. O. Cobbs,  
Lynchburg,  
Virginia. *Campbell Co.*

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent letter relative to your desire to stop over in New York City on your return from the pilgrimage, sailing on the S.S. America July 2, 1930.

Please be advised that arrangements will be made for this stop-over for which there will be no additional charge for either rail or pullman transportation.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

MM

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cobbs, William O. -1232 M  
America 7-2

Mrs. Mary E. O. Cobbs,  
Lynchburg, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

"Business address" M<sup>r</sup> Jesse L. Jones Asst Cashier *Noted*  
Name  
1<sup>st</sup> National Bank Lynchburg Va  
Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

"Home address"  
#301 Harrison St  
Lynchburg Va.  
Encl.  
Env.

*I'm sorry about delay  
many thanks for your trouble  
Very resp Mrs Mary E. O. Cobbs*

Receipts - America  
July 2

In reply to Q.M. 293 A-C.  
Cobb, William P. 1232 M.

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R. E. Shannon  
Capt, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Replying to your  
letter of May the  
6<sup>th</sup> in regard to  
stopovers on my re-  
turn from the Fil-  
-ippine to Europe  
I would appreciate

It very much if  
you could arrange  
for me to stop over  
in New York City.  
I have a son  
living there, he also  
is a "World War"  
veteran and I  
would like to stay  
a month or more  
with him on my  
return from Europe

Sincerely yours  
M<sup>rs</sup> Mary E. C. Cobbs

H as a P. O.

in N. Y. P. Green noted  
on this?

22 notes

Capt S

stopover in my

returning

name Lynchburg Va?

1 month?  
~~1/1~~

70  
Capt. Shannon

What Boat? file  
America July 2<sup>nd</sup>

America

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I Accept  
(Accept or decline)

*Cobbs William*  
with great pleasure "Thanked"

the invitation extended

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

Mrs. Mary E. O. Cobbs

(Name)

Lynchburg, Campbell Co., Va.

(Town or City)

(State)

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*Mrs. Mary E. O. Cobbs Lynchburg Campbell Co. Va.*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cobbs, William O. 1232 M

April 17, 1930.

Mrs. Mary B. O. Cobbs,  
Lynchburg, Va.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

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evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

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"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cobbs, William O. 1232 M.

Mrs. Mary E. O. Cobbs,  
Lynchburg, Va.

October 7, 1929.

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*Accepts  
America July 2*

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) <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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	75 Age (Years)	Health (Good) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other language <i>Little French</i> (Specify language spoken)

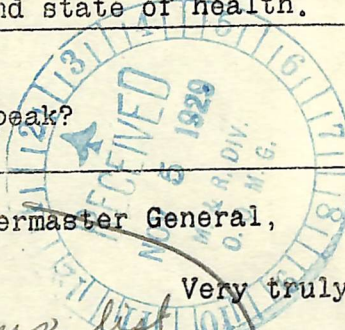
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
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Envelope

*Stopover  
noted on trans. list,  
Invt. list and card*



Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1929

Refer to Qm. 293 ~~293~~

Dear Sir,  
I am the  
Mother of William Q.  
Cobbs Co, L, 114  
Inf. & in receipt  
of your letter exten-  
ding to me the  
invitation to make  
the pilgrimage



vi 1938.

I feel honored  
to place my name  
among the "Gold  
Star Mothers" and  
if nothing happens  
I hope to be with  
them on the date  
stated and thank  
the W. S. A. Gov  
for the privilege.

Very respectfully  
M<sup>rs</sup> John H. Cobb  
I should have  
signed  
M<sup>rs</sup> Mary C. C. Cobb

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Cobbs, William O.

Mrs. Jesse L. Jones,  
504 Federal St.,  
Lynchburg, Va.

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 sister of the late Sgt. William O. Cobbs, Co. L, 116th Inf., 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 mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

QM 293 A-M  
Cobbs, William O. - 1232 M

August 7, 1930.

Mrs. Mary E. O. Cobbs,  
Lynchburg, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation to the United States Government, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS Harding were so kind as to send me regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that these making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DONITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cobbs, William O. 1232-M

June 12, 1930.

Mrs. Mary E. O. Cobbs,  
Dear Madam:  
Lynchburg, Va.

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

293

Cobbs, William O. 1232 E

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Mary E. O. Cobbs  
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Lynchburg	So Ry	No. 34	8:45 PM (ET)	June 30
Ar. New York	Penna	" 108	6:40 AM (ET)	July 1

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Cobbs, William O. 1232 M

May 17, 1950

Mrs. Mary E. O. Cobbs,  
Lynchburg,  
Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent letter relative to your desire to stop over in New York City on your return from the pilgrimage, sailing on the S.S. America July 2, 1950.

Please be advised that arrangements will be made for this stop-over for which there will be no additional charge for either rail or pullman transportation.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cobbs, William O. -1232 M  
America 7-2

Mrs. Mary E. O. Cobbs,  
Lynchburg, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

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Name

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Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cobbs, William O. 1232H  
London 7-2

May 6 1930

Mrs. Mary S. O. Cobbs,  
Washington, Va.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

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Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C  
Cobbs, William O. 1232-M

March 28, 1930

Mrs. Mary E. O. Cobbs,  
Lynchburg, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Cobbs, William O. 1232 N.

Mrs. Mary E. O. Cobbs,  
Lynchburg, Va.

Dear Madam:

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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,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

Cobbs,

William O.

1,289,497

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Sgt.

Co. L, 116th. Infantry.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Sister

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:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Grace L. Jones

504

Federal St. Lynchburg, Va

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by L. G.

1232 - S. 81 - 34

4-22-21

Checked by

W. H. 24-21

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

June 29, 1929.

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QM 293 C-R

Sept. 19, 1923.

Mrs. Jesse L. Jones,  
504 Federal St.,  
Lynchburg, Va.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of ~~Private~~ ~~Company E, Fifth Infantry,~~ Block D, 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,

*WJP*  
Q.M.G.  
Central Mail & Files Bn H. CHEAL,

Assistant.



SEP 20 1923  
H. R.

23/592/ARK

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #78744

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COBBS, William O. Ser. No. 1289497  
 (b) Rank Egt. Organization Co. I, 116th Inf. } TYP. aeu  
 (c) Date of death 10-15-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 35 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 35 81 TYP. aeu  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Jesse L. Jones, (Sister), 504 Federal St., Lynchburg, Va.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases a. 30. 201 - Aug 31, 1920 confirms (Ed 4-22-21) CKR. CP

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Name Mrs. Jesse L. Jones (b) Relationship Sister  
 (c) Address 504 Federal St. Lynchburg, Va.  
 (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 L.H. Date 4-22-, 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? yes

Examiner's Initials L.H. Date 4-22-, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1232, Sec. 81 SHEET No. 34

*Checked*  
*MWH 8/22/21*

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 5-2-, 1920

*Section - 81*  
*Par. 2. Not to be returned (JEX)*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *Let. 10/12/21 from Carter Glass, requests for relatives of deceased that body remain in France.*

*Let. 10/18/21 advises that his wishes will be complied with. (PM 16-27-21).*

DUPLICATE

G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

STATION Romagne Cem.1232

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct.17,1921

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 <u>Cobbs, William O</u>	10. Name _____
2. No. <u>1289497</u>	11. No. _____
3. Rank <u>Sgt.</u>	12. Rank _____
4. Org. <u>Co.1.116th Inf</u>	13. Org. _____
5. D.D. <u>10.16.18</u>	14. (a) D.D. _____
6. C.D. <u>DOW</u>	(b) D.B. _____

no discrepancy

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. <u>35</u> Sec. <u>81</u>	15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
8. Plot <u>1</u> Row _____	16. Plot _____ Row _____
9. _____	17. <u>no discrepancy</u>
18. Cemetery <u>Argonne Amer</u>	19. Commune or town <u>Romagne-sous-Montfauc</u>
20. Dept. or County <u>Meuse</u>	21. Country <u>France</u>
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. <u>1232 - Sec.81</u>	
23. Disinterred (Date) <u>Oct.17,1921</u>	By <u>H.E.Strong</u>

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name <u>William O.Cobbs</u>	Serial No. _____
Rank <u>Sgt.</u>	Organization <u>Co.1,116th.Inf.</u>

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

*Archie A. Pope*  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
**Archie A. Pope**

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).

See remarks

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Box, U.S. 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 Oct.17,1921 by H.E.Strong

31. Casket sealed by H.E.Strong

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*H.E. Strong*  
**H.E. Strong**

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-7894

32. Designation of body:

Name Cobbs, William O Serial No. 1289497

Rank Sgt Organization Co. L. 116th Inf

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amer. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon #1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 17, 1921 By H. E. Strong

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. QMC

36. Remarks

Tag taken from peg and placed upon body. Sgt. Chevrons of Co. L, 116th. Inf.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 17, 1921

To point of Concentration Morgue at Romagne

Convoyer W. J. Royed Signature Shipping Officer G. F. Spann, Capt. QMC

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 House Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Oct 17th 1921  
(Date)

42. Grave No. Gr. 26 block D row 9 Section

43. Plot Row

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger  
James W. Younger, Capt QMC.



AUDITED BY

Place ..... Somagne 1232.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date..... Oct. 17, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF COBBS, William O. SERIAL NUMBER 1289497

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. L, 116th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : From (give complete location) :

Oct. 17, 1921 gr 35, sec 81, plot 1

By : Group..... strong. Unit..... sec 1

3. Reburied (date) : In (give complete location) :

Oct. 17th 1921 MeuseArgonne Cemetery # 1232 gr 26 block D row 9

By : Group..... re-burial 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 uniform. badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

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

Burial record found with body dated 6-22-21. Gr. 1 sec 2, A.G.R.S.F.F. Sgt. chev-  
ron on Co. L, 116th Inf. Tag taken from peg and placed upon body.

9 MBD, 1, 17, MBD, 19 G.C.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items 3, 5, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 30, 31, 32 S.F.

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine. 12, 13, 14, cavity.

(b) Weight (estimated)..... do

(c) Hair—Color ..... do

Quantity ..... do

Characteristics ..... do

(d) Hair on face—Color ..... do

Location..... do

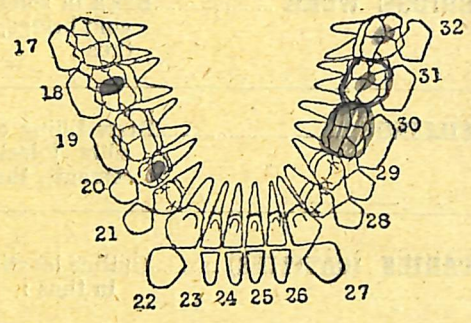
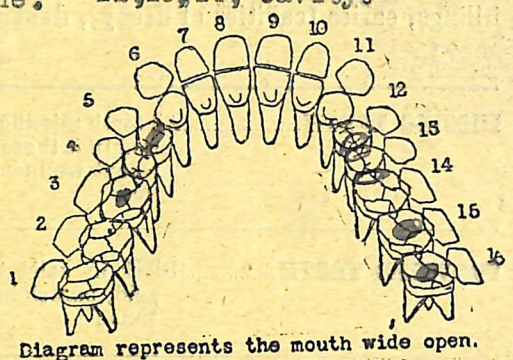
Quantity ..... do

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

missing parts)..... do

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

none visible.



7. Disinterment supervised by H. E. Strong

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

8. Reburial supervised by H. E. Sheffield

Approved : James W. Younger  
(Title) Capt QMC.



## 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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File #78744

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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases a 90 201 - Aug 31, 1920 confirms (Ed. 4-22-21) CKR. CP

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
Section - 81 letter of transmittal on 5-2-, 192 /

Par. 2 - Not to be returned (E.O.)

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

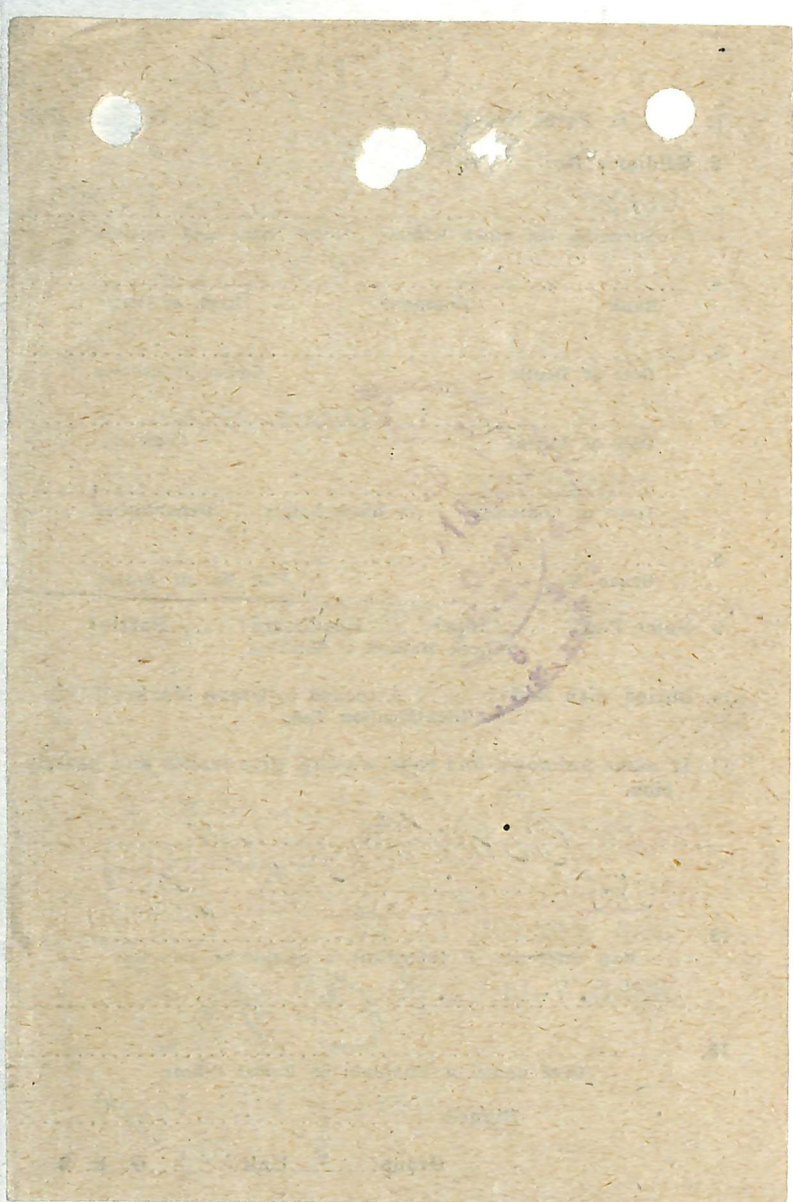
Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. \_\_\_\_\_, 192

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_

78744

1. U. S. Form No. 1. Hq. G. S. File
2. Soldier's No. 128 47
3. COBBS WM. O.  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials
4. Rank Company Regt. or Corps
5. Date of Death Cause, if known
6. isolated grave  
Date of Burial Cemetery
7. CONSENVOYE MEUSE  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department
8. 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.
12. Sketch No. 74  
~~CMDR. Consenvoye (Meuse)~~ P.O. 1166  
~~(C-285) SHT. NE 135~~ E325.7  
Map Verdun NE 35 COORD N. 281.59  
E325.7-N281.59 C-285
13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer  
Signed Philip Taliaferro  
Group 3 Unit 311 G. R. S.



File 7874

The case of J. M. D. Cobbs is  
OK — Has under investigation  
in connection with an  
Unknown Soldier —

Burial of Cobbs in  
grave 35, Sec 81 - city 1232  
corroborated by information  
on form 16-A for that  
body — The body of  
this Soldier is to remain  
in France.

Wm. Garbrough

October 18, 1921.

FILE

Pm  
10-27-21

Hon. Carter Glass,  
United States Senate.

My dear Senator:

Your letter of October 12, 1921, referring to the cases of the late 1st Lieutenant Saunders Fleming, 317th Infantry, 1st Lieutenant William O. Neubauer, Company E, 316th Infantry and Sergeant William O. Cobbs, Company L, 116th Infantry, has been received.

The records of this office show that the legal next of kin of 1st Lieutenant Saunders Fleming and Sergeant William O. Cobbs have requested the bodies of these late soldiers be not returned to the United States and instructions to that effect have been given the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, A.G.R. in Europe, therefore they will remain interred in France.

I am very glad you called my attention to the case of 1st Lieutenant William O. Neubauer as I am thereby enabled to correct the misinformation which has apparently been furnished you. The father of this late soldier, Mr. John V. Neubauer, 40 Quinlan Avenue, Lynchburg, Va., in returning, April 2, 1919, an A.G.R. questionnaire card, stated that he desired the remains of his son returned to the United States and buried in a national cemetery. In accordance with this request instructions were transmitted to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, A.G.R. in Europe, to comply with the father's request. Under date of May 26, 1921, the father changed his request and asked that the body be left in France. This request was received too late for compliance, the cemetery having been worked and the body placed enroute for return. Mr. Neubauer was advised by the Hoboken officer under date of August 5th, that his request had been received too late. The father was notified by telegram dated August 30, 1921, of the date of the burial in Arlington, September 5th in accordance with his original request. You will, therefore, observe that the return of the body was in accordance with the father's first request, his change being received too late for compliance, that he was advised in advance of the arrival of the body, that his last request was received too late and that he was duly advised of

293.8-Cem. 787 (Cobbs, William O., Sgt.)  
277 (Neubauer, William O., 1st Lt.)  
48079 (Flaming, Saunders, 1st Lt.)

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the date of burial in Arlington in ample time for him to attend or direct other disposition of the remains if he so desired. Inasmuch as these notices are sent direct to the relatives and not furnished to the press and the press dispatches concerning the return bear the Lynchburg date line, it is evident that the relatives themselves gave out the information to the press from information they had received from this office.

In no case has the body of one of our deceased soldiers been returned from France to the United States for interment without the specific request of the legal nearest relative. It has happened that such relative has informed this office of a desire to change the directions previously given. Such changes have been cabled to Europe and the new directions carried out if the body has not already been exhumed and shipment begun. It has been and is the policy of the Department to comply with the expressed wishes of relatives, but I think you can appreciate the impossibility of stopping a body enroute when a cancellation is received to comply with a later request that it remain in France.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN E. WALKER,  
Secretary of War.

MVB

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 10-27-21

COPY FILED IN O. S. P.

File under No. 78744 Cobbs, W. Offutt.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

**CROSS REFERENCE.**

Subject: For letters to and from

Walter Glass re-return  
of Naubauer, Selening and  
Cobbs-

Original papers filed under No. 27787-

Name Naubauer, Wm. O.

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

CS-2938

United States Senate  
Committee on  
Banking and Currency.

October 12, 1921.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

My attention is drawn to an exceedingly painful incident which, as it seems to me, should have the consideration of the Secretary of War.

William O. Naubauer, a member of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, was killed in action and his body interred in Argonne Cemetery at Romagne, France. His parents, who reside in my town at Lynchburg, Virginia, especially requested that his body be not disinterred, but be permitted to remain in France where buried. Some six weeks ago the family of this dead soldier was shocked to read the newspaper account of the arrival of his body in this country and its interment in Arlington Cemetery along with the bodies of other soldiers. The family had not even been notified by the War Department that the body of young Neubauer had been disinterred. It seems to me that this was a cruel and indefensible disregard of the wishes of parents who gave the life of their son to the country. I do not know what the explanation of the incident is; but I am sure that you will agree there should be some explanation of it.

However, the real purpose of this letter is to request that the War Department shall give instructions that a similar mistake shall not be made with respect to the bodies of First Lieutenant Saunders Fleming, Company M, 317th Infantry, who died of wounds in France on October 23, 1918 and is buried in the same Argonne Cemetery at Romagne, France, and the body of First Sergeant W. Offutt Cobbs, Company L, 116th Infantry, killed November 11, 1918 and buried in the vicinity South of Molleville Farm, Montfaucon Etain, France, Serial No. 1289497. The parents of these two soldiers are also residents of my home town and they protest against the removal of these bodies. They want their sons buried where they died in defense of their country, and I am sure you will agree that their wishes should be respected, if possible.

Sincerely yours,

Carter Glass.

Noted on File No. 113  
Date Nov 10-27-21

Hon. John W. Weeks,  
Secretary of War,  
Washington, D. C.

COPY

FROM: O. Q. M. G.,  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room ~~1108~~ 1109

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

Date 3/17/21

File No. 78744 Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

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- b. Christian name. **William O.** ✓
- c. Serial number. **1289497** ✓
- d. Organization. **Co L, 116th Inf.** ✓
- e. Rank. **Sgt** ✓
- f. Date of death. **10/16/18** ✓
- g. Cause of death. **DWRIA** *W.D.A.*
- h. Authority (C. C. No.) **440, sp 131** *at 201*
- i. Emergency address. **Mrs. Annie M. Cobbs**  
**1300 Floyd St., Lynchburg, Va**
- j. Relationship. *see below*

**BODY DESCRIPTION.**

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

- a. Age at enlistment. **26**
- b. Color of eyes. **Blue**
- c. Color of hair. **Light**
- d. Height. **6 ft**
- e. Weight. **132**
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.) *none*

**DENTAL CHARTS.**

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Strike out teeth missing:

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Upper right.								Upper left.							

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Lower right.								Lower left.							

*E.G. - Mrs Jesse L Jones (sister)  
Lynchburg, Va*

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

By

H. J. CONNER,  
Captain, Q. M. C.

Rec'd World War Div.

Date **MAR 18 1921**

Rec'd S & S Div. A.G.O.

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*E.G. - Mrs Jesse L Jones (sister)  
Lynchburg, Va*

*Yarbrough*

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

By

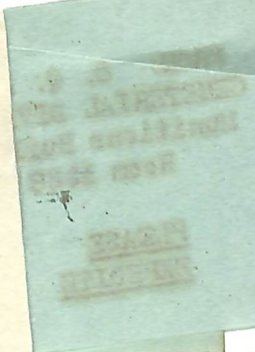
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H. J. CONNER,  
Captain, Q. M. C.

*Donnelly 29 sep 21  
3/18/21*

Rec'd World War Div.

Date **MAR 18 1921**

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RECEIVED

MAR 19 1921

a. Surname Cobbs  
b. Christian name William O.  
c. Serial number 122227  
d. Organization Co I, 11th Inf.  
e. Rank Sgt  
f. Relationship  
g. Emergency address Mrs. Annie M. Cobbs  
1800 Floyd St., Lumburg, Va.  
h. Authority (C. C. No.) 440, ap 131  
i. Cause of death DWARF  
j. Date of death 10/16/18

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

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a. Strikes out teeth missing:  
Upper right 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Upper left  
Lower right 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Lower left

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

By

H. J. CONNER,  
Adjutant General, U. S. A.

MAR 19 1921  
[Handwritten notes and signatures]

Under Investigation in  
connection with  
expatriation of un-  
identified men  
concentrated to 1234  
from Couseway.  
H. A. Brough.

*Special*

File Number 78744

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 3-10-21.

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: Cobbs, Wm. Offutt, Serial Number

RANK: ORGANIZATION: Co. C, 116th Reg.

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	(1) No- Cobbs, William C., Sgt. #1289497 Co. L, 11th Inf.
2.	Date of death.	(2) 10-15-18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) K/A
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	(4) CC- #440 SP 131
5.	Date buried.	(5) No record
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave #2, Isolated Grave Consenvoye, #C-285 Meuse 35 NE Coord 325.7 N 281.59  Reburied: 6-2-19 Grave #35, Sec. 81, Plot 1, Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous- Montfaucon, Meuse. #1232 ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) (a) No. (b) "
11.	Complete emergency address?	(11) Mrs. Jesse L. Jones (sister) 504 Federal St., Lynchburg, Va
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	(12) 4/26/19 1/17/20-107 F-107 9-14-20.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	(14) D-32390
14.	What is the photograph number?	
15.	Inquiry made by.	

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.....x..... Confirmed.

..... Unconfirmed.

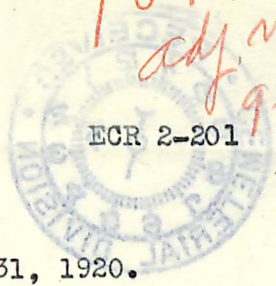
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N. B.—All proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
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SEP-11 1920

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

Cobbs, William O.) WW

August 31, 1920.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Date of death of Sergeant William O. Cobbs,  
#1,289,497, Company L, 116th Infantry.

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that he was killed in action October 15, 1918.

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted January 12, 1916, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Mrs. Jesse L. Jones, sister, Lynchburg, Va.

504 Federal St.,

*m*  
D. C. Harris,

The Adjutant General.  
Per:





WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

Gobbs, William O. (WV)

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

SEP-1-1920

August 31, 1920

The Adjutant General of the Army

From:

The Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington, D. C.

To:

Date of death of Sergeant William O. Gobbs  
#1,282,437, Company I, 116th Infantry.

Subject:

Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore mentioned to you, is erroneous, and that he was killed in action October 15, 1918.

For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted January 12, 1918, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Mrs. Jesse L. Jones, sister, Lynchburg, Va.



Handwritten: B.C. #1,282,437

The Adjutant General

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERY DIVISION

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

FILE

MEMORANDUM TO A. G. O. Casualty Division.  
Miss Kettlesen, Branch-2272.

Confirming telephonic conversation of July 26, 1920.

re. case of Sgt. William O Gobbs, Co. L, 116th Inf. Ser. #1289397.  
the records of this office show that Sgt. William O Gobbs, Co. L, 116th  
Infantry, Serial #1289397 is reburied in:

Grave #35, Sec. #81, Plot #1.

Argonne American Cty. #1232.

Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

Original burial	Grave #2 (Isolated) Consenvoye, C-285, Meuse.
Date of original burial	No record.
Date of reburial	6/2/19
Date of death	10/16/18

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

M. V. M.

CHARLES C. FIERCE,  
Colonel, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.  
By:

*mail*  
JUL 27 1920

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, Q.M.C.,  
Graves Registration Service. ✓

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Pla NEUFCHATEAU.

Date 12th June 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: COBBS William O.

Number 1289497

Rank: Unkn

Organization

Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From (Give complete location)

6 2nd June 1919.

Grave #2 Isolated

CONSENVOYE, MEUSE 35 NE 325.7 E 281.59 N

Reburied (Date)

In: (Give complete location)

2nd June 1919.

Grave #35 Sec #81 Plot #1

1232

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

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

Burial good, buried in uniform, body in normal condition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

No

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

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Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found on bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues of identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by:

Lt. Tucker

cmf.

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A

G.O. Group

Unit

Place Romagne #1252.

### REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date June 22, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF COBBS, William O. SERIAL NUMBER 1289497

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. L. 116th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): June 22, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. #55 Plot #1 Section #81

By: Group 1 Unit Section II

3. Reburied (date): June 22, 1921 In (give complete location): Gr. #55 Plot #1 Section #81

By: Group 1 Unit Section II Nature of reburial Regulation.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Wooden box, uniform and burlap 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:  
Collar ornament read 116 A.G.R.S. tag found on body, corroded serial  
number checks.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? #2 and #3 or #1 and #2 are occupying same relative space as #14, 15 & 16. Unable to determine whether #1 or #3 was never cut. 2, 5, 15, 16 silver fillings.

(a) Height (actual measurement) Indiscernable due to decomposition.

(b) Weight (estimated) decomposition.

(c) Hair—Color none discernable due to decomposition.

Quantity none

Characteristics none

(d) Hair on face—Color none appearing.

Location none

Quantity none

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Indiscernable due to decomposition.

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Indiscernable due to decomposition.

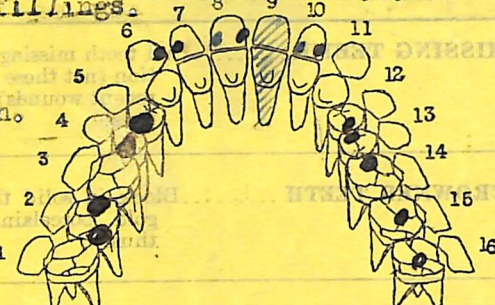


Diagram represents the mouth wide open. 6, 7, 8 gold inlays, 9 missing after death, 10, 12, 13, 14 cavities.



17 apparently never cut, 18, 20, 30, 31, 32 silver fillings, 19, 20 cavities, 19 old crown, 20 rest of tooth broken off.

7. Disinterment supervised by W.C. Forimer

Approved: O.E. Davis,  
(Title) 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

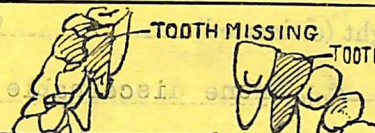




8. Reburial supervised by W.C. Forimer

Approved: O.E. Davis,  
(Title) 1st Lt., Q.M.

**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.

<p><b>MISSING TEETH</b>.....</p>	<p>All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:</p>	
<p><b>CROWNED TEETH</b>.....</p>	<p>Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:</p>	
<p><b>BRIDGE WORK</b>.....</p>	<p>Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:</p>	
<p><b>FILLINGS</b>.....</p>	<p>Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:</p>	
<p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>.....</p>	<p>Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:</p>	

**DENTURES (PLATES)**..... Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

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

