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DATE 6/15/22

1. NAME COOPER, Frank H

SERIAL No. 658092

RANK Pvt

ORGANIZATION Co. A. 315th Eng

305

& DIVISION

80th

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Mil. Cty. Ancy le Franc, Yonne

1341

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

39

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

39

ANCY-le-Franc (Yonne)

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES E.232.65 N.114.92

CONCENTRATED TO Not of record

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

Feb 21, 1919

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Penn.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

W.H. Quarterman

W.H. QUARTERMAN, CAPT. F.A., Supervisor Area No. 4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

6/15/22

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Block A.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

XXXXX

St. Mihiel American Cemetery #1233. Thiaucourt. M-et-M.

Robert G. Davis,

CEMETERY

Major General

The Adjutant General

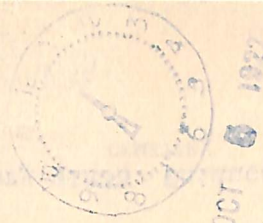
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World War Div.

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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 16, 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

Cooper, 658092 Frank H.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Co. A. 305th Engineers
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. February 22nd, 1919.

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

American Cemetery,
Ancy-le-Franc, Yonne.

GRAVE NUMBER. 39

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?
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:

Arthur H. Jones Senior Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l. 30th Div. Q., A. E. F.

LOCO PARENTES

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	COOPER	3	3 8 5
	Frank H.		
	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
BURIED	GRAVE 19	2	19
	ROW 5	2	05
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	Penn	2	44
RANK	Pat	1	2
DIVISION	80	2	80
ORGANIZATION	305	3	305
ARM	Engns	1	4
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Williams	3	12 9 2
	Mrs Della		
RESIDENCE	905 Tremont Street		
	STATE Tenn	2	48
	COUNTY Hamilton	2	33
	CITY N. Chattanooga	3	006
RELATION	Loco Parentis	1	4
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	No	1	2
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	(Ent. June 4, 1918 Age at Ent. 21 9/12 yob.)	1	

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QM 293 A-M
Cooper, Frank H. (STM)

September 20, 1932

Mrs. Della Williams,
905 Tremont Street,
N. Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 13th, furnishing information requested in connection with your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Private Frank H. Cooper, under the loco parentis clause of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended.

It appears from the facts submitted that you may be eligible to make a pilgrimage, however, in order to satisfy the legal requirements, it will be necessary for you to furnish affidavits of at least two persons not related to you. For your convenience there are enclosed forms which it is requested you have completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined.

It is further requested that with the affidavits you furnish a statement as to whether your mother and brother were entirely dependent on you during the time they made their home with you, or whether your mother had an income of her own to provide in full or in part for their expenses.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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DR. G. VICTOR WILLIAMS

SUITE 915-916 JAMES BUILDING
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

QM 293 AM
Cooper, Frank H. (St M)

Sept. 13, 1932.

Capt. Dietz,
Wash, D. C.

Dear Captain:

In answer to your letter of Sept. 2,
will answer your questions as follows.

My father died Aug. 11, 1906

My mother died Sept, 22, 1916

When I married Dr. G. Victor Williams in 1907, my
brother and widowed mother came to live with me and
we provided food, shelter and clothing for him
until 1912 when she married the second time and he
went to live with her. When she died 4 years later
he came back to live with my husband and myself.

We never had a stepmother, as my father
died before my mother by 10 years.

Hope I can make this pilgrimage to visit
the grave of my dear brother, who was just on the
threshold of young manhood, when he was called on
lay down his life for his country.

Respectfully Yours,

Mrs. Della Williams
905 Tremont St. N. Chatt. Tenn.

Please change my address as the street has been re-
numbered.



QM 293 AM
Cooper, Frank H. (St M)

September 2, 1932

Mrs. Della Williams,
1006 Tremont Street,
N. Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Private Frank H. Cooper, under the loco parentis clause of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It will be appreciated if you would furnish the following information in order to assist this office in determining whether or not you may be eligible to make a pilgrimage:

1. Date of death of your parents.
2. Did you provide your brother with food, clothing and shelter for a period of five years at any time prior to his reaching eighteen years of age?
3. Is your brother survived by a stepmother? If so, please furnish her name and address and the date of her marriage to your father.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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C 174 244 Cooper, Frank H.

Born 8-26-97

and 6-4-18

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date of Mothers death

date of Fathers death

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1006 Trumont st
North Chattanooga
Tenn

C O D E S L I P

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Cooper	3	B 5 5
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	3
	GRAVE	2	
	ROW	2	
	BLOCK	1	
STATE		2	
RANK		1	
DIVISION		2	
ORGANIZATION		3	
ARM		1	
MARITAL	Single	1	2
NAME		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	dead	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
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QM 293 A-M
Cooper, Frank H. Pvt. (STM)

August 15, 1931.

Mrs. Della Williams,
1006 Fremont Street,
N. Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the correspondence from this office relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Private Frank H. Cooper, in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France, under the provisions of Section 4 (a) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, which reads in part "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 18 years of age."

In the event your health has improved and you still desire to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that affidavit form which is enclosed be completed by two persons not related to you and returned to this office, and a decision will be made as to your eligibility to make the trip under the terms of the amendment mentioned above.

In the event you do not desire or do not consider yourself eligible to make the pilgrimage, it is requested you so advise this office in order that the records may be completed. The enclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

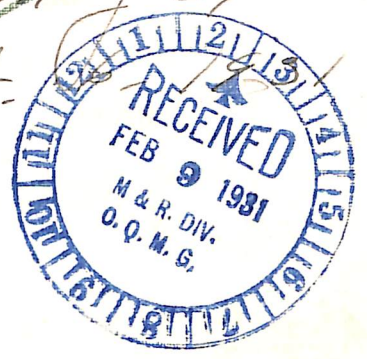
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Confre Frank R. 12332.P. Chattanooga, Tenn.

Ret.



Quartermaster Genl:

Dear sir:

In answer to your letter of Jan 17, will say that Frank R. Confre's mother has been dead many years. She died of a broken heart complicated by severe heart affliction.

Sometime ago you sent a blank to be filled out and now to whereby I might be able to visit Frank's grave in France, as I stand in her of mother. Since receiving this blank I have had an attack of gall stone colic and surgeons said I might have to be operated on in another attack. As I have had chronic stomach trouble for many years and with this complication the

Dr. says I am likely to have an
attack any time and an ocean trip
would not be advisable, even if I was
permitted to go by the government. I
have to stay on a routine diet and
live a more or less routine life.
Supplying this is the information you
require, I am, sincerely,

Mr. Della Cooper Williams
1006 Tremont St.,
N. Chatt. Tenn.

QM 893 A-M
Cooper, Frank H. 1233 LP

January 17, 1931

Mrs. Della Williams,
1006 Tremont Street,
North Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Frank H. Cooper is survived by a natural mother, and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Cooper, Frank H. - 1233 LP

July 28, 1930

Mrs. Della Cooper Williams,
1006 Tremont Street,
North Chattanooga,
Tennessee.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 19, 1930, further in connection with your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Frank H. Cooper, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Under the law, pilgrimages are authorized only for mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. As explained in paragraph three of the letter forwarded to you from this office under date of June 6, 1930, the only provision of the law under which anyone other than the mothers and widows could be considered for this pilgrimage is contained in Section 4 (a) of the Act as amended, which reads in part, "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 18 years of age".

In order to satisfy legal requirements, however, it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship in loco parentis to the late Frank H. Cooper, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you. It is requested that the enclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
2 affidavit forms
16 envelope.

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

Q M - 293 - A-C
Frank H. Cooper
1233 - L.P.

Chattanooga Tenn.
July 19 - 1930
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Mr. G. D. Hughes:

Dear Sir - In answer to your letter of June 6 and say I thought I had told you that Frank Cooper lived in my home from the age of 10 to 15 years. But in looking over the correspondence I find that I mentioned it in my letter to Mr. Ethel Stratten Quirk on May 13. I note you of the latter period of his residence in my home as I always think of that first. I consider that a young boy of 17, 18 and 19 years of age needs a guiding hand more at that period than any other that in the age they often go wrong.

Frank even lived in my home off and on until a year before the war, and if he was out of money when he didn't have a job, I sent it to him, as he was a steady, dependable good boy.

Would like to visit his grave as I have often wondered if I did the

right thing in letting him remain in
Tennessee. Also - have wondered if my mother
would have approved.

Sincerely

Ma. Della Cooper Welham
100 1/2 Tremont St.
N. Chatt, Tenn.

QM 293 A-C

Cooper, Frank H. 1233 LP

June 6, 1930.

Mrs. Dela Cooper Williams
1006 Tremont St.
North Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 22, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, amended on May 15, 1930.

In connection with your statement that the late Frank H. Cooper was 20 years and 9 months of age at the time of the commencement of his service, you are advised that inasmuch as the said deceased veteran gave his age, when entering the service, as 21 years and 9 months, it is noted as such on the records of this office.

Attention is invited to the enclosed copy of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended on May 15, 1930, wherein the provisions of Section 4 (a) have been amended to read 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."

Inasmuch as you stated, under date of May 15th, that you had charge of your brother from the time he was 17½ years of age, it is evident that you are not eligible, under the law, to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Chattanooga, Tenn.
May 22, 1930

Dear Sir -

In writing you recently in
reply to letter about fulgurite to Frank
on account of Frank H. Coffey - 2939-C
1233, well say I failed to make a
correction in your statement. You said
he joined the army volunteered for
service at the age of 21 yrs. and 9 months.
This is a mistake as he was only 20 yrs
and 9 mos. He may have given his age
as 21 in order to get in the service or
else he made a mistake.

Respectfully -

Mr. Della Coffey Williams
1006 Tremont St.
N. Chatt. Tenn.

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Dear Sir:

Reminded
12.33

May - 15 - 1930

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In answer to your letter saying I
was not eligible for the pilgrimage of the
Gold Star Mothers.

I, of course, didn't interpret it the
way you seem to. Does it seem fair
that I was his guardian for from the
age of 17½ on and women who didn't do
as much for their step children should
be allowed their pilgrimage? It seems the
years previous count for nothing - just the
year prior to the war if he was a minor.
Beside being his guardian for a number of
years he also lived in my home from the
age of 10 to 15 years.

Please think this over and see if I
am not right in thinking I am eligible
for their pilgrimage.

I'm leading Frank to Cooper's body in
France & felt I was doing the patriotic
thing but have never felt perfectly satis-
fied about it and have often wished I

I had his body here to visit the grave
as that ^{was} ~~is~~ some consolation.

Thanking you for an early reply. I

Sincerely,

Mr. Della Williams
1006 Fremont St.
N. Chattanooga, Tenn.

QM 293 A-C

Cooper, Frank H. 1233

April 28, 1930.

Mrs. Della Cooper Williams
1006 Fremont Street,
N. Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the form letter dated March 11th, relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private Frank H. Cooper under the provisions of section 4-A of the act of March 2, 1929 which reads in part as follows: " 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."

However, your case does not come within the scope of this proviso as it has been held that within the meaning of the law a person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult unless such adult is mentally or physically incapacitated. No man who was mentally or physically incapacitated was accepted for service in the military or naval forces. Inasmuch as your brother was an adult at the time of the commencement of his service, his age having been 21 years and 9 months, no person could have stood in loco parentis to him for the year prior to his entry into the service. Therefore, you are advised that you are ineligible within the meaning of the law to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cooper, Frank H. 1233

March 11, 1930

Mrs. Della Williams,
1006 Fremont Street,
N. Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the sister of the late Pvt. Frank H. Cooper, Co. A, 305th Eng., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

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2. If so, give her complete address.

3. 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.

*Della Cooper-Williams
1006 Fremont St. N. Chatt.
Sister in law parent
to him. Lived in my
home prior to the war.*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE February 10, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Cooper Frank H	Pvt	658092	Co A 305th Eng	Feb 21 1919

STATE	PENNSYLVANIA	CTY. NO.	1233	GRAVE	19	ROW	5	BLOCK	A
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	<u>Check relationship</u>		<u>Living</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
NAME	MOTHER	<i>No Record</i>	:	:	: <i>S-</i>
AND	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)		:	:	: <i>Mrs Della Williams</i>
ADDRESS	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)		:	:	: <i>1006 Fremont St</i>
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)		:	:	: <i>N. Chattanooga Tenn</i>
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)		:	:	: _____
	<i>Single -</i>		:	:	: _____

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Cooper, Frank H.

May 28, 1929.

Mr. A. J. Cooper,
227 Walnut St.,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

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 brother of the late Private Frank H. Cooper, Co. A, 305th Regt., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Cooper, Frank H. (StM)

September 20, 1932

Mrs. Della Williams,
905 Tremont Street,
N. Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 13th, furnishing information requested in connection with your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Private Frank H. Cooper, under the loco parentis clause of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 AM
Cooper, Frank H. (St M)

September 2, 1932

Mrs. Della Williams,
1006 Tremont Street,
N. Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Private Frank H. Cooper, under the loco parentis clause of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It will be appreciated if you would furnish the following information in order to assist this office in determining whether or not you may be eligible to make a pilgrimage:

1. Date of death of your parents.
2. Did you provide your brother with food, clothing and shelter for a period of five years at any time prior to his reaching eighteen years of age?
3. Is your brother survived by a stepmother? If so, please furnish her name and address and the date of her marriage to your father.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Cooper, Frank H. Pvt. (STM)

August 15, 1931.

Mrs. Della Williams,
1006 Fremont Street,
N. Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the correspondence from this office relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Private Frank H. Cooper, in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France, under the provisions of Section 4 (a) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, which reads in part "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 18 years of age."

In the event your health has improved and you still desire to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that affidavit form which is enclosed be completed by two persons not related to you and returned to this office, and a decision will be made as to your eligibility to make the trip under the terms of the amendment mentioned above.

In the event you do not desire or do not consider yourself eligible to make the pilgrimage, it is requested you so advise this office in order that the records may be completed. The enclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Cooper, Frank H. - 1233 LP

July 28, 1930

Mrs. Della Cooper Williams,
1006 Tremont Street,
North Chattanooga,
Tennessee.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 19, 1930, further in connection with your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Frank H. Cooper, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Under the law, pilgrimages are authorized only for mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. As explained in paragraph three of the letter forwarded to you from this office under date of June 6, 1930, the only provision of the law under which anyone other than the mothers and widows could be considered for this pilgrimage is contained in Section 4 (a) of the Act as amended, which reads in part, "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 18 years of age".

In order to satisfy legal requirements, however, it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship in loco parentis to the late Frank H. Cooper, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you. It is requested that the enclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
2 affidavit forms
16 envelope.

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QM 293 A-C

Cooper, Frank H. 1233 LP

June 6, 1930.

Mrs. Dela Cooper Williams
1006 Tremont St.
North Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 22, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, amended on May 15, 1930.

In connection with your statement that the late Frank H. Cooper was 20 years and 9 months of age at the time of the commencement of his service, you are advised that inasmuch as the said deceased veteran gave his age, when entering the service, as 21 years and 9 months, it is noted as such on the records of this office.

Attention is invited to the enclosed copy of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended on May 15, 1930, wherein the provisions of Section 4 (a) have been amended to read 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."

Inasmuch as you stated, under date of May 15th, that you had charge of your brother from the time he was 17¹/₂ years of age, it is evident that you are not eligible, under the law, to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act-Amend.

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QM 293 A-C

Cooper, Frank H. 1233

April 28, 1930.

Mrs. Della Cooper Williams
1006 Fremont Street,
N. Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the form letter dated March 11th, relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private Frank H. Cooper under the provisions of section 4-A of the act of March 2, 1929 which reads in part as follows: "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."

However, your case does not come within the scope of this proviso as it has been held that within the meaning of the law a person cannot stand in loco parentis to an adult unless such adult is mentally or physically incapacitated. No man who was mentally or physically incapacitated was accepted for service in the military or naval forces. Inasmuch as your brother was an adult at the time of the commencement of his service, his age having been 21 years and 9 months, no person could have stood in loco parentis to him for the year prior to his entry into the service. Therefore, you are advised that you are ineligible within the meaning of the law to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cooper, Frank H. 1255

March 11, 1930

Mrs. Della Williams,
1006 Fremont Street,
W. Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the sister of the late Pvt. Frank H. Cooper, Co. A, 305th Eng., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. 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.

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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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 29, 1929.

Cooper, Frank H.
1233

Mr. A. J. Cooper,
227 Walnut St.,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ^{May 28, 1929} 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

Cooper, Frank H.

May 23, 1929.

Mr. A. J. Cooper,
227 Walnut St.,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

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 brother of the late Private Frank H. Cooper, Co. A, 305th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

QM 293 C-R

Cooper, Frank H.

November 22, 1923.

Mr. A/J. Cooper,
227 Walnut St.,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private Frank H. Cooper, Company A, 305th Engineers, is Grave 19, Row 5, Block A, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thisucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

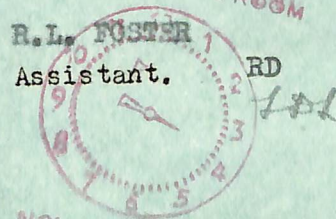
This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed 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.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM

R. L. FOSTER
Assistant.



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B. O. C.

Cooper

(Surname.)

Frank H.

(Christian name in full.)

658,092

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co A 315 Engrs

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Sister & Brother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes

(Yes or no.)

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

Yes at Chatta Tenn

(Yes or no.)

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

Albert J. Cooper Chatta Tenn Chatta Tenn

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

1501 E Main St Chatta Tenn Tennessee

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs E Victor Williams of Cooper

1501 E Main St Chatta Tenn

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

drawn by
RBS

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11-30-20

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 97973

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name **COOPER, Frank** Ser. No. **658092**
(b) Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. A. 315th Engrs.**
(c) Date of death **2-21-19** of death **Broncho Pneumonia**
(d) Cause)
(e) TYP. **EML**
(f) CKR. **85**

*4/28/22 Examined
for Concentration
St. Michel 1203
att 5/21/22*

11. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(a) Grave No. **39** Row **---** Plot **---** Sect. **---**) TYP. **HDP**
(b) Emerg. Address **Mrs. G. Victor Williams (Sister) 1501 E. Main St. Chattanooga Tenn.**

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; **NO CARD**) CKR. **954**

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt **none**

(a) Name **A. J. Cooper** (b) Relationship **Brother**
(c) Address **1501 E. Main St. Chattanooga, Tenn.**
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? **yes**
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at **yes Chattanooga, Tenn.**
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S. **NO**

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

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

Examiner's Initials **FB** Date **5-26-** 1920

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

dated _____, confirmed request in Par. IV. item _____, above, or requesting that

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials **gpb** Date **5/26/** 1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows:

Sister Mrs. G. Williams; Brother, A. J. Cooper, Chattanooga, Tenn. 4/23/20, Request that body be left in France. Canceled same request yes 4/21

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? **yes 4/21**

Examiner's Initials **HIV** Date **5-25-** 1920

*OK 1918
11-20-20*

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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 7/3 1920

Not to be returned (A.B.R)

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE	ACTION TAKEN
Desires body be	CERETERIAL DIVISION DIVISION OF PROJECT SECTION
Body to be shipped to	
	DEC 14 1920 RECEIVED

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Form 120, 6-18-20, from A.J. Cooper, 800 Forest Ave, Chattanooga, Tenn - brother & nearest kin, requests that body remain in Europe - 6-25-20 F.

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.**

DEC 13 1920

C.M.

7-6-26-20

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE

Jan. 4, 1922

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 COOPER, Frank H

10. Name _____

2. No. 658092

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. A. 315th Eng

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. Feb. 21, 19

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. Broncho pneumonia

(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 39 Sec. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot _____ Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. None

18. Cemetery Amer. Mil

19. Commune or town Ancy le Franc

20. Dept. or County Yonne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1341

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan. 4, 1922

By E G Scott

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name COOPER, Frank H.

Serial No. 658092

Rank Pvt

Organization Co. A. 315 Eng.

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

R. H. Saylor
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

R W Saylor

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).

No effects found, form 6a accomplished.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Uniform and pine 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 Jan. 4, 1922 By E G Scott

31. Casket sealed by E G Scott

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) E G Scott

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. G-26077

32. Designation of body:

Name Frank H. COOPER Serial No. 65803E

Rank Pvt Organization Co. A. 315th Eng

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. #1233 Thiaucourt, M. & M.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Jan. 4, 1922 By E G Scott

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 *C J Blake*

C J Blake, Capt. QMC

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Jan. 4, 1922

To point of Concentration Tonnerris, Yonne (Name)

Convoyer _____ 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 Jan. 5, 1922

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel (1233) ~~Tonnerris~~ Thiaucourt M et M (Name)

Convoyer ~~H Plotkin~~ *C. Riley* Signature Shipping Officer *C J Blake*
C J Blake Capt QMC

40. Received: Date 1-9-22

G.R.S. Representative *Blumenthal to H J W*

41. Reinterred: June 15th, 1922. (Date)

42. Grave No. 19 Section _____

43. ~~Plot~~ Block A. Row 5

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

A. E Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.

AUDITED BY

Place Ancy 1e Franc

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 4, 1921

1. REMAINS OF COOPER, Frank H. SERIAL NUMBER 658092
RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. A. 315 Eng.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan. 4, 1922 From (give complete location): Gr. 39
Amer. Cem. No. 1341 Ancy 1e Franc

By : Group 5 Unit 4

3. Reburied (date): June 15th, 1922. In (give complete location): Gr 19. Row 5. Block A.

By : Group Reburial Unit Casket and shipping Case.
Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable. Uniform and pine box.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? yes, corroded On grave marker ? no

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
No effects found.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weigh, (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color None visible.

Quantity None

Characteristics None

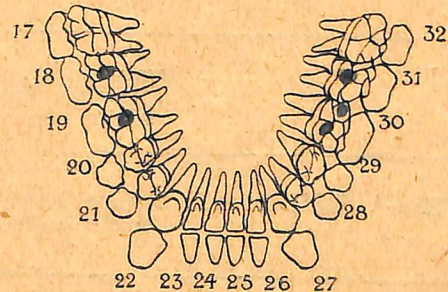
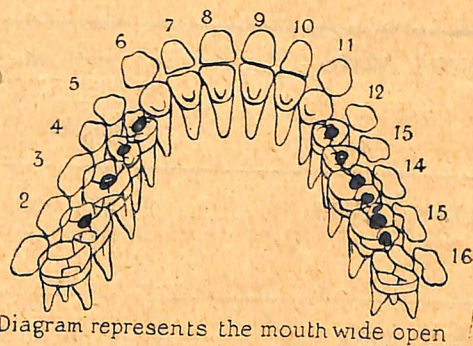
(d) Hair on face—Color None visible.

Location None

Quantity None

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) ST. 2, 3, 4, 21, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 30, 31
None








7. Disinterment supervised by E G Scott Approved: C J Blake
E G Scott RWS (Title) Capt. QMC jsk

8. Reburial supervised by H L Kramer Approved: A B Dewey
H.L. Kramer (Title) A. B. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.

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

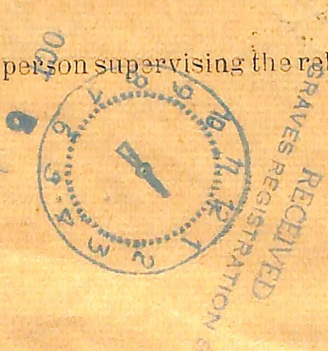
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Questions 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

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.



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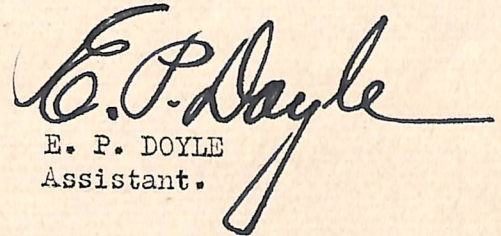
H E A D Q U A R T E R S
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE. C.M.C. IN EUROPE.
Paris, France.

(Date) December 26, 1922.

I CERTIFY that I have this date personally witnessed the destruction
of the headstone formerly over the grave of
COOPER, Frank H. Pvt. 658092, Co. A 305th Engineers.

The following discrepancies were noted: None

Instructions C.M.C. reference disposition of this monument have
been complied with.


E. P. DOYLE
Assistant.

In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R #97973

File

November 3, 1922.

Mr. A. J. Cooper,
227 Walnut Street,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that receipt be acknowledged of your letter of October 31, 1922, giving your permission for the destruction of the monument which formerly marked the grave of the late Private Frank H. Cooper, Company A, 305th Engineers.

The records of this office have been corrected to show that this late soldier was a member of Company A, 305th Engineers, and the necessary instructions have also been issued that the correct inscription be shown on the permanent grave marker.

Report giving the permanent grave location of the deceased has not as yet been received in this office; however, upon receipt of same, you will be advised thereof with the least practicable delay.

Very truly yours,

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E. E. DAVIS,
Executive Assistant, G.R.S.

MAILED

NOV - 4 1922

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293,8 C-R #97973

Cooper, Frank H., Pvt.

1st Ind.

War Department, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C.,
November 3, 1922. - To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service,
Q.M.C. in Europe.

1. Such disposition is authorized of the headstone referred to in
basic communication as will prevent misapplication or desecration of same,
and a report will be submitted of the action taken.

2. Attention is called to the fact that the correct organization of
this late soldier is "Company A, 305th Engineers" and same should be shown
on the grave marker.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

RECORDED

H. J. Conner
H. J. CONNER,
Assistant.



293.8 C-R #97973
Cooper, Frank H., Pvt.

1st Ind.

File

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November 3, 1922. - To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service,
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and a report will be submitted of the action taken.

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this late soldier is "Company A, 305th Engineers" and same should be shown
on the grave marker.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

H. J. CONNER,
Assistant.

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MAILED

NOV - 4 1922

G.R.S.

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
8, AVENUE D'IENA.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE.

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HW:INWA

Recorded, Cemetery Div., O. O.
File 1293.8
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PARIS, France.
September 29th 1922.

File No.293.6

SUBJECT: Disposition of Monument.
TO: The Quartermaster General,
Munitions Building,
Washington, D.C.

305th Engrs

1. The monument over the grave of Pvt. Frank H. Cooper, 658092, Co. A, 305th Engineers, formerly buried in Grave 39, American Cemetery #1341, Ancy-le-Franc (Yonne) has been removed and is now in storage at St. Ouen (Seine).

2. The condition of this monument is such that it cannot withstand shipment to the United States and it is therefore requested this office be advised disposition desired made of this monument.

Cooper, Frank H.

FOR THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE:

R. P. Harbold
R. P. HARBOLD
Assistant.



97973

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
REGISTRATION DIVISION

11 - 7 - 192 22

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co A, 315 Engns
ORGANIZATION (Old)
Cooper, Frank H
(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New) Co. A, 305 Engns.

FILE NO. 97973

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER 65-8092

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS Frank H.

RANK Sgt.

DATE OF DEATH 2-21-19

CAUSE OF DEATH Br. Pneumonia

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

BY: [Signature]

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(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By _____

Chattanooga, Tennessee.
October 31st, 1922.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. C.
File # 293.8 97973

E. E. Davis,,
Executive Asistant, G.R.S.
War Department-
Washington, D.C.

RE: 293.8 C-R #97973

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. regarding disposition of the monument erected over the former grave of my late brother, Private Frank H. Cooper, Co. A, 305th Engineers, at Ancy-le-Franc (Yonne) by the comrades of his company.

It is with regret that I receive your request for destruction of this monument. My principal reason for not having the body returned to the States for final burial, was the fact that the comrades of his Company had erected this monument as I though, to his permanent grave. However, under the circumstances, and at this late date, I think the most appropriate thing to do is to give my permission for its destruction. You therefore, have my permission to authorize destruction of this monument and erect in its stead the regulation head-stone of white marbel with his full name, state from which he came, rank, regiment and division, and date of death cut on the face of the stone.

Cooper,
Frank
OK

I also wish to correct an error in your letter where you refer to his being with the 315th Engineers, whereas, he was with the 305th Engineers, Company "A" 80th Division.

Will you be kind enough to advise me of the exact location of the permanent grave of my late brother?

Yours very truly,

A. J. Cooper

227 Walnut Street,
Chattanooga, Tennessee.



Chattanooga, Tennessee.
October 21st, 1922.

E. R. Davis,
Executive Assistant, G.R.S.
War Department-
Washington, D.C.

RE: 222.8 G-R #2723

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. regarding disposition of the monument erected over the former grave of my late brother, Private Frank H. Cooper, Co. A, 305th Engineers, at Anny-la-France (Yonne) by the comrades of his company.

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I also wish to correct an error in your letter where you refer to his being with the 318th Engineers, whereas, he was with the 305th Engineers, Company "A" 30th Division.

Will you be kind enough to advise me of the exact location of the permanent grave of my late brother?

Yours very truly,

F. J. Cooper
222 Walnut Street,
Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF WAR
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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FRANK H. COOPER,
STATE of Tennessee.

Born August 26th, 1897,
Died February 21, 1919.

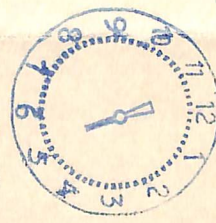
305th Engineers, Company "A"
80th Division.



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FOR VERIFICATION OF

Grave location

(a) original
(b) reburial

Serial number

File number

Organization

Cause of death

Emergency Address

Identification

Rank

Spelling of

(a) first name
(b) last name

Date of

(a) death
(b) burial or reburial

Condition of Body

Burial of Body

Other burials in same vicinity

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etc.

REGISTRATION SECTION
INVESTIGATION SUB-SECTION

Date _____

Time _____

TO INQUIRY SECTION:

Attention of: Supervisor

No action to be taken by this office.

REPLY and 109-a to be returned to Inv. & Adj.

REPLY and return to Inv. & Adj. for investigation.

[Signature]
Examiner

Remarks:
See other side.

In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R #97973

File

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Oct. 20, 1922.

SUBJECT: Disposition of monument.

TO: Mr. A. J. Cooper, 821 Forrest Ave. Chattanooga, Tenn.

1. This office is in receipt of a communication from the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, to the effect that the monument which was over the former grave of the late Private Frank H. Cooper, Co. A, 315th Engineers, in the American Cemetery at Ancy-le-Franc (Yonne), is now being held in storage awaiting instructions as to its final disposition. It is reported that the condition of this headstone is such that it cannot withstand crating and shipping, but if same had been in a condition to warrant shipment, you would have been accorded the privilege of having it returned to you at your expense. However, under the present circumstances, your approval is requested for the destruction of same to prevent misapplication or desecration.

2. The permanent grave of your late brother, will be marked by the regulation headstone of white marble, the inscription to consist of the full name of the soldier with the state from which he came, his rank, regiment and division, also date of death to be cut on the face of the stone.

3. For your reply, kindly use the inclosed envelope, which requires no postage.

For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

J
E. E. DAVIS,
Executive Assistant, G.R.S.

1 incl.
envelope.

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G.R.S.

Referred to 11/15/22

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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May 5, 1920

No. 97973 (Pvt. Frank H. Cooper).
From The Quartermaster General U.S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).
To Mrs. Della Williams, Chattanooga, Tenn., (1501 E. Main St.)
From. Grave Location. Request for permanent burial.

1. In reply to your inquiry of April 23rd, 1920, we beg to say that the records of the Cemeterial Division contain the following information as to grave location of Private Frank H. Cooper, Company A, 315th Engineers, Buried in American Cemetery, Ancy-le-France, Department of Yenne, Grave #39,

2. The grave has been registered and marked for present purposes, pending the adoption of a more permanent monument by the National Fine Arts Commission which now has the matter under consideration.

3. Your instructions for the permanent burial of your brother in France has been noted and your former request has been cancelled. The necessary instructions will be forwarded to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service Q.M.C. in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Colonel U.S. Army
Chief, Cemeterial Division,

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By:
CHARLES J. WYNNE
Captain .M.C.

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE
WASHINGTON

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ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY *4/29/20*

_____ Circumstances of Death
(Par. #2, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Liberty Bonds
(G.R.S. Form 111)

_____ Flowers, Flags, etc.
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ War Risk Insurance
(G.R.S. Form 111)

_____ Monument
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Photographs
(Par. #11, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Discrepancies in Inscription
(Par. #9, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Permanent Burial In
 (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)

_____ Personal Effects
(G.R.S. Form 111)

_____ (b) Other Countries.

_____ Accrued Pay
(G.R.S. Form 111)

_____ Return of Bodies From
 (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)
(Par. #12, Bul. 10-C-W)
 (b) Other countries

_____ Maintenance
(Par. #7, Bul. 10-C-W)

Remarks: *Y.S.*

*note cancellation
of former request*

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NOTE: In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11, and 12, G.R.S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15.

**REVIEWED
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[Signature]

Analysis Clerk.

The East Tennessee Medical Association
DR. G. VICTOR WILLIAMS, SECY.-TREAS.
FOR 1919
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Received -- Ing. Dept
APR 28 1920

April 23 1920

War Department

#97973

Gentlemen:

Some time ago you sent a circular letter with return card on which ^{we} stated that we wanted our brother's body returned from France

Our brother Private Frank H. Cooper, 305 Engineers 80th Div. is buried in Government cemetery at Ancy-le-Francois and on more mature deliberation we have decided that we would prefer that his body be left in France

Mrs. Della Williams, sister
Al J. Cooper, brother.

Brother and sister next of kin.
Father and mother are dead.

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USP SS.

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THE GREAT BRITAIN...
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TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 4/29/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Casper, Frank H.*

Serial Number

RANK *Priv*

ORGANIZATION *305 Engrs 80" Div.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	<i>1-No. Co A-315 Engrs-658092.</i>
2.	Date of Death.	<i>2-2-21-19</i>
3.	Cause and place of death.	<i>3-Broncho Pneumonia</i>
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	<i>4 CC-470</i>
5.	Date buried.	<i>5-2-22-19.</i>
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	<i>6 Grave 39, Amey-chy 1341, Amey-le-France, Yonne- ✓</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	<i>Yonne-</i>
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	<i>10 - yes</i>
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	<i>108 yes</i>
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	<i>11-Mrs G Victor Williams (Sister) 1501 E Main Chattanooga, Tenn</i>
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	<i>12 - no record</i>
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	<i>14-40-41270</i>
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	<i>Released by Information Control Dept. Directory Cards 5x8 Cards 4x6</i>
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	<i>214 Form 16</i>
15.	Inquiry made by?	<i>214 Form 16</i>

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

214 Form 16

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

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FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.
TO: Mr. A. J. Cooper, ^{800 Forest Ave} 1501 E. Main St., Chattanooga, Tenn.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Frank Cooper.

Rush Answer

Change in address

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be not returned to the U.S.

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

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

Noted on Form No. 115

Date 6-25-20

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>None (Never married)</i>		
Soldier's Children	1. _____		
(Name oldest first)	2. <i>(None)</i>		
	3. _____		
Father	<i>(Deceased)</i>		
Mother	<i>(Deceased)</i>		
Brothers	1. <i>A. J. Cooper, 800 Forest Ave, Chattanooga, Tenn</i>		
(Name oldest first)	2. _____		
Sisters	<i>Mrs Della Williams 1501 E. Main St, Chattanooga, Tenn</i>		

Date 6/10/20

Signature *A. Cooper*

Address 800 Forest Ave, Chattanooga, Tenn Relationship Brother

Note: - Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at government expense.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper **MUST** be signed by the person who is the **NEXT** of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. 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.
4. If **YOU** are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If **YOU** are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper **AT ONCE** and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper **AT ONCE** in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cooper, 658092 Frank H.
 (Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)
 Private Co. A. 305th Engineers.
 (Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL February 22nd, 1919.

PLACE OF BURIAL

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

American Cemetery,
 Ancy-le-Franc, Yonne.

GRAVE NUMBER 39

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:

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 OSP SS.

REPORTED BY:
 Arthur H. Brown Senior Chaplain
 (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service. 80th Div.



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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cooper, 658092 Frank H.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private Co. A. 305th Engineers.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pneumonia.

DATE OF BURIAL: February 22nd, 1919.

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

American Cemetery,

Ancy-le-Franc, Yonne.

GRAVE NUMBER: 39.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?

Cross?

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?

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NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

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Arthur H. Brown, Senior Chaplain.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

89th Div.

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

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Mrs. Della Williams,

Chattanooga,

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Office of the Quartermaster General.
Graves Registration Service.
Washington, D.C.

May 5, 1920.

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France,
- ✓(c) Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of: Pvt. Frank H. Cooper,
Co. A 315th Engineers.

Grave Location:

Buried in American Cty.,
Ancy-Le-France.
Yonne, Grave #39

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Request for action checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- ✓(b) Permanent Burial in France.
- ✓(c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave.

has been made by:

Mrs. Della Williams,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

(1201 East Main St)

:By authority of the Quartermaster General:

RS

EWC

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

Chief, Graves Registration Service.