

To The A. G. O.

G.R.S. Form #114 B

FEB 10 1926

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DATE

1. NAME COPE, Laverne G.

SERIAL No. 1387539

RANK Cpl.

ORGANIZATION

Co. F, 131st Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Mil. Vaux/s/Somme,

& DIVISION

Somme

443

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

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GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

28-R-A.P #1. Cty.443. Vaux/s/Somme (Somme)

Form 16.5/27/19.

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES Map.12 SE. East 128.6. North 359.6.

CONCENTRATED TO 5/27/19.

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GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

British Mil.Cty. Vaux /s/Somme (Somme)

443

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Form 16,5/27/19. shows ident.tag buried with body.No other means of identification.

Form 16-A, Oct.19,1920. signed S.D.Campbell,Capt.Inf. shows "No ident.tags found on body or grave marker. "Bill folder found on body reads Hotel Dyckman, Minneapolis Minn. also Corporal chevrons. One of two bodies found under the same cross.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Oct.19,1920.

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443

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

Form 16-A, Oct.19,1920. signed S.D.Campbell,Capt.Inf.

DATE OF DEATH

Aug 9, 1918

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

W.R.BUCKLEY, Capt. QMC.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

none found

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct.20,1922

12

15

Block C.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Somme American Cty.#636, Bony (Aisne)

CEMETERY

Robert C. Davis,  
Major General

The Adjutant General

By

CRZ

FEB 12 1926

FEB 10 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

MAR 24 1926

AUDITED BY  
WS  
3/28/28

## 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

Coke 1387539 L G  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Capt 131st Inf  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 15-8-18

PLACE OF BURIAL Vaux Country

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

Map 62 A  
J 27 C 14

GRAVE NUMBER Row A, No 2230

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross? yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain J. R. Easton  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Place Amiens, France

Date May 27, 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Cope, Laverne ~~X~~

Number: 1387539

Rank: Corporal

Organization: Co. F. 131st Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group            Hq.            Unit 302

Disinterred (Date) 5/27/19 From: (Give complete location)

British Military Cemetery (Vaux-sur-Somme) Grave 28 Row A. Plot 1

Map Ref. 12 SE E128.6 N359.6

Reburied (Date) May 27, 1919 in: (Give complete location)

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British Military Cemetery (Vaux-sur-Somme) Grave 1 Row A. Plot 2

Map Ref. 12SE E128.6 N359.6

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

Buried in burlap body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

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Note: \*

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918, after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

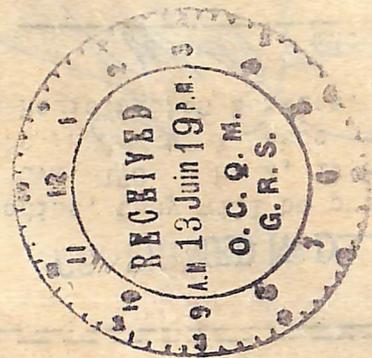
Supervised By: *[Signature]*

Sgt. Sr. Gr.

**CONFIRMED N° D**

C.O. Group            Hq. Unit 302

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

Date 2/8/26

SUBJECT: Information required for Cemeterial Division.

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army, World War Division, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

- a. Surname Cope ✓
- b. Christian name Laverne ✓
- c. Serial number 1387539 ✓
- d. Organization J 131 ✓
- e. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Emergency Address \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Date of death Aug 9, 1918
- h. Authority \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Cause of death K.O.A.
- j. Place of death A.E.F.
- k. Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_
- l. Date of discharge \_\_\_\_\_

BODY DESCRIPTION

- a. Date of enlistment Apr 10, 1917
- b. Age at enlistment 19 yrs
- c. Color of hair Brown
- d. Height 5 ft 9 ins
- e. Weight\* 120 1/2 lbs
- f. Fractures or breaks had had broken arm not inq

✓ DENTAL CHARTS

At Camp none 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      |

By Local Board

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| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| Lower right     | Lower left      |

*John*

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FEB 10 1926  
A. G. O.  
WORLD WAR DIV.

24/552/EYS

For The Quartermaster General:

Robert C. Davis,  
Major General,  
Adjutant General.  
e.r.k.  
FEB 12 1926

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army, War Department, Washington, D.C.  
SUBJECT: Information required for General's Division.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

a. Name of donor \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Christian name \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Serial number \_\_\_\_\_  
d. Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
e. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
f. Emergency Address \_\_\_\_\_  
g. Date of discharge \_\_\_\_\_



BOY DESCRIPTION

1. Color of hair \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Age at enlistment \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Date of enlistment \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL CHANGES

At Camp \_\_\_\_\_  
By Special Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
Upper right \_\_\_\_\_  
Lower right \_\_\_\_\_  
Upper left \_\_\_\_\_  
Lower left \_\_\_\_\_



CODE SLIP



| HEADING      | SUB-HEADING           | NO. OF COLS | CODE |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------|------|
| NAME         | Cope                  | 3           | 356  |
| BURIED       | COP                   | 1           | 5    |
|              | CEMETERY 636          | 2           | 11   |
|              | GRAVE 11              | 2           | 15   |
|              | ROW 15                | 1           | 3    |
|              | BLOCK C               | 2           | 29   |
| STATE        | Missouri              | 1           | 2    |
| RANK         | Cpl                   | 2           | 33   |
| DIVISION     | 33                    | 3           | 131  |
| ORGANIZATION | 131                   | 1           | 1    |
| ARM          | Inf.                  | 1           | 2    |
| MARTIAL      | no                    | 3           | 356  |
| NAME         | Cope                  | 2           | 29   |
|              | COP                   | 2           | 97   |
|              | STATE Mo              | 3           | 052  |
|              | COUNTY St. Louis City | 1           | 1    |
|              | CITY St. Louis        | 1           | 1    |
| RELATION     | Mother                | 1           | 1    |
| OTHER        |                       | 1           |      |
| ELIGIBILITY  | Yes                   | 1           |      |
| NATIVITY     |                       | 1           |      |
| RACE         |                       | 1           |      |
| ENGLISH      | Yes                   | 1           |      |
| ATTENDANT    |                       | 1           |      |
| HEALTH       | Good                  | 1           |      |
| NO. OF SONS  |                       | 1           |      |
| DATE OF TRIP | MO.                   | 1           |      |
|              | YR.                   | 1           |      |
| ACCEPTANCE   | no                    | 1           |      |
| 29/514/PJ.   | Age                   |             |      |

Audited  
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IMMEDIATE ACTION

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M  
Cope Laverne G Som

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

Mrs Leila M Cope  
5611 Enright St  
St Louis Mo

SPECIAL

October 13, 1932

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space No, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933, and sign your name here Mrs Leila M Cope. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

IMMEDIATE ACTION

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY  
TO REFERENCE  
Type Lavigne G 204  
QM 293 A-M

Mrs Lella W Gode  
5611 Brighton St  
St Louis Mo

October 13, 1932

SPECIAL

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Please devote a few moments of your time to write "Yes" or "No" in the following space. This information will be used during 1933. Use the enclosed postage stamp to pay the postage, and return this sheet.



This will assure your Government that you worthy Mother or Father will receive the offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For the Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DYER,  
Captain, U. S. Corps,  
Assistant.

Approved: December 1, 1932  
U. S. G. O. Form 293 (Rev. 1932)

IMMEDIATE ACTION

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Cope, Laverne G Som

September 7, 1932.

Mrs. Leila M. Cope,  
5611 Enright St.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No") |                 |
| 2. Please state your age and condition of health:                     | Age:<br>Health: |
| 3. Do you speak English?  |                 |
| 4. What other language do you speak?                                  |                 |

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Cope, Laverne G. (Son)

Mrs. Lolla M. Cope,  
5611 Enright St.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Cope, Laverne G. Cpl. (Som) M

June 15, 1931

Mrs. Leila M. Cope,  
5611 Enright St.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

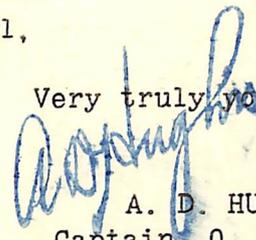
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

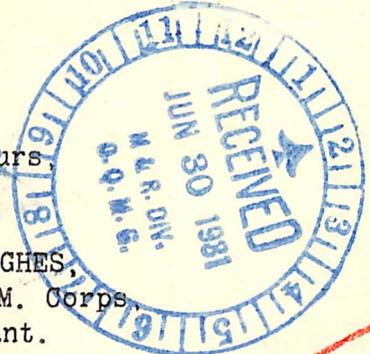
This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932?

No ✓  
Write answer here

Mrs. Leila M. Cope  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cope, Laverne G. - 636 M

June 9, 1930.

Mrs. Liela M Cope,  
5611 Enright St.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

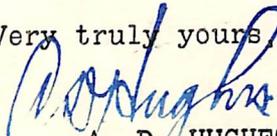
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

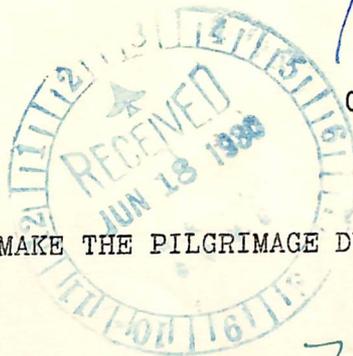
This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? No

(Write answer here)

Mrs Liela M Cope  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Cope, Laverne G 636 -M

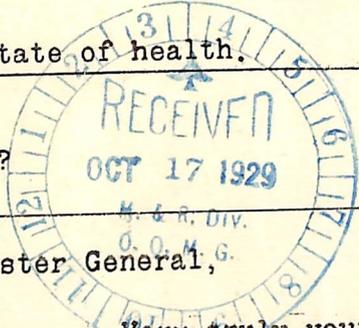
Mrs. Leila M. Cope,  
5611 Enright Street,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

|   |   |                    |
|---|---|--------------------|
| 1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?   | (Yes)   | <u>(No)</u>        |
| 2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?  | (Yes)   | <u>(No)</u>        |
| 3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested? | (Yes)   | <u>(No)</u>        |
| 4. Please give your age and state of health.  | Age <u>52</u>                                     | Health <u>Fair</u> |
| 5. What language do you speak?  | (Years)   | (Good) (Poor)      |
|   | <u>English</u> - (Yes)                            | <u>(No)</u>        |
|   | Other language _____<br>(Specify language spoken) |                    |



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cope, Laverne G.  
636

Sept. 13, 1929.

Mrs. Leila M. Cope,  
5463 Deliver W. Harlan Ct.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated July 31, 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?

Leila M Cope  
5611 Euwright  
St Louis Mo

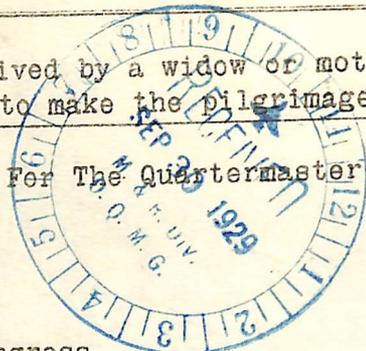
No. Mrs.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cope, Laverne G.

July 31, 1929.

Mrs. Lella K. Cope,  
5463 Delivar W. Harlan Ct.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

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 mother of the late Corporal Laverne G. Cope, Co. F, 151st Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, 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. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

No widow. Mother:  
Leila M. Cope,  
5463 Delivar W. Harlan Ct.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cope, Laverne G.

May 16, 1929.

XC 37 110

Mrs. Lelia Cope,  
754 Hamilton Ave.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is 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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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Cope, Laverne G Som

September 7, 1932.

Mrs. Leila M. Cope,  
5611 Enright St.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No") |                 |
| 2. Please state your age and condition of health:                     | Age:<br>Health: |
| 3. Do you speak English?  |                 |
| 4. What other language do you speak?                                  |                 |

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Gope, Laverne G. (Son)

Mrs. Leila M. Gope,  
5811 Enright St.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Cope, Laverne G. Cpl. (Som) M

June 15, 1931

Mrs. Lella M. Cope,  
5611 Enright St.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? \_\_\_\_\_  
Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cope, Laverne G. - 636 M

June 9, 1930.

Mrs. Liela M Cope,  
5611 Enright St.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Cope, Laverne G 656 -M

Mrs. Leila M. Cope,  
5611 Knright Street,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

|   |                      |   |
|---|----------------------|---|
| 1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?   | (Yes)                | (No)  |
| 2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?  | (Yes)                | (No)  |
| 3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested? | (Yes)                | (No)  |
| 4. Please give your age and state of health.  | Age<br>(Years)       | Health<br>(Good) (Poor)                     |
| 5. What language do you speak?  | English - (Yes) (No) | Other language<br>(Specify language spoken) |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cope, Laverne G.,  
636

Sept. 13, 1929.

Mrs. Leila M. Cope,  
5463 Doliyar W. Harlan Ct.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated July 31, 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,

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Assistant.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cope, Laverne G.

July 31, 1929.

Mrs. Leila M. Cope,  
5465 Delivar W. Harlan Ct.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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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. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Envelope

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Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cope, Laverne G.

May 16, 1929.

Mrs. Lelia Cope,  
754 Hamilton Ave.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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MAY 16 1929  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
COPE, Laverne G. - Cpl.

March 1, 1927.

Mrs. Lelia Cope,  
754 Hamilton Ave.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

This American overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

*K. J. Hampton*  
K. J. HAMPTON,  
Lt. Col. Q.M.C.  
Assistant.

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Mrs. Delia Cope,

~~754~~ Hamilton Ave.,

St. Louis, Missouri.

*Jul 3/8/27*

Soldier's  Overseas  
Grave

Name Laverne G. Cope

Rank Corporal

Organization Company F, 131st Infantry

Grave No. 12 Row 15 Block C

Cemetery Somme American Cemetery

Location Bony, Aisne, France.

Cope,

Laverne

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(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Cpl.

Co. F, 131st. Infantry.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*- no. -*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs Leila M. Cope.*

*754*

*Hamilton ave St. Louis Mo.*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Pm

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OSP SS.**

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QM 293 A-C

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K. J. HAMPTON,  
Lt. Col. Q.M.C.  
Assistant.

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 3, 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 COPE, Laverne G.
- 2. No. 1387539
- 3. Rank Cpl.
- 4. Org. Co. F, 131st Inf.
- 5. D.D. Aug. 9th, 1918
- 6. C.D. KIA
- 10. Name No discrepancy
- 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 11 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Plot 1 Row B
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. No discrepancy
- 18. Cemetery Amer. Mil.
- 19. Commune or town Vaux/s/x Somme
- 20. Dept. or County Somme
- 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 443
- 23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 3, 1921 By E.L. Reid
- 24. Inscription on grave marker: \_\_\_\_\_
- Name COPE, Laverne G. Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_
- Rank Cpl. Organization Co. F, 131st Inf.
- 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No. On body? No.

E.L. Reid, Jr.  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

Body previously reburied by Field Section. Bottle record & metal strips agree with form 114-A. Collar insignia "USMC" Part of pocket book on body inscription on same read "Compliments of Hotel Dyckman, Minneapolis, Minn."

- 27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.
- 28. Nature of burial Wrapped in blanket and in wooden box.
- 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None.
- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 3, 1921 By E.L. Reid
- 31. Casket sealed by E.L. Reid E.L. Reid
- Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) E.L. Reid.

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

32. Designation of body: COPE, Laverne G. Serial No. 1387539

Name Cpl. Organization Co. F, 131st Inf.

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

33. Consigned to: Somme Amer. Cty. Bony, Aisne 636

Name of Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 3, 1921 By R.L. Reid

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 R.S. Williams  
R.S. Williams, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

36. Remarks None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov. 3, 1921.

To point of Concentration Amiens (Somme)

Convoyer E.C. Helms Signature Shipping Officer R.S. Williams  
R.S. Williams, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov. 3, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative Hubert W. Beyette  
Hubert W. Beyette, Capt., Q.M.C. 21 NOV 1921

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery No. 636, Bony (Aisne)

Convoyer Hubert W. Beyette Signature Shipping Officer Hubert W. Beyette  
Hubert W. Beyette, Capt., Q.M.C. 26 NOV 1921

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

G.R.S. Representative J.P. Sica

41. Reinterred Oct. 20, 1922

(Date)

42. Grave No. 12 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block C Row 15

G.R.S. Representative D.E. Lowry  
D.E. Lowry, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Vaux-sur-Somme (Somme)

Date Nov. 3, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF COPE, Laverne G. SERIAL NUMBER 1387539

RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. F, 131st Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 3, 1921, Gr. 11, Pl. 1, Row B, Amer. Mil. Cem. 443, Vaux-s/Somme (Somme)  
From (give complete location):  
By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 20, 1922 In (give complete location): F.S.S. Grave 12, Row 15, Block C., Somme Am. Cty. 636, Bony (Aisne)

By: Group Reburial Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Reg. Casket & shipping case

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable. Wrapped in blanket and in wooden box.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No. On grave marker? No.  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

Collar insignia "U.S.N.C." Body previously reburied by Field Section.

Bottle record and metal strips agree with form 114-A. "Compliments of Hotel Dyckman, Minneapolis, Minn." was among the items found with body.

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None visible.  
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible.  
Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

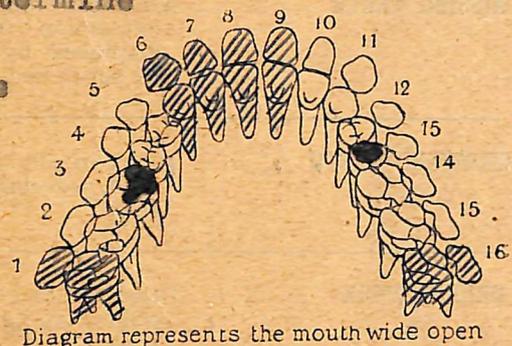
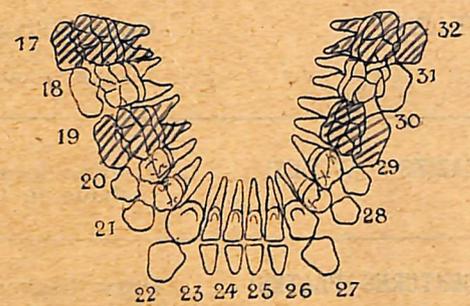


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(1, 16, 17, 32 not erupted; Missing parts: cocci, left pelvis. (3, 13 SF; 6, 7, 8, 9 MAD; 19 MBD; 30 (root.

7. Disinterment supervised by E. J. Reid

W. D. Wall, Jr., Checker. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Reburial supervised by Ben. A. BRADFORD Sup. Embalmer

R. S. Williams, 1st Lt. QMC Approved: D. E. LOWRY 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), 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.

Place Vaux-sur-Somme (Somme)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date October 19, 1920

1. REMAINS OF COPE, Laverne G. SERIAL NUMBER 1387539  
RANK Corporal ORGANIZATION Co. F. 151st Infantry

2. Disinterred (date): October 19, 1920 From (give complete location):  
Grave 1-Row A-Plot 2, Cem. #443, Vaux-sur-Somme. (Note) One of two bodies found under the same cross  
By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date): October 19, 1920 In (give complete location): Grave 11-Row B-Plot 1 Cem. 443, Vaux-sur-Somme (Somme).  
By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial \_\_\_\_\_

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
In uniform, in pine box, badly decomposed, unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Bill folder found on body-reads Hotel Dyckman, Minneapolis, Minn. also Corporal chevrons

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None on skull

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color None on face

Location \_\_\_\_\_

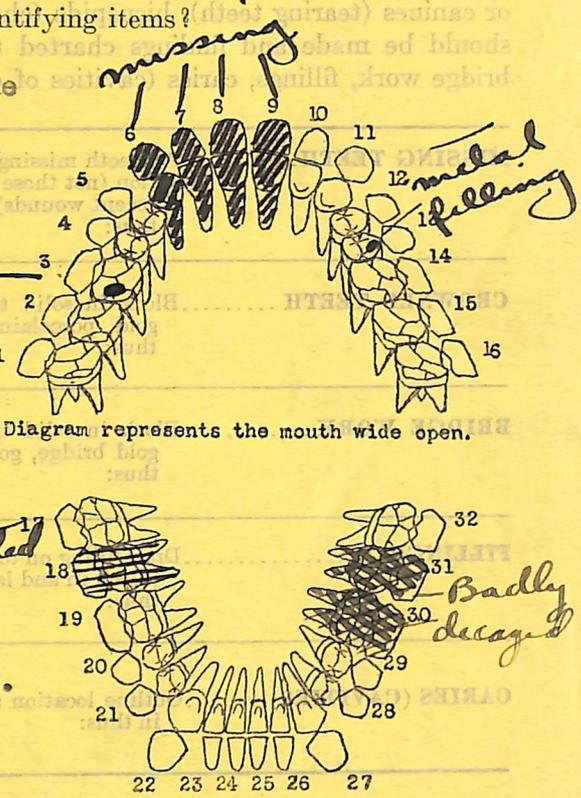
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

missing parts) Impossible to determine.

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

Impossible to determine



7. Disinterment supervised by [Signature]  
Capt. M. C. Inspector

Approved: [Signature]  
(S. D. C. [Signature])  
Capt. Inf. Master of Sec. I

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature]  
Confrence W. Dodge Capt. M.C. Inspector

Approved: [Signature]  
(S. D. C. [Signature])  
Capt. Inf. Master of Sec. I

D-30288

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

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

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

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

**DENTURES (PLATES)**..... Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.
8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 57645

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COPE, Laverne *en 4/9/22* Ser. No. 1387539 )  
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. F, 131st Inf. ) TYP. EN  
 (c) Date of death 8-9-18 (d) Cause of death K/A ) CKR. A.B.V.

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

(a) Grave No. 1 Row A Plot 2 Sect. - ) TYP. DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Lilia V. Cope, (Mother) 4475 Von-Versen Ave., St. Louis, Mo.  
*925 Clarendon Ave. 7 Cat 2*

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

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None  
 (a) Name Mrs. Lilia M. Cope (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address 754 Hamilton Ave., St. Louis, Mo  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at —

Reburied in Grave # 11 Row B Plot 1 Sec. — City 443  
 Sheet 47 Date 10/19/20 Authority File No. D 30288  
 This information NOT to be released to H/R  
 ADJ. BRANCH DQ D. ANDRESEN

V. A.G.O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_ confirmed request in Par. IV. item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials PW Date 8-11 1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes H/W  
 Examiner's Initials H/W Date 8-12 1920

COUNTRY France. CEMETERY NO. # 443 SHEET NO. 47  
 G.R.S. Form #115  
 Amended April 6, 1920. Make Form #114

Rechecked by  
11-15-20

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 57645

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COPE, Laverne *in 4/9/22* Ser. No. 1387539 )  
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. F, 131st Inf. ) TYP. EN  
 (c) Date of death 8-9-18 (d) Cause of death K/A ) CKR. J.B.V.

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

*9. OK 6/18/22*  
 (a) Grave No. 1 Row A Plot 2 Sect. - ) TYP. DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Lilia M. Cope, (Mother) 4475 Von-Versen Ave., St. Louis, Mo.  
*925 Clarendon Ave. St. Louis*

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Date of receipt None

(a) Name Mrs. Lilia M. Cope (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address 754 Hamilton Ave., St. Louis, Mo  
 (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 A.E.S. Date 8-11- 1920

A.G.O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from —

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

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials P.W. Date 8-11- 1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials WH Date 8-12- 1920

COUNTRY France. CEMETERY NO. # 443 SHEET NO. 47

G.R.S. Form #115

Amended April 6, 1920.

Make Form #114

*Rechecked by 11-15-20*

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 8/19, 1920

*Part # 2 not to be returned (P.G.R.)*

C O R E C T I O N S

IX.

Change of advice

Action taken

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

*Investigation made by this office and grave location shown on our records is correct. <sup>met</sup> 9/10/20*

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*From 120 8-31-20 Mrs. Lila M. Cope, mother, nearest of kin, 754 Hamilton Ave. St. Louis, Mo. requests body remain in Europe. Ec. 9-10-20*

gen

Shipping Inquiry - WAR DEPARTMENT  
(Revised) - OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

AUG 27 1920

*no change*  
*Push Answer*

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.

TO: Mrs. Leila M. Cope, 754 Hamilton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

SUBJECT: Remains of Cpl. Laverne G. Cope, Co. F. 131st Inf. Ser. #1387539

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 correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,

Major, U.S.A.

Noted on Form No. 115

Date 9-10-20

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

| NAME OF             | NO. & STREET            | TOWN | STATE |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------|-------|
| Soldier's Widow     |                         |      |       |
| Soldier's Children  | 1.                      |      |       |
| (Name oldest first) | 2.                      |      |       |
|                     | 3.                      |      |       |
| Father              |                         |      |       |
| Mother              |                         |      |       |
| Brothers            | 1. <i>Arnold Cope</i>   |      |       |
| (Name oldest first) | 2.                      |      |       |
|                     | 3.                      |      |       |
| Sisters             | 1. <i>Helen D. Cope</i> |      |       |
| (Name oldest first) | 2. <i>Anna Cope</i>     |      |       |
|                     | 3. <i>Maie Cope</i>     |      |       |

CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION



SEP 8 1920  
RECEIVED

Date *8/31/20* Signature *Mrs Leila M. Cope*

Address *754 Hamilton Ave* Relationship *Mother*

IMPORTANT: - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper HJM (OVER)

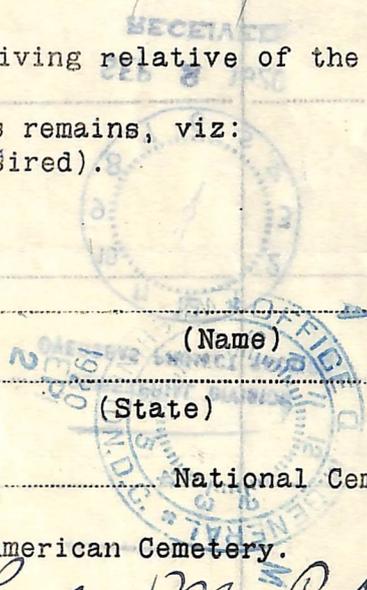
Date 2/21/20 1920.  
(Name of dead soldier)  
State

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (R.R. Station) \_\_\_\_\_ (State)

3. To be returned to the U.S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. *Yes!*

Signature Mrs. Lela M. Cope



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. If definite instructions as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within 2 weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.



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CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

**FILE**

6/9 1922

MEMO FOR:  
Cards Department.

1.  
CASE OF:

Co. F, 131st Inf.  
ORGANIZATION (Old)

Copa, Laverne G.  
(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)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS **Laverne**

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

|          | 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: Ethel C. Cawley

Adj. Br.

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By K.B.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

**FILE**

January 4 192 2

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. F., 131st Inf.,

ORGANIZATION (Old)

GOPE 1387539 Laverne G., Corp.

(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)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

|          | Date     | Place | F-1A No. |
|----------|----------|-------|----------|
| Orig.    |          |       | D-       |
| 1st Reb. | 10/19/20 | 443   | D- 30288 |
| 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: Miss Lannon

Card.,  
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By K.B.  
S/3324/LML

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
8, AVENUE D' IENA, PARIS

57645

File No.

July 5, 1922

From: Chief,

To: Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division).

Subject: Acknowledgment of Correspondence.

Receipt this date is acknowledged of the following  
correspondence from your office:

Letter )

dated: June 13, 1922

Indorsement )

File No. 334.Cty. 443, C.R.

Subject: Board of Review cases on which identity cannot be determined.

Name: Pvt.1/c.John Papas  
Cpl.Laverne Cope

SL

H. F. RETHERS,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.

REGISTRATION SER.  
JUL 21 1922

OFFICE OF THE  
REGISTRAR

TO: THE REGISTRAR  
FROM: THE REGISTRAR  
SUBJECT: THE REGISTRAR

DATE: JUL 21 1922  
LETTER

REGISTRATION SERVICE  
RECEIVED THIS DATE IS ACKNOWLEDGED OF THE FOLLOWING

SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

TO: THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, U.S. ARMY (GENERALIST DIVISION)

FROM: THE REGISTRAR

FILE NO.

JUL 21 1922

Verify Name

Cty 443

COPE, 1387539, Laverne G. or Laverne Guyot  
Corp. Co. F, 131st Inf.

Auth Telephone A.G.O. 3-2425 (S.R.)

" Laverne G. "

oab

57645  
Laverne D  
L.A.

**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cope 1387539 (Surname.) (Number.) Laverne D (First Name and Initials.)

Corpl C. F. 131st Inftry (Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 15-8-18

PLACE OF BURIAL Vaux Cemetery

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

Map 62.A  
J 27 C 14

GRAVE NUMBER Row A, No 2230

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross? yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain J. R. Egerton (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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57645  
File : .....

COPE, 1387539, L G

Cpl Co H 131 Inf

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

File No: .....

Date Buried: \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery: Vaux-sur-Somme

Grave No: \_\_\_\_\_ Sect: \_\_\_\_\_

Commune (No: .....) \_\_\_\_\_

Dep't: Amer. Map Plot Row "A"

Coordinates: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Handwritten circled number 443)*

Sketch No: \_\_\_\_\_

NP \_\_\_\_\_ CROSS \_\_\_\_\_ HD BD \_\_\_\_\_ BTTL \_\_\_\_\_

Ident. Tag on Gr. Mkr: \_\_\_\_\_ b.w.b. \_\_\_\_\_

Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

23 SEP 1918

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OSP SS.

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File No: .....

Cope, 1387539, L.G.

Corp. 131st, Inf.

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

File No: .....

Date Buried: 8-8-18

Cemetery: 443, Vaux sur Somme, Comml.  
Cmty. Ext. Amer. plot, Row. A.

Grave No: \_\_\_\_\_ Sect: \_\_\_\_\_

Commune (NO: .....) \_\_\_\_\_

Dep't: \_\_\_\_\_ Map: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinates: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Sketch No: \_\_\_\_\_

WF \_\_\_\_\_ CROSS  HD BD \_\_\_\_\_ BTFL \_\_\_\_\_

Ident. Tag on Gr. Mkr: \_\_\_\_\_ b.w.b. \_\_\_\_\_

Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

21 SEP 1918

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OSP SS.

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Ex 36  
57446  
Name Corp. I. G. 1, 38 539

Rank Corp. Co. {Corps} 131 Inf. {Regt.}

Date of Death August 8th, 1918

Place

Cause K in A

Date of Burial August 16th, 1918

Grave No. 28 Plot 1 Row A

Cemetery Vaux sur Somme

Identified by {Tag} Tag  
{Papers}  
{Clothing}

List of Effects

Field Record Made by J. J. Joseph  
Cap't. of Cavalry, USR

Company 302., Graves Registration Service

For additional data use reverse side

15 OCT 1918

57645

Cope .G. #1387339

Cpl. 131st Inf . U.S.A.

8/14/18

BURIED VAUX SUR SOMME CEMETERY

J 26 d 9.3.

Gr 2230

443

9 210

REVIEWED  
OSP 88.

# 5 7645

FILE UNDER NO. 57645, Cope, Laverne, 1387539

# INDEX SHEET

## SYNOPSIS

For letter to Europe, see Board of Review Correspondence,  
Qty. #443, (American Cemetery, Vaux-sur-Somme, Somme)

DA 6/10/22

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO.

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INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

2-6642

is memo.  
File #293.8 - Board of Review Correspondence, Cty. #443.

In reference;  
File #16125, PAPAN, 1390784, John,  
Pvt 1/c, Co. M., 132nd Inf.

June 10, 1922.

✓ File #57645, COPE, 1387539, Laverne,  
Cpl., Co. F, 131st Inf.

MEMORANDUM

In reference to Board of Review Correspondence, dated April 29th, 1921, Subject: Report of burial conditions and irregularities - Cemetery #443, Vaux-sur-Somme, Somme, it is requested that Europe be advised that our records have been adjusted to show:

Pvt 1/c John Papas, 1390784, Co. M. 132nd Inf.  
disinterred from Grave 18, Row A, Plot #2, American  
cemetery, #443, Vaux-sur-Somme, Somme, and reburied  
in Grave #17, Row B, Plot 1, that cemetery.

and-

Cpl. Laverne Cope, 1387539, Co. F, 131st Inf.  
disinterred from Grave #1, Row A, Plot 2 (one of two  
bodies found under same cross), American Cemetery,  
#443, Vaux-sur-Somme, Somme, and reburied in Grave 11,  
Row B, Plot 1, that cemetery.

These bodies are to remain in Europe, therefore, no  
Form 114's.

*pa*  
D. Andresen  
Investigator.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION BRANCH

3 - 15 - 22

Date

~~3/14~~

TO:

~~W. H. H. H.~~  
CAPTAIN WYNNE

MR. HUGHITT

MR. SCOTT

~~MR. GOOD~~

MRS. DUNBAR

MR. MAHAR

MISS HARDISTY

MISS BOLAND

MISS REX

MR. BARNES

MISS McMILLEN

MRS. RUTH

MISS MINOGUE

*opinion*

Action

~~Adjustment~~

~~Approval~~

Cable

Copies

Correction

Draft of letter

Investigation & Report

Note (need not return)

Papers in Case

Personal Conference

Remarks

Reply

Returned

Signature

Preparation of letter or Indorsement  
for Signature of:

Secretary of War  
Quartermaster General  
Colonel Penrose  
Captain Wynne  
Captain Conner

(see other side)

Return to

From

~~J. H. H.~~ *Sum*

22/153/LML

OPINION

March 13 1922

CASE OF COPE, Laverne G., 1387539, Cpl. Co. F. 131st Inf.

GRAVE Grave #1, Plot 2, Row A, Amer. Cty., Vaux-sur-Somme, Somme #443, 30000  
Series reburial - Grave #11, Row B, Plot 1, Amer. Cty., Vaux-sur-Somme, Somme #443  
DECISION Body is that of Cpl. Cope

DENTAL CHART

| Date of Enlistment |                  | Emergency Address |              | Report on Disinterment    |              |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| A.G.O.             | Dental Work      | Dental Work       | Missing B.D. | Dental Work               | Miss A.D.    |
| U.R.               | NO TEETH MISSING | No report         |              | #3, metal fil.            | #'s 6, 7 & 8 |
| U.L.               |                  |                   |              | #13, metal fil.           | #9           |
| L.R.               |                  |                   | #18          |                           |              |
| L.L.               |                  |                   |              | #'s 30 & 31 badly decayed |              |

Above discrepancies can be accounted for as follows: #18 L.R. could have been extracted after enlistment

BODY DESCRIPTION

| A.G.O. Report       | E/A Report | Report on Disinterment |
|---------------------|------------|------------------------|
| Height 5'9"         | No report  | Imp. to determine      |
| Weight 120 lbs      |            | "                      |
| Hair Brown          |            | None on skull          |
| Fractures No report |            | Imp. to determine      |

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body

Found on Cross

NO

NO

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on Body

Bill folder - reading "Hotel Dyckman, Minneapolis, Minn.", also Corporal chevrons according to information given on Form 16-A, Oct. 19, 1920, 30000 Series.

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from }  
This man reported buried originally } Board of Review  
Organizations of other men buried around original location )

*D. Anderson*  
Investigator

Concur:

*Emm Wheeler*

APPROVED:

*Ronald P. Good*

OVER



Co F 131 Infantry  
33rd Division.

COPE, Laverne G Cpl 1387539  
Home 925 Clarendon Ave.  
St Louis Mo.,

Corporal Laverne G Cope was killed in action at Chipily Ridge on August 9th 1918 about 5.00 p.m. We were going forward to the attack and were about 350 yards from our objective Corporal Cope was about 200 yards to my left. I saw him struck by a shell on the head. He was instantly killed I do not know where he was buried.

Informant. Ihde, Joseph C Sgt 1387554  
Co F 131 Infantry  
Home. 1245 SWinconsin Ave.  
Oak Park Illinois.

Not signed.

Emergency address  
Mrs Lilia Cope.

YS MOTHER.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

Date Feb. 27, 1922.

File No. 57645 Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

a. Surname. Cope ✓

f. Date of death. 8/9/18 ✓

b. Christian name. Laverne ✓

g. Cause of death. K/A ✓

c. Serial number. 1387539 ✓

h. Authority (C. C. No.) 253 ✓

d. Organization. Co. F. 131st Inf ✓

i. Emergency address. Mrs. Lilia M. Cope

4475 von Versen Ave., Over

e. Rank. Cpl ✓

j. Relationship. St. Louis, Mo.

Mother

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

a. Age at enlistment. 19 yrs. ✓

b. Color of eyes. Grey ✓

c. Color of hair. Brown ✓

d. Height. 5 ft 9 in ✓

e. Weight. 120 lbs ✓

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.

None missing

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Lower right.

Lower left.

Andresen

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

By

H. J. Conner

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Captain, Q. M. C.

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Per n/c

2A. Lelia Cape (mother)

925 Clarendon Ave. Flat A

St Louis Mo.  
B4

John W. C. H. T. COOPER

*[Handwritten signature]*

General Manager  
H. T. ROGERS

1. Name of person  
2. Defects of equipment  
3. Equipment used and location  
4. Date of purchase  
5. Color of hair  
6. Color of eyes  
7. Age at enrollment  
(See back of the service record)



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BODY DESCRIPTION

1. Rank  
2. Organization  
3. Service number  
4. Character of service  
5. Campaign code

1. Date of death  
2. Cause of death  
3. Location of burial  
4. Burial number  
5. Date of interment

1. It is requested that the items specified below be completed. Report combination of all information to be furnished to the Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, for the purpose of preparing a service record.  
2. To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW, Washington, D.C.  
From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemetery Division)  
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