

To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

MAY 14 1926

FULL NAME CONGDON, Hobson R. ✓

RANK Pvt. ✓ SERIAL 1447858 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. C, 137th Inf. ✓

Div-35 ✓

DATE OF DEATH 9-29-18 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Kans* ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED: *none* ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 10-15-21 17 25 D
Date Grave Row Block

Robert O. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

1232 - Meuse-Argonne

By *RVS*
MAY 18 1926

Cemetery

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MAY 15 1926
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Place NEUFCHATEAUDate 26th June 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name CONGDON, Hobson R.Number 1447856Rank Unkn

Organization:

Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

11th June 1919Isolated Grave CHATEL CHEHERY ARDENNES35 SE E 301.6 N 279.5

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

11th June 1919Grave No 14 Sec 103 Plot 1ARGONNE AMER CEMETERY NO 1232BOMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good; buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

No

What other means of identification were found upon the body?

None**CONFIRMED No. D.....**12183

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G. O. 170, G. H. O. 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 SheltonR. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. G. M. G. S. A.

C.O. Group

Unit

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CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Congdon, <i>Con</i>	3	3 ⁰ 5 ⁰ 4
	Hobson B.		
	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE 17	2	17
	ROW 25	2	25
	BLOCK 49	1	4
STATE	Kansas	2	18
RANK	Priv	1	2
DIVISION	35	2	35
ORGANIZATION	137	3	137
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Mrs. Lois A. Congdon <i>Con</i>	3	3 ⁰ 5 ⁰ 4
	STATE Kansas	2	18
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Coffey	2	16
	CITY Burlington	3	XXY
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	2
29/514/PJ	age		82

AUDITED
 JAN 11 1982 (PM)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Congdon Hobson R (MA)

July 9 1932

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Burlington
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

2 Encls.

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

NO
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Lois A Congdon

QM 293 A-M
Congdon, Hobson R. Pvt. (M-A) M

January 14, 1932.

Mrs. Lois A. Congdon,
Burlington,
Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers 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.

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 16, 1931.

Congdon, Hobson R. Pvt. (M-A) M

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? NO

Write answer here

Mrs Lois A Congdon
Sign here

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Congdon, Hobson R. - 1232 M

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. Lois A. Congdon,
Burlington, Kans.

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.

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? NO.
(Write answer here)

Mrs Lois A Congdon
(Sign here)

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

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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 72 Health (Years) (Good) (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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Burlington, Kansas.

July 12, 1929.

Mr. John T. Harris,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 29th in
reference to QM 293 A-C Congdon, Hobson R.

I am the mother of Pvt. Hobson R. Congdon,
Co.C, 137th Inf., whose remains are now interred
in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-
sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

He is not survived by a widow. He was never
married.

Yours very truly,

Mrs Laid A Congdon
Burlington Kansas



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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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.

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QM 293 C-R

October 16, 1923.

Mrs. Lois A. Congdon,
Burlington,
Kansas.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private Hobson R. Congdon, Company C, 137th Infantry, is Grave 17, Row 25, Block D, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagnous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

O.Q.M.G.
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OCT 18 1923
H.R.

R. L. FOSTER
Assistant.

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

2. Soldier's No. 447856

3. CONGDON HOBSON R.
Surname First name and Initial

4. Unknown Unknown Unknown
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Unknown In action
Date of death Cause

Isolated

6. October 11th/18
Date of burial Cemetery

7. EXERMONT ARDENNES
Town or commune Department

8. 1 2
Grave No. Plot No.

9. ~~NAME~~ *Chatel Cheyry (Ardenne)*
Name of Grave: YES
~~(G. R. S.)~~ *SHIT* *RESE* *COORD* *F-301.5*
1-279.4

10. Attached to grave marker? - YES
Identification Tag

11. Sketch NO. 2.

12. 279.3 X 301.5 NE Verdun No. 35
Map Reference

13. Unknown 235
Name of Chaplain

Signed *Arthur L. Smith*
Arthur L. Smith
Group Hdqrs. Unit 305 G.R.S.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

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

JUL 11 1921
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FILE

File No. **83097** Requisition.

From: 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 **CONGDON,**
- b. Christian name **Hobson R. or Hobson Richard**
- c. Serial Number **1447853 or 1447858**
- d. Organization **Co. C, 137th Inf.**
- e. Rank **Pvt.**
- f. Date of death **Sept 29-18**
- g. Cause of death **K/A**
- h. Authority (C.O.#) **506-30**
- i. Emergency address **Lois Congdon Burlington Kansas**
- j. Relationship **mother**

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

Noted on Form 115
Date 7-7-21-A

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CEMETERY NO: **1232-Sec. 103**

SHEET NO: **38**
TYPED BY: **meb**

S/713/MLL

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*
H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut., O.M.G.

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Donnelly Ref Rg 815 6-29-21

WAR. DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
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G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-O
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- 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
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Noted on Form 115
Date 7-7-21-A

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CEMETERY NO: 1232-Sec. 103

SHEET NO: 38

TYPED BY: mob

S/713/LML

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

BY:

H. J. Conner

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

Recd. War. Dept.
Date

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Office of the Government of the Army
Washington

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G.R.S. FORM #105 - Reply to Casualty Div., A.G.O.

WAR DEPARTMENT
The Office of Director Purchase & Storage.
Washington, D.C. Sept. 25, 1919.

MEMORANDUM TO: Casualty Division, Adjutant General's Office,
6th & B Streets, n.w., Washington, D.C.

Attached papers are returned with the information that the
files of the Graves Registration Service show that: Gongdon, Hobson, R.
Private. #1447853, Co. C., 137th Infantry.

~~IS buried~~ was disinterred and reburied in Grave #14, Sect. #103,
Plot #1, Argonne American Cemetery, #1232, Somagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

By authority of the Quartermaster General,
Director of Purchase and Storage

Charles C. Pierce,
Colonel, Q.M.C.
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

G.R.S. FILE NO.
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SYNOPSIS OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND INDORSED OUT.

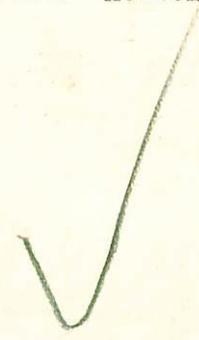
DATED: April 26, 1919.

DATE RECEIVED IN Sept. 24, 1919.

FROM: Homer Hoch, House of Representatives, Washington.

TO: Adjutant General, War Department, Washington.

Information is desired of the fate of ~~the~~ private Hobson R.
Congdon.



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A. G. O. 201 (Gongdon, Hobson Richard) CD. 2nd. Ind.
War Department, June 4, 1919.

To The Commanding General, American Expeditionary Force, for
date and cause of death of this soldier if available.

By order of the Secretary of War.

MR-LW.

Received
A. G. O.
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Adjutant General.



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By order of the Secretary of War.

Date and place of death of this soldier is as follows:
In the commanding General's American Expeditionary Force, 1st

Inf. Regiment, June 8, 1918.

A. C. O. 301 (Command, Horse Artillery) CD. and Inc.

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201. (Congdon, Hobson R.)

1st. Ind.

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Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. #902, A.E.F. May 23, 1919.
To: Chief of Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. #717.

1. The records of this office show soldier in question wounded in action severe, September 28, 1918, and later reported buried, date and cause of death unknown.
2. Information is desired as to location of this soldier's grave.

H. M. NELLY,
Adjutant General.

2nd Ind.

ACL/IBH.

Chief, Graves Registration Service, Hq. S.O.S., A.E.F., June 18, 1919.
To: Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. 902., A.E.F.

Returned. Records of this office show Pvt. Hobson R. Congdon, #1447856, Co. "C", 137th Infantry to have been buried ~~in~~ October 11, 1918 in Grave #1, Plot #2, Commune of Chatel-Chehery, Department Ardennes. Grave is marked by name peg to which is attached one identification tag. Grave location was furnished by Chaplain R.H. Woelfel, 117th Engineers.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.
Chief, G.R.S.



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1st Ind.

A. G. O., 201 (Congdon, Hobson Richard) CD
War Department, May 15th, 1919.

To the Commanding General, American Expeditionary Force,
for report by courier, details as to death and place of burial
of the above named; reported buried, date and cause of death
to be determined.

(506-9 Subp 30-11 Ref to OCG 2A Received April 15, 1919)

By order of the Secretary of War:

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Received
A. G. O.
JUN 15 1919
G. H. Q. A. E. F.

Adjutant General.

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O. C. G. A. E. F.

COPY.

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Burlington, Kansas, U.S.A.

April 28, 1919.

Central Records Office,
A. E. F.

Dear Sirs,

Pvt. Hobson R. Congdon, #1447856, Co. "C" 137th Infantry, 35th Division was last heard of September 21, 1918. No letters written after that date have been received.

About the 9th December 1918 an official notice from the War Department stating that he was severely wounded about October 2, 1918 was received. On January 21, 1919 another official report was received stating that he had been a patient in a hospital but was returned to duty about October 20, 1918. Letters from Co. C. boys show that he was not returned there. On April 18, 1919 a third report from Washington was received, which stated that he had died, date and cause of death to be determined.

In the Casualty List given in our State papers, he was listed as having died from accident.

That is the extent of our information, which we feel to be insufficient. If your records show any additional information or you are able to obtain any more, we should feel deeply grateful to be informed of such as quickly as possible.

Yours truly,

(signed) Mrs L.A. Congdon.

Burlington, Kansas, U.S.A.

Congdon,

(Surname.)

Hobson ^{R.} ~~Richard~~

(Christian name in full.)

1,447,858

(Army serial number)

Pvt

Co C 137 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Lois A. Congdon

Burlington, Kansas.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

drawn by ~~W.H.~~
1232 - 2/103 - 38
5-27-21

checked
H.S. 28, 21

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #83097 (7-5-21)H
1447858

(a) Name CONGDON, Hobson R. Ser. No. 1447853

(b) Rank pvt. Organization Co. C, 137th Inf.

(c) Date of death Sept. 29, 1918 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DA

CKR. [Signature]

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

(a) Grave No. 14 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 103 TYP. DMA

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Lois A. Congdon (mother) Burlington, Kans.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. [Signature]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name Mrs. Lois A. Congdon (b) Relationship Mother

(c) Address Burlington, Kansas

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. -

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

Examiner's Initials MH

Date

5/27, 1921

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

....., dated

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

Examiner's Initials

Date

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

Feb. 4/28/19 - Mrs. L. A. Congdon (mother) Burlington, Kansas
No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials MH

Date

5/27, 1921

COUNTRY

FRANCE

CEMETERY No.

1232-Sec.103

SHEET No.

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on JUN - 9 1921, 192

Sec. 103.

Par. 2 Not To Be Returned (EEL)

IX.

REMARKS

WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 15, 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 CONGDON, Hobson R.

10. Name _____

2. No. 1447858

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. C. 137th Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. Sept. 28th.

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. NIA Ser.

(b) D.B. No discrepancies.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 14 Sec. 103

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 1 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. No discrepancies.

18. Cemetery Argonne Amer.

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon.

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232-Sec. 103

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 15, 1921.

By Martin Styles

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Hobson R. Congdon

Serial No. 1447858

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. C, 137 Inf.

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

Clarence J. Hughes
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
Clarence J. Hughes



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 peg over body reads, "Hobson R. Congdon 1447858". No effects or other means of identification found. Body in grave 15 identified by tag on body.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Uniform, burlap, blanket, Wooden box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 15, 1921 By Martin Styles

31. Casket sealed by Martin Styles

AUDITED BY _____ Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Martin Styles
Martin Styles.

222 5-4-23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-5714

32. Designation of body:

Name CONGDON, Hobson R. Serial No. 1447858

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C. 137th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne American, #1232-Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 15, 1921. By Martin Styles

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 F. B. Daniel, Capt. QMC.

36. Remarks

None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 15, 1921.

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne

Convoyer W. J. Boyed. Signature Shipping Officer Albert M. Jackson
(Name) Captain, C.A.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date Sept 15, 1921

G.R.S. Representative Alfred M. Moynihan

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Oct 15th 1921

(Date)

42. Grave No. Gr 17 block D row 25 Section

43. Plot Row

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

Jjt.

Place Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 15, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF CONGDON, Hobson R. SERIAL NUMBER 1447858

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C, 137th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 15, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr. 14, Sec. 103, Pt. 1

By: Group 8 Unit Sec. 2.

3. Reburied (date): Oct 15th 1921 In (give complete location): Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 17 block D row 25

By: Group re-burial 8 Unit S Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

Uniform, burlap, blanket and wooden box.

Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Body in Gr. 15 identified by tag on body.

Tag on peg over body, reads, "Hobson R. Congdon 1447858". No effects

or other means of identification found.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? 9 gold filling.

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine. 14-19-30 Met. Fill. 17 partly erupted. 9 overlaps 8

(b) Weight (estimated) do 22 MAD

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

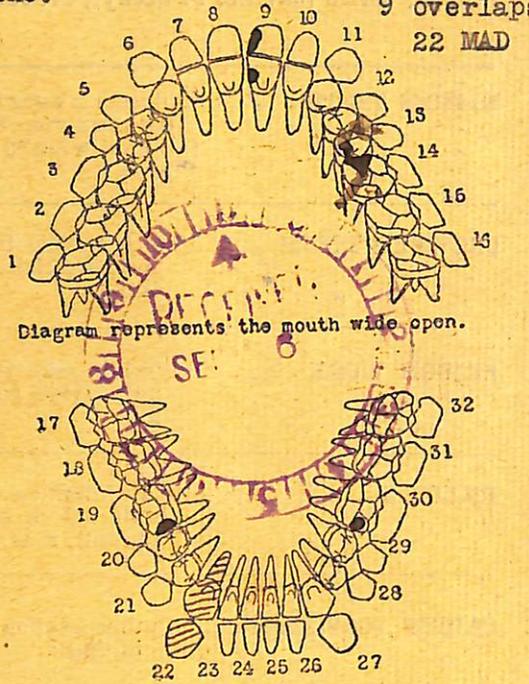
Location do

Quantity do

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

missing parts) do

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None



7. Disinterment supervised by Martin Styles Approved: F. B. Daniels
Martin Styles F. B. Daniels,
(Title) Captain, QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Shields Approved: James W. Younger
W. B. Shields James W. Younger, Capt QMC
(Title)

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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.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #83097 (7-5-21) H

(a) Name CONGDON, Hobson R. Ser. No. 1447858
OK (7-5-21) H 1447855 } TYP. DA
 (b) Rank _____ Organization Co. C, 137th Inf.
 (c) Date of death pvt. (7-5-21) H Sept. 29, 1918 (d) Cause of death _____ } OKB
K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 14 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 103 TYP. IMA
 (b) Emerg. Address OK A. G. O. (7-5-21) H Mrs. Lois A. Congdon (mother) Burlington, Kans.

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

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
Sec. 103 { letter of transmittal on JUN - 9 1921, 192
Par. 2 Not To Be Returned (EES)

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.

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. _____, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

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

Date Sept. 18, 1919.

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

NAME Congdon, Hobson R.

Serial Number 1447853

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. C, 137th. Inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY	
		Yes	
1.	Do particulars of soldier: given above agree with Records?	Yes	✓
2.	Date of Death.		
3.	Cause and place of death.		
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.		
5.	Date buried.		
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.		Reburied: Grave #14, Sec. #103 Plot #1 Argonne American Cemetery, #1232 Romagne, Meuse. ✓
7.	Who reported burial?		
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?		
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.		
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?		
11.	Complete Emergency Address?		
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)		
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)		
14.	What is the Photograph No.?		
15.	Inquiry made by?		

Released by Information Control
 Dept.
 Directory
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 Cards 4 x 6

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

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

FILE NUMBER

83097

FROM:-

DATE:

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Congdon, Hobson R

NUMBER 1447856

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION C. 137 inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① yes
2.	Date of Death.	① 10-11-18 ✓
3.	Cause and place of death.	② Not given
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	③ 506 + p. 30
5.	Date buried.	④ 10-11-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑤ comm. #246 enr. #1 Pl. #2 Comm. Chateau - Chechery, Ardennes 35 SE. E. 301.5 - N 279.4
7.	Who reported burial.	⑥ R. H. W. L. F. E. L. Chap. 117 Engineer
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑦ yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑧ n. pag.
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑨ one on grave marker
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑩ Mrs. Lois A. Congdon (mother)
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑪ Burlington, Kansas
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑫ Geo 5-12-19
14.	What is the Photograph No. ?	

N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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Coordinate

Headquarters Company "E"
117th Engineer Regiment.

October 23rd, 1918.

Chief of Graves Registration Service,
American Exped. Forces, France.

1. The following man was found in the "Bois de Montrebeau" near the town of Exermont, and buried by this organization. The soldier was buried at a point co-ordinated on map, "Foret d' Argonne No. 195" - X = 301.8 - Y = 79.3 on October 12th, 1918. Attached sketch shows exact location. Grave was marked with a cross, one identification tag being nailed on cross. No tag was buried with soldier.

(Private Hobson R. Congdon
Company "C" 137th Infantry.)

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CONGDON, HOBSON R.

Graves

COORD. N. 301.8
E. 79.3
CHATEL-CHERRY
MAP. 35 S.E.
E 501.8
N 279.3

R. H. Woelfel
R H Woelfel,
Captain USA 117th Engineers.

COM-C246 CHATEL-CHERRY.
MAP. 35 S.E. (ARDENNES)
E 501.8
N 279.3
R. B. SK. #66

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