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G.R.S. Form #114 B

To The A. G. O.

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APR 27 1926

DATE March 21, 1922.

1. NAME CONOVER, Charles C. SERIAL No. 1453217  
 RANK Cpl ORGANIZATION Co. I, 138th Inf  
 GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Cty., Vaubecourt-Meuse DIVISION 35  
 CTY. NAME NUMBER  
102 sec E 2  
 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Not known  
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.  
 COORDINATES Nothing of record  
 CONCENTRATED TO Not known  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Oct 7, 1918  
 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Mo  
 MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Nothing of record  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY  
Corps, 2-5-18  
Reduced to Pvt., 9-22-18

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Wm Clive **Wm M. CLINE**  
**Captain Q.M.C.**  
 rhj

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION March 21, 1922. 13 9 C  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
 Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse).

AUDITED BY M.M.C.  
 2-2-23  
 Major General,  
 The Adjutant General  
 By CLK  
 MAY 3 1926

AG.O.  
 APR 30 1926  
 WORLD WAR DIV.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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



# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Conover, 1453217, Charles O.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt., (Org. Unknown)  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 8/18

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

Bar-le-duc 51 NE 1/50,000 Lambert

Projection North 241.1 East 308.4

GRAVE NUMBER Sec II 102

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle? with body

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: Sam Hardeman  
Sam Hardeman, 1st. Lieut., USA  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Conover, Charles E.	3	3-5-04
	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE 13	2	13
	ROW 9	2	09
	BLOCK C	1	3
STATE	MO	2	29
RANK	Pvt.	1	2
DIVISION	35	2	35
ORGANIZATION	138	3	138
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARTIAL	(Sister) No	1	2
NAME	Conover	3	
RESIDENCE	Miss Emily Dr. P. 70 Whitaker & Co. N.E. Cor. 4th & Olive St. St. Louis, Mo.	3	
	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Sm Dead Mother	1	1
OTHER	No Loco	1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	dead	1	

**AUDITED**  
APR 21 1932  
RS

MR. N. 29/514/PJ.

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Conover, Charles C. Cpl. Co. I, 138th Inf. Mo.

Date of mother's death. *type 1918*

~~SM?~~

Loco?

Single

Seebode

} no rec

father died

Dec. 1918

1st born 12-12-90  
ml 4-30-17

ins to 2 - born 3-29-82

Emily N. Conover  
90 Whitaker + Co - 4 + Olive st  
St. Louis mo

QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Charles G. 1232 S

July 18, 1930.

Miss Emily de Peyster Conover,  
316 Laurel Street,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 12, with enclosure, relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Charles G. Conover under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

This Act provides pilgrimages only for mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. The only provision under which anyone other than the mothers and widows could be considered for this privilege is contained in Section 4 (a) of the Act which was amended May 15, 1930, to read in part as follows: "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine becoming eighteen years of age."

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Your desire to visit your brother's grave is appreciated, and it is regretted that your request to make the pilgrimage cannot be granted.

The copy of a letter from Mrs. Poston which you enclosed in your letter is returned herewith.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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St. Louis, Mo.  
July 12th, 1930.

Ref. to  
Conover, Charles C. 1232-S

*Charles Conover*  
*1232*

The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

In answer to letter received from A. D. Hughes, Captain Q.M. Corps Assistant dated July 11th, I will try to give reason why not anyone has taken advantage of the wonderful offer that the Government is making to those they think is entitled to make the trip to the grave of their loved one or ones as the case may be.

I was so interested when I first heard of the plan and wrote to see if the Government felt that I could go, as I thought I would come under Section 4(a) In reply I was told that I was not entitled to the trip.

I felt disappointed for while my father was living, still it was on me that the family depended after mother died and I sent a letter to the Government that was written by ~~our~~ the widow of our family physician in which she told just what position I held in my home for many years or until my father's death. My father died, two months after Charles death, Dec. 9th, 1918

I will enclose the copy of Mrs. Poston's letter that she gave me at the ~~the~~ time I sent in the letter, that she sent to Government. Kindly return it to me as I would like to keep it.

I hope you will work out a plan for me to be able to make the trip, I know that a line must be drawn so I only expect what is rightly decided by my (Uncle Sam) for we were always told that he was our best friend and would always work for our interest. I only wish that every home could have the wonderful training that it was our privilege to have, as then there would not be so many people that expect so much that is impossible of our Government. They would be more appreciative of everything.

Please excuse the way that this letter is written but I am laid up from an accident and can only use one hand at present. If I can use my arm by fall I will be lucky and at present must sign all letters with my left hand, also my checks. I am telling you this for you may notice the signatures to last letters and this to be different and wonder why.

Hoping that I have made things clear for you and your records, I remain

Very sincerely

*Emily de Peyster Conover*

Emily de Peyster Conover  
% Whitaker & Co.  
N.E. Cor. 8th & Olive Sts.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

*St Louis Co*



( Home Address  
316 Laurel  
St. Louis, Mo.)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Conover, Charles C. 1232-S

July 8, 1930.

Miss Emily De P. Conover,  
% Whitaker & Co.,  
N. E. Cor. 4th & Olive Sts.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

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?

No.

If so, give her name and address:

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

NO.

If so, give her name and address:

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?

(Half sister)

(~~Emily de Peyster Conover~~  
~~% Whitaker & Co.~~  
~~St. Louis, Mo.~~)

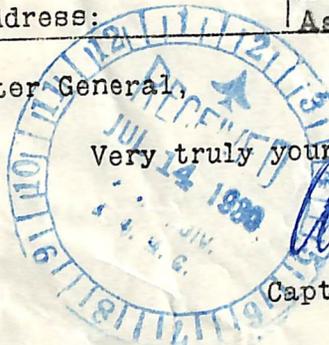
If so, give her name and address:

As I see it, Yes } ---?  
As you see it, No }

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment



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

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QM 293 A-C  
Conover, Charles

August 10, 1929.

Mrs. Mahala E. Poston,  
Bonne Terre,  
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the letter of July 17, 1929, signed by yourself, Mrs. Lucy C. Hitchcock, and Miss Nannie K. Hobbs, relative to the eligibility of Miss Emily De P. Conover to visit the grave of the late Corporal Charles C. Conover, Company I, 138th Infantry, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, France, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

It is noted that Miss Conover claims this privilege under Section 4 (a) of the Act, 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 person can not stand in loco parentis to an adult who is not incapacitated either mentally or physically; that in order for a woman to occupy such a status towards 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. Further, 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."

I find upon investigation that at the time Corporal Conover enlisted in the service, on April 30, 1917, he was twenty-two years of age. In view of the fact that Corporal Conover was more than twenty-one years of age and his father was living, it does not appear that Miss Conover could have stood in loco parentis to this soldier for the year prior to his entry into the service.

I appreciate Miss Conover's desire to visit Corporal Conover's grave and am sorry that her request can not be granted. I am sure, however, you realize from the above that I have 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.

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QM 293 A-C  
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Assistant.

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QM 295 A-C  
Conover, Charles C.

1232  
6-28-29

July 30, 1929

Miss Emily dePeyster Conover,  
S Whitaker & Company,  
4th & Olive Streets,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 10, 1929, making inquiry in connection with the Gold Star Mothers' and Widows' Pilgrimage to Europe.

In connection with certain provisions of the Act which you have questioned, you are advised that in determining eligibility under the phrase "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces" as used in Section 4, the following conclusions have been reached:

- a. A person can not stand in loco parentis to an adult male who is not incapacitated either mentally or physically.
- b. That in order for a woman to occupy such a status towards 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. A person claiming to have occupied this status can not receive the benefits of the Act of March 2, 1929, unless she has occupied the status towards a particular member of the military or naval forces "for the year prior to the announcement of his service in such forces".

In view of the fact that Corporal Conover was 22 years of age at the time of his enlistment on April 30, 1917, and his father was living, you could not have stood in loco parentis to the deceased soldier.

It is therefore regretted to advise that you are not eligible to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your brother.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

E.J. COSTIGAN  
E.G. STOCKTON  
C.L. KRAFT  
CHAS. SCUDDER

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N.E. COR. 4<sup>TH</sup> & OLIVE STS.

ST. LOUIS

July 19<sup>th</sup> 1929

The Quartermaster General

Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

I find enclosed a letter that I will bear out the statement that I made in my letter to you dated July 10<sup>th</sup> 1929. I thought perhaps it would be best for you to have something out side of my own letter to let you know just what position I held in my home for many years. These people really know me and can appreciate just what I have done for my family. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain

Very sincerely

Emily de Peyster Conover

WHITAKER & COMPANY

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121 N. 3rd St. St. Louis

St. Louis



Booneville, Tennessee, Missouri  
July 17, 1929

Quartermaster General  
Washington D. C.  
Cemetery Department

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Dear Sir:—

Knowing that our Government is offering a trip to Europe to the mothers of the sons who fought and died in France in our late war, I am writing in behalf of a dear friend of mine, Miss Emily W. O. Conover, who, tho not a mother, filled the place of mother in her home for many years.

When Miss Conover was just budding into young womanhood her mother died leaving not only herself, but three younger brothers she had to take charge of the home—caring tenderly and

Conover, Emily

lovingly for her father and  
brothers.

The years went by, and  
when the world war came  
on her three brothers enlisted  
and went over seas. Charles,  
the oldest died in France  
from the effects of gas and  
sleeps over there.

I have known Miss Leonore  
all her life and we were  
neighbors for many years in  
my home town, Boone, Ture Mo.

After her father passed on  
the old home was sold  
and Miss Leonore went to St  
Louis Mo to live, and by being  
honest, industrious and persever-  
ing she is now making a  
living and establishing for herself  
a little home - although  
has had a hard struggle.

In conclusion, I want  
to say that if Miss Leonore  
is permitted to take the

trip in question, I feel  
sure that no real mother  
who may happen to take it,  
would be more deserving.  
I am writing from my  
own knowledge of Miss  
Leavers worth.

Respectfully yours

Mahala E. Poston  
Lucy C. Hitchcock  
Nannie K. Hobbs.

JUL 19 1929

I hereby certify that the signatures of Mrs. Mahala E. Poston,  
Mrs. Lucy C. Hitchcock and Miss Nannie K. Hobbs whose addresses are  
Bonne Terre, Missouri are genuine



John H. May  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
St. Louis Mo.

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July 10<sup>th</sup> 1929

1232  
6/28/29

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General  
Washington D. C.

Adm. Serv. Div.  
4/30/29  
Att. Gen. 4/30/29

Dear Sirs:

Your letter addressed to Mr. William H. C. Connor Bonne Terre, Mo. was forwarded to my address here. My father died Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1918 just a month from the time we received the telegram telling of the death of Chas. C. Connor on Oct 7-1918 in France. How glad and happy I know he would be if he had only lived to receive this letter because he used to always say to us children "Just remember your Uncle Sam is the best friend you have" How he would have appreciated having had this opportunity but

I know he would be a success for  
his daughter to make this trip in  
his place if it was possible for him  
to express himself.  
As my place in the home was to  
take after the three boys I my stepmother  
& my father for about fifteen years  
and take a mother's place after her  
death I believe you may agree with me  
when I say that I stood in loco parentis  
to the decedent. This boy rather making  
out his knowledge to me make and  
made this statement. "I am much to  
lay down my life for me who has been  
so neglected and so hard. It had to be  
and by making out my knowledge to  
you I will feel content to know that  
should I say that you must have a  
my own your head and enough to live  
on myself you can get a start in life.  
With this knowledge that I possess I feel  
I have need at just as he succeeded me  
to and more I have after seven years  
with this from gotten a start just as I

knew he wanted me to do.  
I would like very much to make

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E. J. COSTIGAN  
E. G. STOCKTON  
C. L. KRAFT  
CHAS. SCUDDER

This trip if you think that I am entitled  
to it. After rearing three boys until they  
all three entered the service of the Govt.  
and nursing ten years <sup>of father</sup> my step mother  
who were ill during this time, and taking  
care of the home in general until at  
the close of the war I was unable to  
even help myself for about a year or more.  
Now the other two boys are married and  
I am alone making my own way  
selling for the above firm.

My! What a wonderful opportunity + honor  
to help a trip as the guest of the Govt. would be  
Every one who should go ought to feel  
more than grateful the rest of their days.  
Kindly tell me just what you would  
want me to do. Chas. C. Connor was my  
half brother and his mother + my mother  
were sisters but we had the same father  
Awaiting your reply I remain Sincerely  
Emily de Peyster Connor



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

(Conover, Charles C.)

June 28, 1929.

Mr. William H. C. Conover,  
Bonne Terre, Missouri.

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".

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Corporal Charles C. Conover, Co. I, 138th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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A. D. HUGHES,  
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Receipt is acknowledged of the letter of July 17, 1929, signed by yourself, Mrs. Lucy C. Hitchcock, and Miss Nannie K. Hobbs, relative to the eligibility of Miss Emily De P. Conover to visit the grave of the late Corporal Charles C. Conover, Company I, 138th Infantry, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, France, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

It is noted that Miss Conover claims this privilege under Section 4(a) of the Act, 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 person can not stand in loco parentis to an adult who is not incapacitated either mentally or physically; that in order for a woman to occupy such a status towards 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. Further, 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."

I find upon investigation that at the time Corporal Conover enlisted in the service, on April 30, 1917, he was twenty-two years of age. In view of the fact that Corporal Conover was more than twenty-one years of age and his father was living, it does not appear that Miss Conover could have stood in loco parentis to this soldier for the year prior to his entry into the service.

I appreciate Miss Conover's desire to visit Corporal Conover's grave and am sorry that her request can not be granted. I am sure, however, you realize from the above that I have 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.

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QM 293 A-C  
Conover, Charles C.

July 30, 1929

Miss Emily dePeyster Conover,  
Whitaker & Company,  
4th & Olive Streets,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 10, 1929, making inquiry in connection with the Gold Star Mothers' and Widows' Pilgrimage to Europe.

In connection with certain provisions of the Act which you have questioned, you are advised that in determining eligibility under the phrase "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for the year prior to the commencement of his service in such forces" as used in Section 4, the following conclusions have been reached:

- a. A person can not stand in loco parentis to an adult male who is not incapacitated either mentally or physically.
- b. That in order for a woman to occupy such a status towards 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. A person claiming to have occupied this status can not receive the benefits of the Act of March 2, 1929, unless she has occupied the status towards a particular member of the military or naval forces "for the year prior to the announcement of his service in such forces".

In view of the fact that Corporal Conover was 22 years of age at the time of his enlistment on April 30, 1917, and his father was living, you could not have stood in loco parentis to the deceased soldier.

It is therefore regretted to advise that you are not eligible to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your brother.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

ESH/bb

C. Q. M. G. M. & R. IV.

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DISP.

See Conover

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

(Conover, Charles C.)

June , 1929.

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Mr. William H. C. Conover,  
Bonne Terre, Missouri.

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".

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late

Corporal Charles C. Conover, Co. I, 138th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Conover

(Surname.)

Charles C

(Christian name in full.)

1,453,217

(Army serial number)

Corp

Co I 138th 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)

*Emily D. Conover*

*2912-2 1/2*

*Galveston*

*Texas*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by - 6689

677 - 46

1-26-21

From  
677-46  
1-26-21

In reply refer to:  
293.8 C-R

#35336

March 3, 1923.

Mr. William H. C. Conover,  
Bonnie Terre, Mo.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that  
the permanent grave of

the late Corporal Charles C. Conover, Company I,  
138th Infantry, is Grave 13, Row 9, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American  
Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of 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, organization, date of soldier's death and State  
from which he came. The 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.

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were  
exercised and more than willingly accorded by those performing this  
sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually main-  
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting  
place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

MAILED

MAR 5 1923

G.R.S.

*[Handwritten initials]*

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 12, 1921

1. REMAINS OF Conover, Charles C. SERIAL NUMBER 1453217

RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. I, 138th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 12, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 102,

Sec. E, Pt. 2, Cty. 677

By: Group 1 Unit F.S.3.

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

Mch 21, 1922, Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, gr 13, bl C, row 9

By: Group Reburial S Unit  Nature of reburial lined casket

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

Blanket, hospital shroud, under cross.

Badly decomposed. Recognition impossible.

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

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

Bottle record reads, Conover, 1453217, Charles O., Organization Unknown."

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? ~~1,2,6,7,8,16~~

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.

1,2,6,7,8,16, MAD  
13,15, MBD 4 Decay

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp to det.

(c) Hair—Color Imp to det.

Quantity Imp to det.

Characteristics Imp to det.

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location None visible

Quantity Bone visible

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

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

None visible

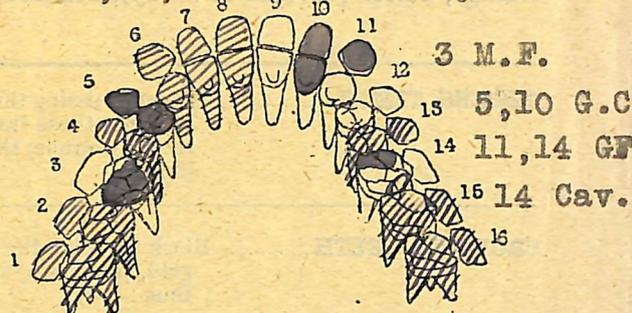
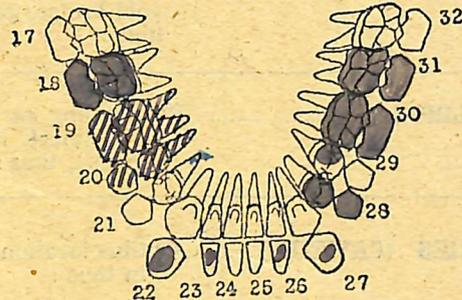


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.

18,28,30,31, G.F. 19 MBD



20 MAD 22,23,26,27,29 G.F.

7. Disinterment supervised by T.P. Madine

Approved: J.P. Glandon  
(Title) Capt., Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by W.B. Sheild

Approved: A.E. Dewey  
(Title) 1st Lt, QMC.

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".  
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), 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.

**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:



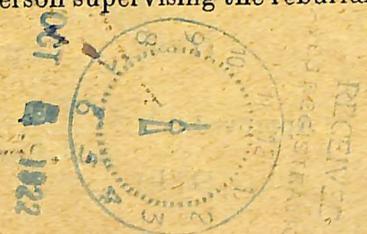
**CARIES (CAVITIES)** ..... Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



**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.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 12, 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 CONOVER, Charles C  
 2. No. 1453217  
 3. Rank Cpl  
 4. Org. Co. I, 138th Inf  
 5. D.D. Oct. 7, 1918  
 6. C.D. Died of Lobar Pneumonia

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. See Par. 26.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 102 Sec. E  
 8. Plot 2 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. None

18. Cemetery Amer. Cty.  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 677

19. Commune or town Vaubecourt  
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 12, 1921

By T. P. Madine.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Charles E. Conover  
 Rank Cpl.

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization Co. I, 138th Inf.

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

Signature Donald St...  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 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).

B.R. reads "Conover, 1453217, Charles C. (organization unknown.)"

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Blanket, Hosp. shroud, under cross.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See Par. 26.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 12, 1921 By T.P. Madine.

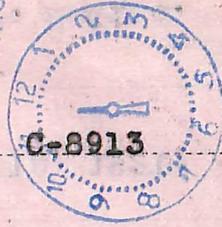
31. Casket sealed by T. P. Madine.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) T.P. Madine.  
T.P. Madine

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No.

C-8913

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32. Designation of body:

33. Name CONOVER, Charles C

Serial No. 1453217

34. Rank Cpl

Organization Co. I, 138th Inf

35. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232

36. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 12, 1921

By T.P. Madine.

37. 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 J. P. Glandon, Capt. QMC.

38. Remarks None.

39. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 12, 1921.

To point of Concentration Meuse Argonne Cem. Romagne sous Montfaucon, Me

(Name)

Convoyer Robert Cronin.

Signature Shipping Officer J. P. Glandon,

Capt. QMC.

40. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct 13-21.

By G.R.S. Representative B.L. Maloney, Capt., QMC

41. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov 9th 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Romagne

(Name)

Convoyer James James

Signature Shipping Officer 1st. Howe

42. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

43. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, Mch 21, 1922

(Date)

44. Grave No. 13

Section

45. Plot Block C

Row 9

G.R.S. Representative A.E. Dewey

A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt, QMC.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 33336

14/6/21 Exhumed  
for concentration  
in Musée Argonne,  
#1232.  
12-29-21  
285

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CONOVER, Charles C. Ser. No. 1453217  
(b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. I, 138th Inf.  
(c) Date of death 10-7-18 (d) Cause of death Lobar pneumonia

TYP. DB  
CKR. [Signature]

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

(a) Grave No. 102 Row - Plot 2 Sec. E TYP. DB  
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. William H.C. Conover, (Father) Bonne Terre,  
Mo. no.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. [Signature]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD: ok card 3/2/21 e Date of receipt -

(a) Name Emily D. Conover (b) Relationship Sister  
(c) Address 2912 - 2 1/2 St. Galveston, Tex.  
(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 bbR Date 1-26-, 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 bbR Date 1-26-, 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 1-27-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 677

SHEET No. 46

Make Form No. 114

G. R. S. Form No. 115  
Amended April 6, 1920

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FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

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Checked  
2-5-21

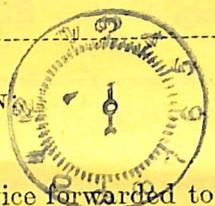
VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

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

VIII. FINAL ACTION

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on **FEB 5 1921**, 1920

GENERAL DIVISION



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Central Division  
Organized Project Sub-Section

Par. 2 Not to be returned. (L.S.)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*B.A.N.P. - Miss Emily D. Conover (sister)  
Bonne Terre, Missouri  
3-5-21C*

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

*Please  
rush!*

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

*C-72133*

Conover, Charles G., Sp1.

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1/31/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

1453217

Co. I, 138th Inf.

Date of death - 10/7/18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

*Copy fwd to Adj. Dept.*

DATE

*3-4-21*

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Miss Emily D. Conover

Sister

Address

Bonne Terre, Missouri.

S/709/LML



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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Conover, 1456217, Charles O.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt., (Org. Unknown)  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct. 8/18

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

Bar-le-duc 51 NE 1/50,000 Lambert

Projection North 241.1 East 308.4

GRAVE NUMBER Sec M 102.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes  
Headboard? Bottle? with body

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:

CMME Vaubecourt (Museum)  
(C/66) HIT 51 NE COORD E-308.4  
M-241.1

22 OCT 1950

REPORTED BY: Sam Hardeman  
Sam Hardeman, 1st Lieut. MC, USA  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

166-740

Communal List No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

Soldier's No. \_\_\_\_\_

33336

Name Conever

Chas. O.

Rank Pvt. Co. \_\_\_\_\_

Regt.)

(Corps)

Oct. 7. 18.

D of W

Date of Death

Cause

American

Date of Burial

Cemetery

Vaubecourt

Meuse

Town or Commune

Dept.

Grave No. 102 Plot 2 Sec. M

Tag \_\_\_\_\_ buried with body

Tag \_\_\_\_\_ attached to Cross

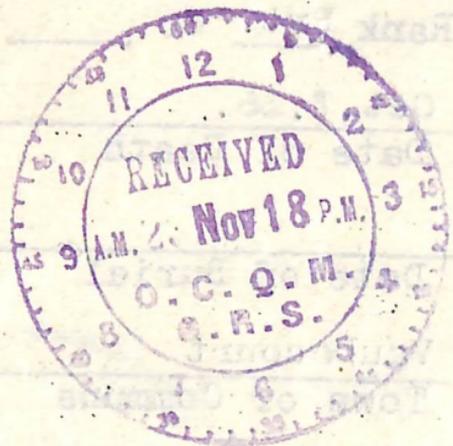
Chaplain S. B. Booth, Evac. Hosp. 9  
Chaplain - Burial Officer (which?)

Q. M. Sgt. S. G.

Signature

Rank

Group 3 Unit 302 G. R. S.



John A. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Group \_\_\_\_\_

Adjustment Made  
APR 26 1921  
23336

WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-6  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 1/31/21.

File No. Requisition.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cometerial 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 **Conover** ✓
- b. Christian name **Charles C.** ✓
- c. Serial Number **1453217** ✓
- d. Organization **Co. I, 138th Inf.** ✓
- e. Rank **Cpl.** ✓
- f. Date of death **10/7/18.** ✓
- g. Cause of death **L. Pneumonia.** ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#) ✓
- i. Emergency address
- 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

*Donnelly and - 709*  
*Cpl - 2 - 1 - 21*

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

C.W.  
CEMETERY NO: 677  
SHEET NO: 46  
TYPED BY: none I.W.

BY: *H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date FEB 1 - 1921

Rec'd S & S Div. A.G.O.  
FEB 1 1921 6

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