

To The A. G. O.

G.R.S. Form #114 B

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DATE

SERIAL No.

2410940

1. NAME COMER, John

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co.L, 309th Inf.

& DIVISION 78

GRAVE LOCATION St.Mihiel American Cty, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.

# 1233

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

16

Sec.1

1

GRAVE

-ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

30

Jaulny

M et M

1349

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

App. 52 NE

242.7 N

364.7 E

CONCENTRATED TO

4/15/19

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Sec. 1

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DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

St. Mihiel

1233

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross

DATE OF DEATH

Sept 26, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

N.Y.

nr

Data F-1

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

None

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

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CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

I. H. JOFFEE, 1st Lieut., GMC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

July 26, 1922

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26 Block D

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

St. Mihiel American No. 1233, Thiaucourt

CEMETERY

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DEC 19 1925  
WORLD WAR DIV.

DEC 21 1925



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.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: GOMER, John

Number: 2410930

Rank: Unkn

Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

15, April 1919

Isolated grave JAULNY M et M

52NE E364.7 N242.7

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

15, April 1919

Grave #16 Sec 1 Plot 1

St Mihiel Am Cemetery # 1233

THIAUCOURT M et M 52NE E362.03 N241.44

1233

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

Burial fair, body decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

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Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon 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 to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt Mattix.

R. H. ROSENTHAL  
2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.  
C.O. Group                      Unit

Date: 29 Nov 1919

REPORT ON DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: JOHN

Number: 240380

Rank: Private

Organization: 10th

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

18 April 1919

Isolated grave LAUNY 11 of H

BRM 1934 V 1234 V

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

18 April 1919

Grave #10 Sec I Plot I

St Michael Cemetery 1919

WILSONS M of M BRM 1934 V 1234 V

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

Burial fair, body decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon body, they will be preserved and sent to the Effects Dept. as to receipt by G. R. S. 1919. After being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation thereof will be made and reported to G. R. S. Graves Registration Service.



Supervised by: J. J. J.

H. H. ROBERTS

Head Lines G. R. S.

G. R. S. Group Unit

K. Ia. 11/6/18 CE 285  
11/21/18 Com.

**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

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Comer - John  
Europe

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Comer 2410930 John  
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Co. L. 309th Inf.  
(Rank) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL.. Sept. 26, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL.. Burial plot in the grounds.

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

of the Chateau de Jaulny in the village of

Jaulny near Thiaccourt. Map: Hazeville

(Chambley 6) 242.75, 364.75.

GRAVE NUMBER. 30

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes.

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes.

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Royal Montgomery Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

RECEIVED  
STATISTICAL DIVISION  
H.A.P.  
5-OCT-1954

Comer-John  
Europe

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CODE SLIP  
LOCO PARENTS

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Comer	3	3 2 3
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	3
	GRAVE	2	03
	ROW	2	26
	BLOCK	1	4
STATE	ny	2	37
RANK	P. St	1	2
DIVISION	78	2	78
ORGANIZATION	309	3	309
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	Single	1	2
NAME	Comer	3	3 2 2
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	35
	COUNTY	2	17
	CITY	3	081
RELATION	Soco Parents	1	4
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	no	1	2
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

AUDITED  
MAY 20 1932  
LVPB

ACCEPTANCE  
19/514  
*[Signature]*

*[Handwritten initials]*

~~Father~~ writes in and  
says Sister of Vet. raised  
him from the age of 9<sup>years</sup>  
~~I~~ there a widow?  
over?

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QM 293 A-G  
Comer, John

September 6, 1929.

Mr. John Comer,  
143 W. Main St.,  
Pennsgrove, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 19, 1929, relative to the eligibility of your daughter to visit the grave of your son, the late Private John Comer, who is buried in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France.

It is noted that you request this privilege for your daughter under the provisions of Section 4(a) of the Act approved March 2, 1929, which states in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces". In determining who is meant by the phrase "who stood in loco parentis", this phrase has been given its usually accepted legal meaning and it has been held that:

- (a) A person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult who is not incapacitated either mentally or physically.
- (b) In order for a woman to occupy such a status toward a minor or incapacitated adult, she must act the part of a lawful father of such person in performing the duty of providing for him, intending thereby to take the place of the father in this particular.
- (c) In order to receive the benefits of the Act in question, she must have occupied the status toward a particular deceased member of the military or naval forces "for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces".

The records indicate that the late Private John Comer was 25 years and 8 months of age when he entered the Army for service

during the World War. As there is a positive showing that he was not incapacitated either mentally or physically at the time of his entry into the military service and that he was more than 21 years of age at that time, it is not possible for your daughter to have stood in loco parentis to him within the meaning of the Act for the year immediately preceding the commencement of his service in the Army. It is therefore regretted to advise that your daughter is not eligible to make the pilgrimage to his grave.

It is also regretted to advise you that the Act of March 2, 1929, contains no provision which would permit of any other member of the family making the pilgrimage in lieu of the mother or widow. As your son is not survived by either a mother or widow, it will not be possible for you and your granddaughter to make the pilgrimage to his grave under the provisions of the Act above referred to. I appreciate your desire to visit the grave of your son and am sorry that your request cannot be granted. However, as Public No. 952 was initiated by Congress and has become a law, this office has no alternative other than to carry out the law as passed by Congress.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Age - 25 yrs 8 mo  
Enl. Feb. 27, 1918

July 19, 1929

The Quartermaster General  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Q. M. 293--AC  
John Comer

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 20, 1929 I wish to state that my son, Private John Comer, Company L., 309th Inf., is survived by myself and daughter who raised my son from the age of nine years and who has really been a mother to him.

It is my desire if it is possible that my daughter make the pilgrimage as set forth in the Act of Congress. In addition to her going, I and my granddaughter would like to accompany her, and while over there we would like to make a side trip to my native home in Ireland before returning. I am willing to bear all extra expenses and would greatly appreciate it if this could be arranged.

Trusting to receive a favorable reply at your earliest convenience, I remain,

Yours very truly,

John Comer



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Comer, John

June 20, 1929.

Mr. John Comer,  
143 W. Main St.,  
Pennsgrove, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

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Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a 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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S. S. M. G. M. & P. DIV.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Comer, John  
1233.

September 4, 1929

Mr. John Comer,  
143 W. Main St.,  
Pennagrove, N. J.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not ~~show~~ <sup>June 20, 1929</sup> that a reply has been received to our communication dated \_\_\_\_\_ making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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148 W. Main St.,  
Pennsgrove, N. J.

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JUN 26 1929

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Comer, John

Mr. John Comer,  
843 -8th Ave.,  
Carneys Point, N. J.

Father,  
Mr. John Comer,  
143 W. Main St.,  
Pennsgrove, N.J.

May 28, 1929.

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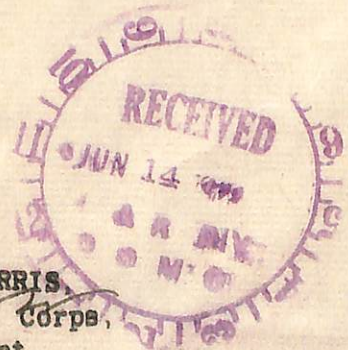
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
COMER, John - Pvt.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

March 20, 1924

Mr. John Comer,  
843 8th Ave.,  
Carneys Point, N.J.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the 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.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,



R.L. FOSTER  
Assistant.

1-Incl.  
Record card.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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Carneys Point,  
N.J.

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Soldier's  Overseas  
Grave

Name John Comer

Rank Private

Organization Company L, 309th Infantry

Grave No. 3 Row 26 Block D

Cemetery St. Mihiel American

Location Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France

Comer, John

2,410,930 ✓

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co I 309 Inf.

(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)

*Mary Werner*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

*284 Ralph Ave Brooklyn NY*

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

drawn by ~~MA~~

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QM 293 A-C

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O. G. M. G.  
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM

Assistant  
R. D. FOSTER

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MAR 20 1924  
B. O. C.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Harlow C.W. OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

*Please  
Publish*

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Comer, John, Pvt.

1233 - 673

2/26/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

2410930

Co. L, 309th Inf.

Date of death - 9/26/18.

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Copy for credit to

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Adjustment Department

DATE March 8, 1921.

Date 3-18-21-cc

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mr. John Comer,

Father

Address

284 Ralph Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

S/709/LML

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NAME OF RESEARCH CENTER \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF RECEIPT \_\_\_\_\_  
AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

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June 26th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cam. div., Cor. Br.

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Re:- Comer, John, Pvt., serial No.  
2410930, Co. L, 309th Inf.

Dear Sir:-

Your shipping inquiry dated April 16th, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American cemetery has been forwarded to the Cemeterial division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

The Cemeterial division, Washington, D.C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

The Department desires to renew its previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:-

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS, *mks*  
Executive Assistant.

*John Comer*  
*Carneys Point*  
*June 29 1921*  
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June 28th, 1921.

This No. 225. S. Cam. Div., Gen. Ser.

Mr. John Jones,  
341-34th Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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341-34th Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your shipping inquiry dated April 18th, 1921, regarding  
that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in  
France for burial in a permanent national cemetery has been  
forwarded to the General Division, Office of the Quartermaster  
General, Washington, D. C., for necessary action.

The General Division, Washington, D. C., will furnish  
you the grave location in the permanent national cemetery as soon  
as possible after the body has been placed therein.

The Department desires to thank you for your previous expression  
of sympathy in your bereavement.

Very respectfully,  
The Quartermaster General:

W. M. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Office in charge.

HR:

L. G. WALKER,  
Executive Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

APR 11 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mr. John Comer, *843-8 Ave Carney Point N. J.*  
~~284 Ralph Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.~~

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. John Comer Ser No 2410930 Co L 309 Inf

May Werner, (Sister) 284 Ralph Ave., Bklyn, N.Y. has

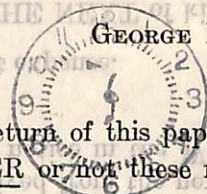
The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named

soldier remain in Europe

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.



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 or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? *No*

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<i>None</i>		
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>None</i>		
	2		
	3		
Father	<i>John Comer</i>	<i>843-8<sup>th</sup> Ave</i>	<i>Carney Point N. J.</i>
Mother	<i>Dead</i>		
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>None</i>		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>May Werner</i>	<i>1230 Madison St</i>	<i>Carney Point N. J.</i>
	2 <i>Rosa Brennan</i>	<i>261 Sherman Ave</i>	<i>Newark N. J.</i>
	3 <i>Lilly Dutton</i>	<i>216 Willow St</i>	<i>Kenneth Sq. Pa</i>

Date *April 16/21*

Signature *John Comer*

Address *843-8<sup>th</sup> Ave*  
*Carney Point N. J.*

Relationship *Father*

April 16, 1921

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

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JUN 30 1921  
Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Station

- ~~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.

Signature John Comer

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

- 1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin 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 next of kin 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 next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
- 7. If **YOU** are not the nearest living next of kin 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.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

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from

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Value of notes \$

Serial #

No. of notes

Serial #

84609

GRAVE LOCATION FORM

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Comar 2410930 John  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Co. L. 309th Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Sept. 26, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Burial plot in the grounds.

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

of the Chateau de Jaulny in the village of

Jaulny near Thiaccourt, Map: Hazeville

(Chambley 6) 242.8, 364.8

GRAVE NUMBER 30

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes.

CMME. Jaulny (M & M) Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: C-163 52 NE COORDE-242.8

Was one buried with body? Yes. M. 364.8

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:

Born C 163 Jaulny (line)

Map 52 N.E

E 242.8 N 364.8

REPORTED BY:

Royal J. Montgomery Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

COMER, 2410940, John  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt., Co. L, 309th., Infantry  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Near Jaulny**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Shell**

DATE OF BURIAL:

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

**In grounds of Chateau de Jaulny in**

**in village Jaulny, Hageville**  
**242.75-364.75 (Chambley 6)**

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: **Mrs. Mary Werner**

ADDRESS: **Sta. D. Brooklyn, N. Y.**

RELATIONSHIP: **Sister**

REPORTED BY:

*W. H. Anderson, Jr. Capt 30924*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

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FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.  
TO : C.O.Co. L 309th., Infantry  
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Graves Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis  
Adjutant General.

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Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

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Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



FROM: O. Q. M. G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1128

WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the  
Washington

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

G.R.S. **Adjustment Made**  
8-W-A-O  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 2/4/21.

File No. **33305** Registration.

From: **File No.** The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., 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.

- a. Surname **Comer** ✓
- b. Christian name **John** ✓
- c. Serial Number ~~2410940~~ or (2410930) ✓
- d. Organization **Co. L, 309th Inf.**
- e. Rank **Pvt.** ✓
- f. Date of death **9/26/18.** ✓
- g. Cause of death **K/A.** ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#) *Mrs. May Greener P.O. Sta. D.*
- i. Emergency address *Brooklyn N.Y.*
- j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

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

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2-5-21 - Targ.*

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

C.W.  
CEMETERY NO: 1233  
SHEET NO: 673  
TYPED BY: I.W.

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

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Date FEB 5 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. **Adjustment Made**  
8-W-A-O  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 2/4/21.

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Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname **Comer** ✓
- b. Christian name **John** ✓
- c. Serial Number ~~2410940~~ or (2410930) ✓
- d. Organization **Co. L, 309th Inf.**
- e. Rank **Pvt.** ✓
- f. Date of death **9/26/18.** ✓
- g. Cause of death **K/A.** ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#) **Mrs. May Bremer P.O. Sta. D.**
- i. Emergency address **Brooklyn N.Y.**
- j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
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lower right lower left

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2-5-21 - Torg.*

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

C.W.  
CEMETERY NO: 1233  
SHEET NO: 673  
TYPED BY: I.W.

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Date..... FEB 5 1921

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G. R. S. Form 8-W-A  
Information requested of A. G. O.

FROM. O. Q. M. G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1109

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

File No. 33305

Registration.

Date February 15, 1921.

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.

- ✓ a. Surname. ~~COMER~~ or ~~COMAR~~
- ✓ b. Christian name. John ✓
- ✓ c. Serial number. 24109 40 ✓
- ✓ d. Organization. Co. L. 309th Inf ✓
- ✓ e. Rank. Pvt. ✓

- ✓ f. Date of death. 9-26-18 ✓
- ✓ g. Cause of death. K/A ✓
- ✓ h. Authority (C. C. No.) 285 ✓
- i. Emergency address. Mrs. Max Werner -  
P. O. Box 15 - Brooklyn, N. Y.
- ✓ j. Relationship. Sister

**BODY DESCRIPTION.**

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

- a. Age at enlistment.
- b. Color of eyes.
- c. Color of hair.
- d. Height.
- e. Weight.
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)

**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.							

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EP 2 - 2-16-21

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

By

H. J. CONNER,  
1st Lieut. ~~Captain~~, Q. M. C.

Mr. Wilson  
DTD

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date FEB-16-1921

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INVESTIGATION AND ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT

G. R. S. Form 8-W-A  
Information requested of A. G. O.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

Date February 15, 1921.

File No. 33305

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.

a. Surname. ~~COMER~~ ~~or COMAR~~

f. Date of death. 9-26-18

b. Christian name. John

g. Cause of death. K/A

c. Serial number. 2410940

h. Authority (C. C. No.) 285

d. Organization. Co. L. 309th Inf

i. Emergency address. Mrs. May Werner -  
P. O. Box, D - Brooklyn, N. Y.

e. Rank. Pvt.

j. Relationship. Sister

**BODY DESCRIPTION.**

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

a. Age at enlistment.

b. Color of eyes.

c. Color of hair.

d. Height.

e. Weight.

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

**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.							

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EP 2 - 2416-21

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

By

H. J. CONNER,  
1st Lieut Captain, Q. M. C.

Mr. Wilson  
DTD

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date FEB-16-1921

Rec'd 3 & 8 Div. A.G.O.  
FEB 16 1921 8

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

Date February 12, 1921

Registration

File No. 22305

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

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

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

a. Surname CONNER

b. Christian name John

c. Serial number 2410440

d. Organization Co. I, 309th Inf

e. Rank Pvt.

BODY DESCRIPTION  
(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

f. Year of enlistment

g. Color of eyes

h. Color of hair

i. Height

j. Weight

k. Scars, marks and physical defects (Old enlistments (Old Army records))

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l. Date of death 9-26-18

m. Cause of death K/A

n. Authority (C. C. No.) 282

o. Emergency address

p. Relationship

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

q. Surbs out teeth missing

Upper right 87054821 12345678  
Upper left

Lower right 87054821 12345678  
Lower left

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

H. J. CONNER  
1st Lt. Capt. U. S. A.

Mr. Wilson

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #33305

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name.....**COMER, John**.....Ser.No.....**2410940**<sup>3</sup> (2.25.21) *CL*  
 (b) Rank.....**Pvt.**.....Organization.....**Co. L, 309th Inf.**... TYP.....**978**  
 Cause of death.....**k/a**..... *B.J.*  
 (c) Date of death.....**9/25/18**.....death.....

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

(a) Grave No.....**16**.....Row.....Plot.....**1**.....Sect.....**1**..... TP.....**978**  
 (b) Emerg. Address.....**Mrs. May Werner (Sister) P.O. Station, D. Brooklyn N.Y.**.....

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases.....**CKR**.....*B.J.*

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.....  
 (letter of transmittal on.....192.....

*Par. 2 Not to be returned.*

*FEB 18 1921*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J.....**MAR 16 1921**.....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.....**6-30**.....192.....

COUNTRY  
G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
August , 1920

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

S/666/LML

FRANCE MAR 12 1921 *4.1* 1233

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #33305

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COMER, John Ser. No. 2410940 (2-25-21) ✓
(b) Rank PVT. Organization Co. L, 309th Inf. TYP. evs
(c) Date of death 9/26/18 (d) Cause of death k/a CKR. B.T.

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

(a) Grave No. 16 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 1 TYP. evs
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. May Werner (Sister) P.O. Station, D. Brooklyn N.Y. (over)

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. B.T.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name May Werner (b) Relationship sister
(c) Address 284 Ralph Ave, Brooklyn, N.Y.
(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. see companion
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials MH Date 2-2-21, 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 MH Date 2-2-21, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes. S.M.

Examiner's Initials S.M. Date 2-3-1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1233 SHEET No. 673

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CARDED

JUN 30 1921

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

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

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

MAR 18 1921

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on FEB 18 1921, 1920

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

ELW

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be \_\_\_\_\_

Body to be shipped to \_\_\_\_\_

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*B.O.W.A.*

*Mr. John Comer (father)*

*284 Ralph Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.*

*(3.10.21) CL J*

*4/16/21 #120 John Comer (father n.k.) 843-8th Ave  
Carnegie Point N.J. requests body remain in Europe  
146-17-21 ELS*

Location Index.....

Discrepancies.....

Name.....

Rank.....

Location Index .....

Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

..... *Accepted*  
A. G. O. Card & Corr. *2-2-21*

Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. .... ✓

Org. ....

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr. ....

Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

Checkers .....

Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. *4.8 W. sent,*

Org. *2-4-21,*

Remarks *to [unclear] [unclear]*

*A.M.B.*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE July 26, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

jw.

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name COMER, John

10. Name

2. No. 2410940

11. No. 2410930

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. I, 309th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Sept. 26th 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 16 Sec. 1

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 1 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None.

18. Cemetery St. Mihiel American

19. Commune or town Thiaucourt

20. Dept. or County M-et-M.

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. # 1233

23. Disinterred (Date) July 26, 1922.

By W. C. Follmer.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name John Comer

Serial No. 2410940

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. I, 309 Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes.

C. T. Brown. Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

Tag on body reads "John Comer 2410930"

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box burlap and U.S. Uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See par 11

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date July 26, 1922. By W. C. Follmer.

31. Casket sealed by W. C. Follmer.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

W. C. Follmer.

AUDITED BY  
202 11-17-23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-29560

32. Designation of body:

Name John COMER Serial No. 2410940

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.L, 309th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel American Ctry #1233, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) July 25, 1922. By W.C. Follmer.

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 *O. E. Davis*  
O. E. Davis, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) July 25, 1922.

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

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 St. Mihiel Amer 12331 Thiaucourt, France.

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Shipping Officer *O. E. Davis*  
O. E. Davis, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred July 26 1922

(Date)

42. Grave No. 3 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block "D" Row 26

G.R.S. Representative *A. E. Dewey*  
A. E. Dewey,  
1st Lt., Q.M.C.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Thieucourt, France,

Date July 26, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF COMER, John

SERIAL NUMBER 2410940<sup>3</sup>

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. L, 309th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) :

From (give complete location):

July 26, 1922

Gr. 16, Sec. 1, Plot 1, Cem. 1233.

By : Group

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Unit

1

3. Reburied (date)

July 26 1922

In (give complete location) Gr 3 Row 26 Bk "D"

Cty 1233

By : Group

Reburial

Unit

Casket & Shipping Case

Nature of reburial

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

Wooden box, burlap, U.S. uniform, badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes

On grave marker? Yes

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

Tag on body reads: John Comer, 2410930

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

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

Left femur, right tibia and fibula fractured.

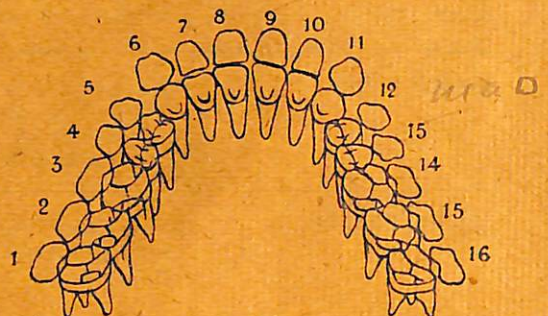
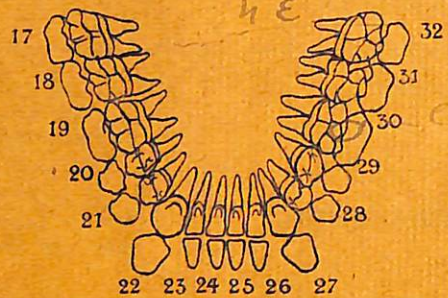


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by

J. B. Follmer

Approved :

O. F. Davis

W. C. Follmer

(Title) O. F. Davis, 1st Lt., U.S.A.

8. Reburial supervised by

H. L. Kramer

Approved :

A. E. Dowsey

H. L. Kramer

(Title)

A. E. Dowsey, 1st Lieut., U.S.A.

## 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.

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

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.