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To The A. S. C.

DATE 9/28/21

1. NAME COLE, Wilson SURNAME COLE JUN 1-1918 SERIAL No. 1392455

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B. 122nd M.G. Bn.
DIVISION 33

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne Amer. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon 1232-Sec.96
CTY. NAME NUMBER

78	96	2
GRAVE	ROW	PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION #1 Isolated, Savoy, Meuse
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 282.55N 323.45E Verdun NE35

CONCENTRATED TO 6-17-19 78 sec 96- 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.

Data from Form 1.

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 10, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ill

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

CEMETERY

BY R.W. Davis, Major General, Adjutant General

JUN 10 1926

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Wm M. Cline

Geo. W. Price,
Capt. Inf.

Major, Infantry.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

9/28/21

DATE

Captain Q.M.C.

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GRAVE

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

CEMETERY

Rec'd World War Div.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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



McBride made in Oct. 10
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cole 1392455 Wilson
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt (Rank).

69th Inf Regt Bn (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Snowy San Mts.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Battle

DATE OF BURIAL: 23 Nov 18

PLACE OF BURIAL: Valley with 6 others

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

E of Hill E-N-E of Snowy
23, 31 - 825

GRAVE NUMBER: .

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP: W. C. Command Corp

REPORTED BY: Co 223 Rmt

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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





Co. B, 122nd Machine gun Bn
33rd Division

COLE Wilson - Pvt. 1392455
Home : Nakonis, Ills.

Private WILSON COLE was hit about 7.30 A.M. October 10th. 1918 near Consenvoye by a shell. About 5 minutes before he was hit he called to me : Sergt" Do you suppose that we will sleep together to-night?" Before I had a chance to answer him a shell exploded and a piece passed through his back and one into his heart, killing him instantly.

Informant : CHEEK Fred L. - Sgt. 1392391
Co. B, 122nd Machine gun Bn
Home : Atlanta, Ill.

Signed : J. ST. C. DALY. Captain, Inf. USA
Commanding 122nd M.G. Bn.

Emergency Address : and : ^L _L Dexter R. MILLER, 1st Lieut. USA
(Mother) Nakonis, Ill., 122nd M.G. Bn, Commanding Co. B

J.R.

Place NEUFCHATEAUDate 1st July 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name COLE Wilson.Number: 1392455.Rank Pvt.Organization: Co B. 122nd MG.Bn.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

17th June 1919.Grave ISOLATED.SIVRY. MEUSE.35. N.E.E. 323.45.N.282.55.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

17th June 1919.Grave No 78 Sec 96 Plot 2.ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY. # 1232ROMAGNE MEUSE.1232

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?

NO.What other means of identification were found upon the body? None.CONFIRMED NO. D.12407

Note:

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. 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by Lieut Peters.dr.s.

C.O. Group

Unit

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Refer to letter*

RECEIVED
5-JUL-1919
O. C. Q. M.
G.R.S.

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None*

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Cole	3	3-5-2
Wilson	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE 19	2	19
	ROW 36	2	36
	BLOCK E	1	5
STATE	Ill.	2	13
RANK	Post.	1	2
DIVISION	33	2	33
ORGANIZATION	122	3	122
ARM	M.G. Bn.	1	2
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME	Cole	3	3-5-2
Mrs. Agnes	STATE Ill.	2	13
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Montgomery	2	68
	CITY Waco	3	111
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Sister	1	2
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	.
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	42	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Poor	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No	1	256
29/514/PJ.	Age	1	PP/

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NOV 23, 1931
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President Harding

7-6-32

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Cole, Wilson Pvt.

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 provisions of
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Agnes Cole

(Name)

Nokomis, Montgomery Co., Illinois

(Town or city)

(State)

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Mrs Agnes Cole



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Cole, Wilson (M A)*

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Agnes Cole,
Nokomis, Ill.

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.

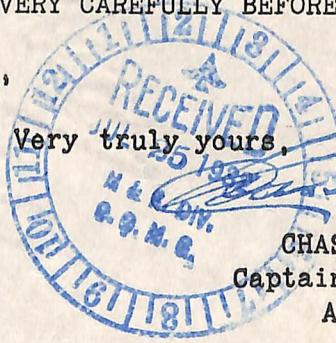
Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision 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,



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

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

(Sign here)

Mrs Agnes Cole

QM 293 A-M
Cole, Wilson (MA)

January 19, 1932

Mrs. Agnes Cole,
Nokomis,
Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date declining the invitation to sail July 6th on the PRESIDENT HARDING to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Wilson Cole.

It is sincerely regretted that your health will not permit you to make the pilgrimage at this time, and it is hoped that you will improve rapidly. Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to visit the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the journey, and medical attention and nurses will be available from the time the mothers and widows arrive in New York City until they return thereto. Arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that special attention be given pilgrims enroute to New York. During the past two years many women who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received. Should you make a pilgrimage are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government, but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Quartermaster General,

Cole, Mrs. Agnes
Nokomis, Montgomery Co., Ill.
Cole, Wilson Pvt. M-A M
Pres. Harding 7-6-32

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find the name, address, and relationship to me, of the person in the United States whom I desire to be notified in case I become seriously ill or other emergency arises while I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

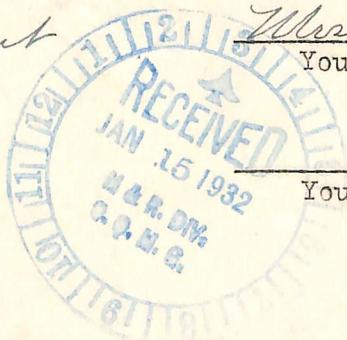
Name _____

Address

Relationship

Very truly yours,

Have declined to make this
trip to France on account
of failing health.



Mrs Agnes Cole
Your name

Your name

Your address

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January 20, 1931

QM 293 A-M
Cole, Wilson Pvt. 1232 M

Mrs. Agnes Cole,
Nokomis,
Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication, advising that you will be unable to make the pilgrimage to Europe, this year, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Wilson Cole, under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1932, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages for that year are being arranged.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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IF YOU DESIRE A STOPOVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM JAPAN PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE PARAGRAPH, "STOPOVERS IN THE UNITED STATES", ON PAGE 3 OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

Cole, Mrs Agnes
Nokomis Illinois
Cole Wilson Pvt 1232 M

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the point, or points, listed below, for the number of days shown after the name of the town. If these stopovers will cause me any expense I am to be advised of the amount and may then withdraw this request if I so desire.

Cities where I desire to stopover:

No. of days

I cannot make this trip because
my health will not permit it
this year. 10/3/2

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Very truly yours,

Mrs Agnes Cole
(Your name)



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(Your address)

Cole, Mrs Agnes
Nekomis Illinois
Cole Wilson Pvt 1232 M

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find
the name and address of the person in the United
States whom I desire to be notified in case I be-
come seriously ill or other emergency arises while
I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

*I do not make this trip this year
as my health will not permit.*
Name

Address

Very truly yours,

Mrs Agnes Cole

(Your name)

Nekomis, Ill.
(Your address)



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1930.

Cole, Wilson - 1232 M

Mrs. Agnes Cole,
Nokomis, Illinois.

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. 56
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4. Do you speak English? yes

5. What other language do you speak? no

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
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Amendment

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Cole, Wilson - 1232 M

Mrs. Agnes Cole,
Nokomis, Illinois.

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. Agnes Cole
(Sign here)

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JUN 18 1970

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JUN 18 1936

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Cole, Wilson 1232 -M

Mrs. Agnes Cole,
Nokomis, Illinois

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?	SEX MALE No	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	SEX MALE No	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the mili- tary or naval forces in whom you are interested?	SEX MALE No	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 55 Health XXXXX Poor (Years) (55) (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	Yes English - (Yes) (NO) Other language none (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C
Cole, Wilson

July 24, 1929

Mrs. Agnes Cole,
Nokomis, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 10, 1929, relative to the Gold Star Mothers' and Widows' Pilgrimage to Europe.

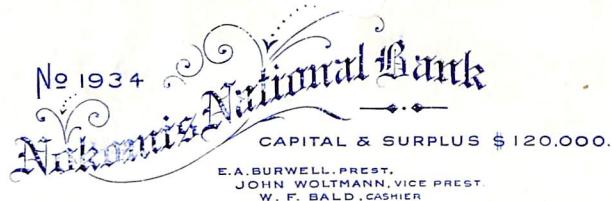
As the Act of March 2, 1929, does not contain any provision that would permit of any member of the family other than the mother or un-married widow making the pilgrimage, I regret to advise you that it will not be possible for your daughter to make the trip.

For the Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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NOKOMIS, ILL.

July 10 1929

The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:--

Replying to your favor of June 29th regarding my privilege to make the pilgrimage to France because my son, Private Wilson Cole, Co B. 122nd MG Bn., ~~now~~ ^{having} interred in France wish to state that because of my health it will be impossible for me to make the trip as mentioned.

My son was not married so there is no widow to be accounted for, however, I have a daughter who is an own sister of the Private Wilson Cole and if it is possible for her to go in my place I would like for her to go. It is not plain to me if this will be permitted or not but I would be pleased to hear from you in the near future in this connection.

Awaiting your early reply in this connection,
I am

Yours truly,

Mrs Agnes Cole



Referring to QM 293 a-c

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cole, Wilson

June 29, 1929.

Agnes Cole,
Mis., Ill.

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 Private Wilson Cole, Co. B, 122nd MG Bn., 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 remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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
Cole, Wilson (M A)*

July 18, 1932

Mrs. Agnes Cole,
Nokomis, Ill.

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.

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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 293 A-M
Cole, Wilson (MA)

January 19, 1932

Mrs. Agnes Cole,
Nokomis,
Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date declining the invitation to sail July 6th on the PRESIDENT HARDING to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Wilson Cole.

It is sincerely regretted that your health will not permit you to make the pilgrimage at this time, and it is hoped that you will improve rapidly. Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to visit the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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January 20, 1931

QM 293 A-M
Cole, Wilson Pvt. 1232 M

Mrs. Agnes Cole,
Nokomis,
Illinois.

Dear Madam:

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Your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1932, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages for that year are being arranged.

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cole, Wilson - 1232 M

June 27, 1930.

Mrs. Agnes Cole,
Nokomis, Illinois.

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.

Age
Condition of Health

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Cole, Wilson - 1232 M

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Nokomis, Illinois.

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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

October 7, 1929.

Cole, Wilson 1232 -M

Mrs. Agnes Cole,
Nokomis, Illinois

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.

Encl.

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Envelope

to
QM 295 A-C
Cole, Wilson

July 24, 1929

Mrs. Agnes Cole,
Nokomis, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 10, 1929,
relative to the Gold Star Mothers' and Widows' Pilgrimage to Europe.

As the Act of March 2, 1929, does not contain any provision
that would permit of any member of the family other than the mother or
un-married widow making the pilgrimage, I regret to advise you that it
will not be possible for your daughter to make the trip.

For the Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 295 A-C
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BBM/bb

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 1929.

(Cole, Wilson)

Mrs. Agnes Cole,
Hokomie, Ill.

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 Private Wilson Cole, Co. B, 122nd MG Bn., 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 remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incs.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

October 10, 1923.

Mrs. Agnes Cole,
Nekomis,
Ill.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private Wilson Cole, Company B, 122nd Machine Gun Battalion, is Grave 19, Row 36, Block E, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

W.P.R
H. H. CHEAL
Assistant.

O. O. M. G.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM



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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 37791

(a) Name <u>COLE, Wilson,</u>	Ser. No. <u>1392455</u>	TYP. <u>hmp</u> CKR. <u>JP</u>
(b) Rank <u>Pvt.</u>	Organization <u>Co. B, 122nd, M. G. Bn.</u>	
(c) Date of death <u>10-10-18</u>	(d) Cause of death <u>K/A</u>	

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

(a) Grave No. <u>78</u>	Row <u>----</u>	Plot <u>2</u>	Sec. <u>96</u>	TYP. <u>hmp</u>
(b) Emerg. Address <u>Mrs. Agnes Cole, (Mother) Nokomis, Ill.</u>				

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ CKR. JP

No record in file 4/21/21

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD: _____ Date of receipt _____

(a) Name _____	(b) Relationship _____
(c) Address _____	
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.?	
(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 _____ Date _____, 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: _____

We request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials PAH Date 4/21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 - Sec. 96 SHEET No. 36

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 5/5/21, 1920

Sec. 96

Par. 2. Not to be returned (Exs.)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 22, 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 COLE, Wilson	10. Name		
2. No. 1392455	11. No.		
3. Rank Pvt.	12. Rank		
4. Org. Co. B. 122nd M.G.Bn.	13. Org.		
5. D.D. 10-10-18	14. (a) D.D.		
6. C.D. KIA	(b) D.B.		
Discrepancy found upon disinterment			
7. Grave No. 78	Sec. 96	15. Grave No.	Sec.
8. Plot 2	Row	16. Plot	Row
9.		17. No discrepancy.	✓
18. Cemetery 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. 96			
23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 22, 1921.	By Owen L. Barnshaw.		
24. Inscription on grave marker:			
Name Wilson Cole	Serial No. -		
Rank Pvt.	Co. B, 122 M.G. Bn.		
Organization			
25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No	On body? No		

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).
Body identified by (1). French brass plaque reading: "Pvt. Wilson Cole, #1392455, Co. B, 122nd M.G. Bn." found on body. (2) G.R.S. burial plaque reading: "Wilson Cole, Prin. Co. B, 122 - M.G. Bn. U.S.A., killed Oct. 10-18, #1392455".

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box, U.S. uniform and blanket.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 22, 1921 By Owen L. Barnshaw

31. Casket sealed by Owen L. Barnshaw.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 3565

32. Designation of body:

Name COLE, Wilson Serial No. 1392455

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 122nd M. G. Bn.

33. Consigned to: Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne American Cty. #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 22, 1921. By Owen L. Earnshaw,

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

H. S. Harpole

H. S. Harpole, 1st Lt., QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 22, 1921.

To point of Concentration Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232.

Convoyer J. GERALD COLE Signature Shipping Officer J. GERALD COLE

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

J. GERALD COLE
Captain, G. A. G.

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer J. W. YOUNGER Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date Sept 22, 1921

G.R.S. Representative

James Younger

41. Reinterred: Meuse Argonne Cemetery, Section 20, 1921.
(Date)

42. Grave No. Row 56 Bl. B, Gr. 19. Section

43. Plot Row

G.R.S. Representative

James Younger
JAMES W. YOUNGER
CAPT. MC.

AUDITED BY

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Romagne sous Montfaucon

Date Sept. 22, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF COLE, WILSON

SERIAL NUMBER 1392455

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B. 122nd M. G. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date) Sept. 22, 1921. From (give complete location) :

Gr. 78 Sec. 96 Pt. 2 Meuse Argonne Cem., #1232

By : Group Earnshaw Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date) : Sept. 28, 1921, Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232, Row 36 Bl. E. Gr. 19.

unlined casket

By : Group Reburial Sec. Unit Nature of reburial

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

Wooden box, U.S. uniform and burrap.

badly decomposed features unrecognizable.

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

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

Body identified by French brass plaque reading Pvt. Wilson, Cole, 1392455, Co., B. 122nd M. found on body. G. S. burial plaque reading MM Wilson Cole, Priv. Co., B. 122nd M. G. Bn., U. S. A. Killed Oct. 10-18. 1392455.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to determine

(c) Hair—Color app. light brown

Quantity small

Characteristics straight

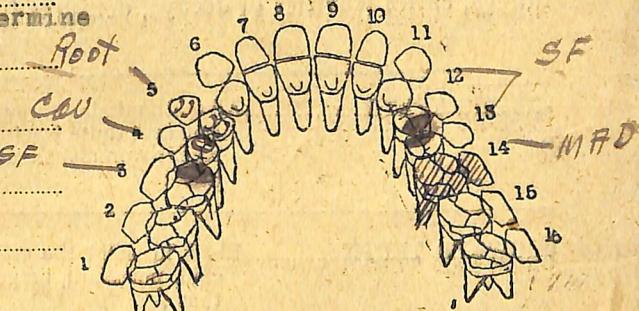
(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location None

Quantity None

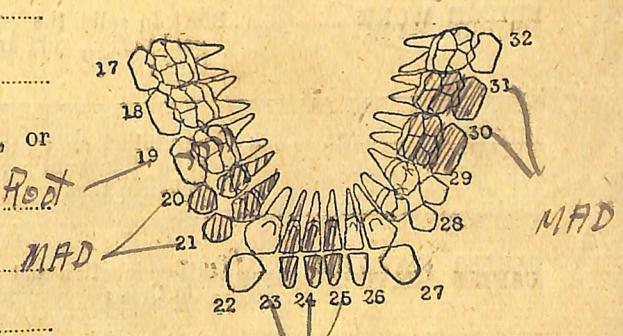
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or

missing parts) None visible



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

None visible



7. Disinterment supervised by

Dove L. Earnshaw Approved: H. S. Harpole

O. L. Earnshaw

(Title) H. S. Harpole, 1st. Lt. QMC

8. Reburial supervised by

W. B. Sheild

Approved:

James W. Younger

(Title) JAMES W. YOUNGER

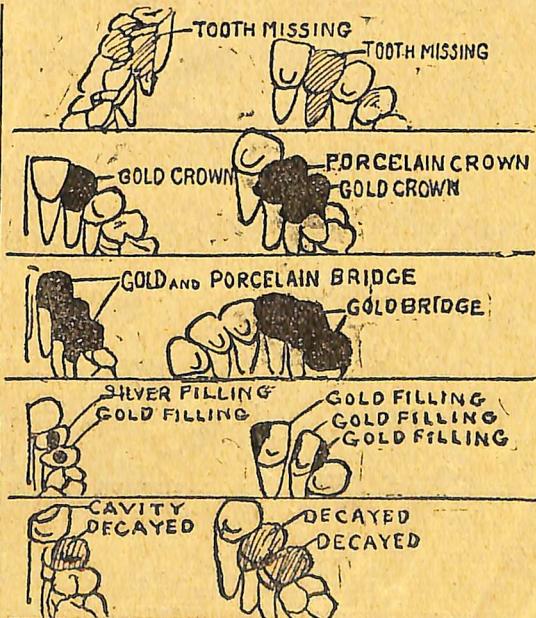
CAPT. QMC

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

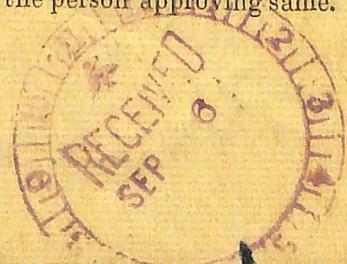
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

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.



COMPILED OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 37791

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(b) Rank	Pvt.	Organization	Co. B, 122nd, N. G. Bn.	
(c) Date of death	10-10-18	(d) Cause of death	X/A	

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(b) Emerg. Address	Mrs. Agnes Cole. (Mother) Nokomis, Ill.								

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. (C)

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by Sec. 96 cable on _____, 192

Par. 2. Not to be returned (888) letter of transmittal on 5/5/21, 192

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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COUNTRY

CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cole 1392455 Wilson.

(Surname). (Number) (First Name and Initials).
Pvt Co B 122nd Bn(Rank). (Organization).
Sergeant

PLACE OF DEATH:

Savoy Sur Meuse

Shell Fire

CAUSE OF DEATH:

23 Nov. 18

DATE OF BURIAL:

in Valley with 6 others

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

E of Hill E-N-E of Savoy

23.3 - 82.5

[]

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? YesHeadboard? Bottle? IDENTIFICATION TAGS: Was one buried with body? Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? Yes

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

CMY Savoy sur Meuse (Marne)

(456) SH 35 NE COORD 5-323-5

NEAREST RELATIVE: M-282-5

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).



456-708

Initial List No. _____
Daily Report No. _____

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

2. Soldier's No. 1392455

3. COLE

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4. G. R. S. File

Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

Pvt.

B

122

I. G. Bn.

4. Rank

Company

Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

isolated grave

6. Date of Burial Cemetery

7. SIVRY

MEUSE

Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 1

Plot No. or Letter

Grave No.

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

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

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

Sk. #188

12. Verdun 13. 35 E. 3.4-N282.5
Map reference, if informant is outside of cemetery

CMME. SIVRY 507 Meuse (Meuse)

13. (C-456) SHT. 35 NE COOP. TE 323.4
Give name of Captain or Burial Officer N 282.5

R. B. Sh

Signed P. Taliaferro

1776

Group 3 Unit 311 G. R. S.



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4-22-21
(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 96

FORM 115 Sheet No. 36

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(Initials)

CSP-SS
Form No. 1011.

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