

Mother dead, no wife.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B CAUSE OF DEATH

*Died of disease*

FULL NAME..... COLEMAN, Walter W. *OK*

RANK..... *OK* Sgt. 1/cl. *OK* SERIAL..... 208558 *OK*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... *Dist. Det., 2nd Army Artillery Park*  
*Dist. Det., 2nd Army* { *Orig. typed in was*  
*written in pencil*  
*inadvertently erased*

DATE OF DEATH..... 1-11-19 *OK*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *Mass.*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... 22 ..... 11 ..... B  
Grave Row Block

3 A.G.O.  
MAY 9 1927  
WORLD WAR IN

*67490-571*

1764 ..... Cemetery

*986-3*  
*5/26/27*

2033

27/86/-

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**Coleman**, ..... **208558** ..... **Walter W.** .....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

**Sgt1/c** ..... **Ord. Det. 2nd Army, APO #784** .....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Camp Hospital #45** .....

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Broncho-pneumonia** .....

DATE OF BURIAL: **January 12, 1919** .....

PLACE OF BURIAL: **Municipal Cemetery** .....

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

**Aix-les-bains, Savoie, France** .....

**(Savoie Leave Area)** .....

GRAVE NUMBER: **27 (Twenty seven)** .....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? **Yes** ..... Cross? **Yes** .....

Headboard? ..... Bottle? **Yes** .....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? **Yes** .....

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: **Mr. William C. Coleman** .....

ADDRESS: **190 Holland St. Rockland, Mass** .....

RELATIONSHIP: **Father** .....

REPORTED BY: *William F. Adell* .....

**Chaplain, U.S.A.** .....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Coleman	3	33-2
	Walter W.		
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	4
	GRAVE	2	22
	ROW	2	11
	BLOCK	1	2
STATE	Mass	2	25-
RANK	Sgt 1st	1	2
DIVISION	Advance	2	55
ORGANIZATION	*	3	X X
ARM	*	1	X
MARITAL	(Father)	1	2
	No		
NAME	Coleman,	3	
	William C		
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	25
	COUNTY	2	12
	CITY	3	133
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER	no son no low	1	
ELIGIBILITY	no	1	6
	Dead - 12-17-09		
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	NO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
	29/514/EAB		

AUDITED

AUG 18 1952

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McJ

War Department

Sept 16 1932

Dear Sirs

In regards to this letter will inform  
you that Walter W. Coleman has no  
step mother and his natural mother  
passed away Dec 17 1909

Very Truly Yours

William C. Coleman  
Father

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Coleman, Walter W. (AM)

September 12, 1932

Mr. William C. Coleman,  
190 Howard Street,  
Rockland, Mass.

Dear Sir:

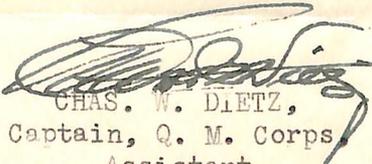
This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not your son, the late Sergeant first class Walter W. Coleman, is survived by a stepmother, and if so, her name and address and the date of your marriage to her. It will be appreciated if you will also furnish the date of death of his natural mother.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope.



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Coleman, Walter W. - 1764 F

July 8, 1930

Mr. William C. Coleman  
190 Howard Street  
Rockland, Mass.

Dear Sir:

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.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

*No.*  
*She is dead*

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

*Never Married*

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

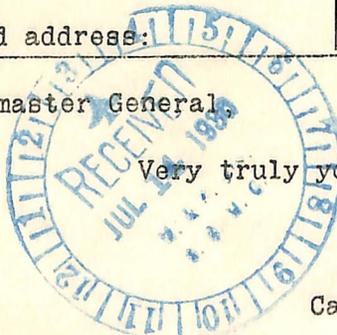
If so, give her name and address:

*None*

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment



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

Rockland June 29, 1929

Mr. John T. Harris

Dear Sir

Sergeant First Class  
Walter W. Coleman Ordnance  
Detachment 2<sup>nd</sup> Army Artillery  
whose remains are now interred  
in France has no Mother now  
living

He was an unmarried man  
His father W. C. Coleman  
two Sisters and one half  
brother survive him

Very Respectfully Yours  
William W. Coleman  
190 Howard St Rockland Mass



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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The records of this office show that you are the **father of the late Sergeant first class Walter W. Coleman, Ordnance Detachment, 2nd Army Artillery Park, whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, 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.

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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Assistant.

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1932 SEP 22 - PM 4:15  
OQMC M&R BR  
Enclosure;  
Envelope.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Coleman, Walter W.

Q. M. G. M. DIV 12 June 12 1929.

Mr. William C. Coleman,  
190 Howard Street,  
Rockland, Mass.

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*unconfirmed 11/9/20*

*See Form 115  
att 2/7/22*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 85430

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name	COLEMAN, Walter W.	Ser. No.	208558	} TYP DB <i>de V</i>
(b) Rank	Sgt. 1/c	Organization	Ord. Det. 2nd Army	
(c) Date of death	1-11-19	Cause of death	Broncho pneumonia	

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

(a) Grave No.	Row	Plot	Sect.	TYP DB
Mr. William C. Coleman (Father) 190 Holland St.				
(b) Emerg. Address				
Rockland, Mass.				

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases... **NO CARD** ... CKR *JB*

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

*Ago card - William C Coleman (father) 190 Howard St. Rockwell Mass requests body be not returned*  
*acc 12/3/20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on ... 192  
(Letter of transmittal *Nov 30 1920*)  
*acc*

**PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED**

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. ... **DEC 9 1920** ... 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. ... **FEB 11 1921** ... 192

COUNTRY	CEMETERY NO.	SHEET NO.
G.R.S. FORM 115-A August, 1920		<b>10</b>

*8412-7-20*

3716

unconfirmed 11/9/20

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 85430

*1-23-22 Exhumed from Concentration Camp - 1764 att 2/7/22*

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COLEMAN, Walter W. Ser. No. 208558 *Art. Tail* } TYP. DB  
 (b) Rank Sgt. 1/c Organization Ord. Det. 2nd Army } CKR. AGV  
 (c) Date of death 1-11-19 (d) Cause of death Broncho pneumonia

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

(a) Grave No. 27 *25 auth. Concentration 16-A* Row -- Plot --- Sec. --- TYP. DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. William C. Coleman, (Father) 190 Holland St. Rockland, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. WPB

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

Date of receipt none

(a) Name William C. Coleman (b) Relationship Father  
 (c) Address 190 Holland St. Rockland, Mass.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at No  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. "In National Cemetery I desire to have his body taken care of by U.S.A."

Examiner's Initials PF Date 11-15, 1920.

## V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from \_\_\_\_\_

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials PF Date 11-15, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes att

Examiner's Initials att Date 11-16, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 571 SHEET No. 10

**FORM 115 - A COMPLETED**

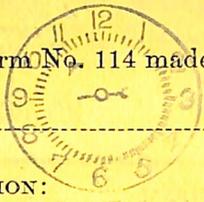
*12-7-20*

*checked per 11/14/20*

RECEIVED.

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

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, FEB 11 1921, 1920.



VIII. FINAL ACTION:  
HOBOKEN, N. J.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on NOV 30 1920, 1920

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED *acu*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *1-6-21 T#120 Father m. he wishes body left in Europe. Wishes to know name of cemetery so that he can find place if he visits Europe - 12-21 ECL Father's address - Mr. William C. Coleman, 190 Howard St., Rockland, Mass.*

*3/14 that body will be transferred to per City* *CS*

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME COLEMAN, Walter W SERIAL No. 208558

RANK Sgt. 1st cl ORGANIZATION Ord. Det. 2nd Army *Art. Parks*

GRAVE LOCATION French Civ. Cty., Aix-les-Bains, Savoie 571  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

25  
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 25 Aix-les-Bains Savoie.  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Unknown.

CONCENTRATED TO Has not been exhumed. Remains are in original grave.  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Aix-les-Bains. 571.  
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Tom Ward  
TOM WARD, Capt., Q.M C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Dec. 22, 1922 22 11 Block B  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Aisne Marne American Cemetery #1764, Belleau Aisne  
CEMETERY

REBUILT BY

# 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.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 26, 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 COLEMAN, Walter W
- 2. No. 208558
- 3. Rank Sgt. 1st cl
- 4. Org. Ord. Det. 2nd Army *art Parks*
- 5. D.D. Jan. 11, 19
- 6. C.D. Broncho Pneumonia
- 10. Name None
- 11. No. None
- 12. Rank Sgt.
- 13. Org. M. O. R. S. 42nd. Div.
- 14. (a) D.D. None
- (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 25 Sec.
- 8. Plot  Row
- 9.
- 15. Grave No. None Sec. None
- 16. Plot None Row None
- 17. None

- 18. Cemetery French Civ. Cem.
- 19. Commune or town Aix-les-Bains
- 20. Dept. or County Savoie
- 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 571

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 26, 1921. By R. Z. Nelsen, S.E.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name COLEMAN, Walter W. Serial No. 208558

Rank sgt. 1st. cl. Organization Ord. Det. 2nd. Army

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker?  No  On body?  Yes

*R. Z. Nelsen*  
 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).

Lead plaque on box: "COLEMAN, Walter W." Paper in bottle: "-----Walter W., Sgt. 1/c. Ord. Det. 2nd. Army.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed.

28. Nature of burial Wood Box - Uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None except rank and organization. See lines 12 & 13.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 26, 1921. By R. Z. Nelsen, S.E.

31. Casket sealed by R. Z. Nelsen, S.E.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *R. Z. Nelsen*  
 R. Z. Nelsen, S.E.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-9443

32. Designation of body:

Name COLEMAN, Walter W Serial No. 208558

R nk Sgt. 1st cl Organization Ord. Det. 2nd Army

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer. Cty. 1764, Belleau, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 26, 1921. By R. Z. Nelsen, 1st Lt. QMC

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

V.L. Robinson, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks Lead Plaque on Box: -"Coleman, Walter W." Paper in bottle "-----Walter

W. Sgt. 1/c. Ord. Det. 2nd. Army."

Inscription on disc on body: -"Walter W. Coleman, 208558, Sgt. E.O.C.N.A. M.O.R.S. 42nd. Div.

On back of Tag: -N. Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass., U.S.A.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 29, 1921.

To point of Concentration Paris Morgue, St. Denis (Seine) (Name)

Convoyer Moses Pellerin Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at ~~Railhead~~ Point of Concentration: Date Paris Morgue, Oct. 1st 1921

By G.R.S. Representative H.L. WARD, Major Q.M.C.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Paris Morgue, Sep. 5, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Aisne Marne Cty. #1764, Belleau, Aisne

Convoyer J.J. HUTCHINSON Signature Shipping Officer W.R. BUCKLEY, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date Sept. 6/22

G.R.S. Representative Adolph G. Kacas, Superintendent

41. Reinterred Dec. 22, 1922. Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 22 Section

43. Plot BLOCK B Row 11

hw

G.R.S. Representative

W.D. CLEARY, Lt. Chaplain USA.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 26, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF COLEMAN, Walter W.

SERIAL NUMBER 208558

RANK Sgt. 1/c ORGANIZATION Ord. Dept. 2nd. Army. Art. Parks

2. Disinterred (date) : Sept. 26, 1921. From (give complete location) : Gr. 25

Fr. Civ. Cty. Aix-les-Bains Savoie #571

By : Group 2 Unit 2 Hdqrs. Det. 2

3. Reburied (date) : Dec. 22, 1922. In (give complete location) :

Grave 22, Row 11, Block B, Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

By : Group re-burial group Unit 2 Nature of reburial lined casket

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

Uniform - Badly decomposed.

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

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

Lead plaque on Box: - "Coleman, Walter W."

Inscription on disc on body - Walter W. Coleman, 208558, Sgt. E.O.C.N.A. M.O.R.S. 42nd. Div. U.S.A. On back of tag: - W. Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass. U.S.A.

Paper in Bottle: - "-----Walter W. Sgt. 1/c. Ord. Det. 2nd. Army.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) about 6ft.

(b) Weight (estimated) 160 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity None

Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None discernable.

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

None discernable.

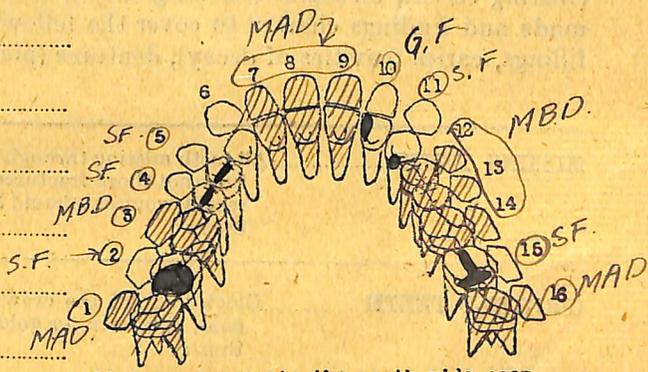
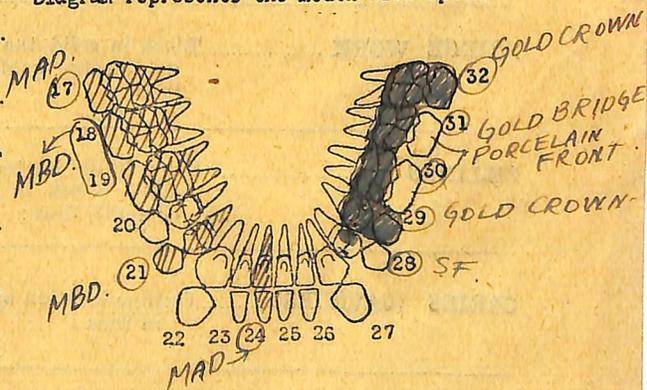


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment

supervised by R. Z. Neisen, S.E.

Approved : V.L. Robinson, 1st. Lt. QMC  
(Title)

8. Reburial

supervised by L.D. HAYS

Approved : W.D. Cleary, Lt. Chaplain USA  
(Title)

**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), bicuspid (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>.....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>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	
<p><b>BRIDGE WORK</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	
<p><b>FILLINGS</b>.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	
<p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	
<p><b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>.....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."</p>	

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.

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

WASHINGTON  
Hoboken, N. J.

JAN 3 1921

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.  
To: Mr. William C. Coleman, 190 Howard St., Rockland, Mass.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Sgt., 1st Cl., Walter W. Coleman, Ser. No. 208558,  
Ord. Det. Second Army.

*Note request on back*

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body remain in Europe.

To Be Placed In American Cemetery

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

The nearest relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Was soldier married? Soldier's widow <u>no</u>			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 <u>none</u>		
	2 <u>—</u>		
	3 <u>—</u>		
Father <u>William C. Coleman</u>	<u>190 Howard Street</u>	<u>Rockland</u>	<u>Mass</u>
Mother <u>dead</u>			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <u>none</u>		
	2 <u>—</u>		
	3 <u>—</u>		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <u>Lillian A. Stoddard</u>	<u>63 Pearl Street</u>	<u>Northampton Mass</u>
	2 <u>Ida M. Coleman</u>	<u>63 " " "</u>	<u>" " "</u>
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*Noted 1-12-21*

Date January 6th

Signature William C. Coleman

Address 190 Howard Street

Relationship Father



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January 6th, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Feather and nearest living relative of the within-named  
 (Relationship.)  
 soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
 (Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (R. R. station.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

*To Remain in Europe but want to know the name and where I  
 could find it may want to pay a visit*

Signature William S. Coleman

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

Cemeterial Division, Hoboken, N. J.

February 3, 1921.

To: G. R. S. Washington.

This office has not replied to  
father's note on back of Form 120.

From: G. R. S. Hoboken.

Per: GM

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File #85430

March 14, 1921.

293.8 Reg. Sec., Gen. Div.  
(COLEMAN, Walter W., Sgt. 1/c)  
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).  
To: Mr. William C. Coleman, 190 Howard St., Rockland, Mass.  
Subject: Disposition of Remains - Sergeant 1/c Walter W. Coleman, Serial No. 208558, Ordnance Detachment, 2nd Army.

1. Your request that the body of your son, the late Sergeant First Class Walter W. Coleman, remain in Europe has been received. You will be advised at a later date when the body is transferred to a permanent American cemetery.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

OSP:SS  
C. & C. Dept.

*T.B.H.D.*  
THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,  
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.

*P.M.*

*J.B.M.*  
Noted on Form No. 115  
Date *3/14*

MAILED

*SS*  
MAR 14 1921

Overseas Proj. Sec.  
Cemeterial Division.

Coleman, Walter William 208,558  
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

Sgt 1cl 1st Ord Det., 2nd Army  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *father*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *No*  
(Yes or no.)

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

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

*J. desires to have his body taken care of in national cemetery*  
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) *William C. Coleman*

*190 Howard Street* *Eastland* *Miss*  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**Coleman**, ..... **208558** ..... **Walter R.** .....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

**Sgt1/c** **Ord. Det.** **2nd Army**, **APO #784** .....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Camp Hospital #48** .....

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Broncho-pneumonia.** .....

DATE OF BURIAL: **January 12, 1919.** .....

PLACE OF BURIAL: **Municipal Cemetery,** .....

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

**Aix-les-bains, Savoie, France.** .....

**(Savoie Leave Area)** .....

GRAVE NUMBER: **27 (Twenty seven)** .....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? **Yes** ..... Cross? **Yes.** .....

Headboard? ..... Bottle? **Yes.** .....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? **Yes** .....

Was one fastened to name tag or stake used as a grave marker? **Yes** .....

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: **Mr. William C. Coleman** .....

ADDRESS: **190 Holland St. Rockland, Mass** .....

RELATIONSHIP: **Father.** .....

REPORTED BY: **William F. Odell** .....

**Chaplain, U.S.A.** .....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

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Walter W, Coleman.

2085558

Sgt 1/c

Ord Det. Ord

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Buried Cemetery Aix-les-Bains, France.

Grave A-26.

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