

To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

OCT 9 - 1926

14090

FULL NAME COPELAND, Ben H.

RANK Pvt.

SERIAL 2224547

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Company B, 140th Infantry

35 Div

DATE OF DEATH

Sept 27-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Texas

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

None

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

Date	Grave	Row	Block
11/17/25	23	43	H

Meuse-Argonne American Cty # 1232

Cemetery

AUDITED BY

23/306/ARK

8 A.G.O.
 OCT 11 1926
 WORLD WAR DIV

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

By 26

OCT 12 1926

32/100/100

UNIT OF THE TROOP



CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Copeland,</i>	<i>Cops</i>	3	<i>3-5-96</i>
<i>Ben H.</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>23</i>	2	<i>23</i>
	ROW <i>43</i>	2	<i>43</i>
	BLOCK <i>H</i>	1	<i>8</i>
STATE	<i>Texas</i>	2	<i>49</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>35</i>	2	<i>35</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>140</i>	3	<i>140</i>
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL <i>(Father)</i>	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Copeland,</i>		3	
<i>Mr. J.W.</i>	STATE	2	
<i>R.I.</i>	COUNTY	2	
RESIDENCE <i>Garner, Texas</i>	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER <i>no sm</i>		1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY <i>no loco</i>	<i>Dead 228-17</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

AUDITED

APR 21 1932
RS

M.H. 29/514/PJ.

RM

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Copeland, Ben H. 1232-F

July 8, 1930.

Mr. T. W. Copeland,
Route 1,
Garner, Tex.

Dear Sir:

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

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

No

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

If so, give her name and address:

No

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

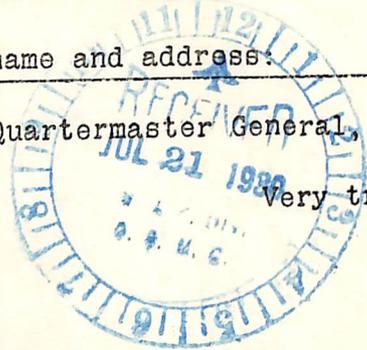
If so, give her name and address:

No

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment



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

Garner, Texas
July 21. 1929

War Department.

Washington, D.C.

I am answering QM 293a-c
in regard to the late Pvt.

Ben H. Copeland, Co. B 140th
Inf. His mother died
Feb. 28, 1917. He was never
married, therefore has no
widow.

I am his father and nearest
relative.

Very truly yours

J. W. Copeland.

R. 1. Garner, Texas



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Copeland, Ben H.

June 29 , 1929.

Mr. T. W. Copeland,
R 1,
Garner, Texas.

Dear Sir:

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The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Ben H. Copeland, Co. B. 140th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

QM 293 A-C

Copeland, Ben H. Pvt. #2224547,
Company B, 140th Infantry.

January 15, 1927.

SUBJECT: Identification of body.

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

1. You are informed that the investigation in the case of the soldier named above has been successful. His body has been recovered from the following location:

Isolated grave in field, north Bois de Montrebeau, Commune Exermont (Ardennes). Map Foret d'Argonne, E-302.39, N-279.81.

Body has been permanently buried in Grave 23, Block H, Row 43, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

For The Quartermaster General:

F. H. POPE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

LN *[Signature]*
480-8



26/440/EYS

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

COPELAND, Ben H. - Pvt.

January 7, 1926

Mr. T.W. Copeland,
Route #1,
Garner, Texas.

Dear Sir:

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

This American 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,

L.W. BENDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.G.,
Assistant.

1 Incl.
Record card.

RD

YBR



25/560/EYS

293 Copeland, Ben H.

2nd Ind.

Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, Nov. 28, 1925.
To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. In compliance with instructions in preceding indorsement, forwarded herewith are G.R.S. Forms 114-A and 16-A covering permanent concentration of the remains of this late soldier in Grave 23, Row 43, Block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.

2. G.R.S. Form 1-A covering this reburial forwarded this date by 2nd indorsement on letter of this office dated June 19, 1925, subject: "Recovery," reporting concentration of remains of Pvt. William G. Bower, Co.K, 305th Inf.

2 encls.

encl. 1-Form 114-A

encl. 2-Form 16-A.



DEC 12 1925



W. O. Smith
Wm. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

Q.M.C.
293 - Copeland, Ben H.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE October 26th, 1925.

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 COPELAND, Ben H.
- 2. No. 2224547
- 3. Rank Pvt.
- 4. Org. Co. B, 140th Inf.
- 5. D.D. Sept. 27, 1918.
- 6. C.D. MIA K/A

- 10. Name _____
- 11. No. _____
- 12. Rank _____
- 13. Org. _____
- 14. (a) D.D. _____
- (b) D.B. No discrepancies.

Isolated grave in field, north Bois de Montrebeau,
Commune Exermont (Ardennes). Map Foret d'Argonne,
E-302.39, N-279.81.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 8. Plot _____ Row _____
- 9. _____

- 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 16. Plot _____ Row _____
- 17. No discrepancies.

18. Cemetery ---

19. Commune or town Exermont

20. Dept. or County Ardennes

21. Country France

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

23. Disinterred (Date) August 5th, 1925,

By James McGourty

24. Inscription on grave marker: No grave marker.

Name _____

Serial No. _____

Rank _____

Organization _____

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? ----- On body? Yes (2).

James McGourty
Signature of 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).
TOBs read, "Ben H. Copeland USA", reverse side "2224547". No effects.

27. Condition of body Flesh entirely decomposed, skeleton disarticulated.

28. Nature of burial Buried 3 feet deep in OD US uniform, no shoes. Buried in same grave as Cpl. Maness, side by side.

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 August 8th, 1925 By James McGourty.

31. Casket sealed by James McGourty.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

James McGourty
James McGourty

8213
12/24/25

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-33007

32. Designation of body:

Name COPELAND, Ben H. Serial No. 2224547

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.B, 140th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. #1232, Romagne-s/Montfaucon (Meuse).

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) October 24th, 1925 By James McGourty.

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 *James McGourty*
James McGourty.

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) _____

To point of Concentration _____

Convoyer _____ (Name)
Signature Shipping Officer _____

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery _____

Convoyer _____ (Name)
Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred _____ November 17th, 1925,

(Date)

42. Grave No. Twenty-three (23), ~~####~~ Block "H",

43. Plot _____ Row Forty-three (43).

G.R.S. Representative _____

W. B. Sheild
**W. B. Sheild,
Caretaker.**

Place: Meuse Argonne Am. Cemetery #1232.
Romagne sous Montfaucon (Meuse).

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date: August 8, 1925.

1. REMAINS OF COPELAND, Ben H. SERIAL NUMBER 2224547

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B 140th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Aug. 5, 1925. From (give complete location): Isol. gr. in field north Bois de Montrebeau, Comme Exermont (Ard) Map Forest d'Argonne, East 302.39 North 279.81.

By: Group one Unit Meuse-Argonne sector.

3. Reburied (date): November 17th, 1925, In (give complete location): Grave 23, Block H, Row 43, Meuse-Argonne Cemetery, #1232.

By: Group W.B. Sheild, Caretaker, Unit AGRS.QMC.in E., Nature of reburial GRS case, casket, sheet & OD Blanket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Buried 3 feet deep in OD US uniform, no shoes. Flesh entirely decomposed, skeleton dis-articulated. buried in same grave as Sgt. Namess, side by side.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? two On grave marker? no gr. marker.
TOB's read "Ben H. Copeland, USA, reverse side 2224547".

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

none

no effects.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5' 7"

(b) Weight (estimated) 150 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color none

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

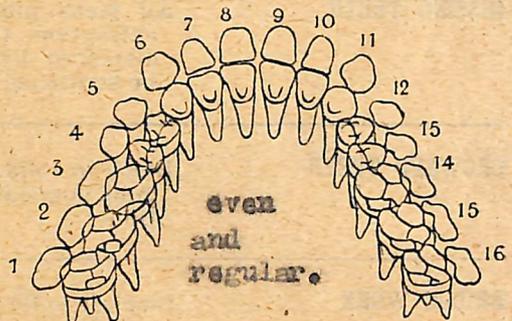
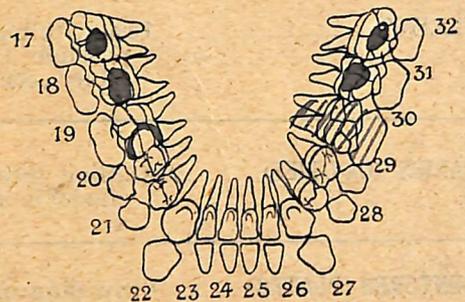


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



Teeth #17, 18, 31, 32 SF
#19, cav. #30 MBD.

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

right scapula shattered.

7. Disinterment supervised by James M. Courtney

Approved: James M. Courtney

JAMES MC COURTNEY
Chief Investigator.

(Title) **JAMES MC COURTNEY**
Chief Investigator.

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Sheild, Caretaker.

Approved: _____
(Title)

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.

293 Copeland, Ben H.

2nd Inf.

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encl. 1-Form 114-A
encl. 2-Form 16-A.



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Chief.

QM 293 A-C

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Oct. 1, 1925.

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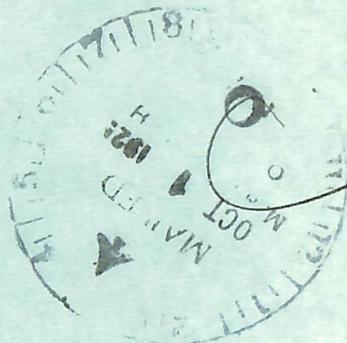
Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General is pleased to inform you that the search for the grave of your son, the late Private Ben H. Copeland, Company B, 140th Infantry, has been successful. The remains were recovered from an isolated grave in the Commune of Exermont, Ardennes, France, and are now in the mortuary in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France, awaiting final burial in this cemetery.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Here repose the bodies of thousands of your son's comrades, and you may be assured that his grave will be properly and tenderly cared for.

Upon receipt of a report from Europe regarding the permanent grave location, you will be advised.

Very truly yours,



L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

LN
SWS
WPR



CM 293 A-C

Copeland, Ben, H. Pvt.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., Oct. 1, 1925--To Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Identification of the remains of the late Private Ben H. Copeland, 2224547, Co. B, 140th Inf., is confirmed by this office.

2. The body is to remain buried in France.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

LN
SWS
GR
WPR

Noted by Statistical Clerk.

Date 10/1/25 PR

L. W. Redington,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

293 Copeland, Ben H.

August 24, 1925.

Subject: Recovery.

To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Forwarded herewith is G.R.S. Form 16-A for the remains of Pvt. Ben H. Copeland, 2224547, Co.B, 140th Inf., located by the Research personnel of this office.
2. No dental or burial information can be located here on this late soldier and it is recommended any on file in Washington be compared with that shown on attached Form.
3. No personal effects were found on the body.
4. These remains are being held in the Meuse-Argonne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to confirmation of identification and disposition.

1 encl.
Form 16-A.



Wm. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., C.M. Corps,
Chief.

SEP 10 1925



293
Copeland, Ben H.

9/29/25

Miss Nicholson.

Copeland, Ben H.

No disposition card located. Advise
Europe of confirmation and disposition.

Dispose of effects in usual way.

S.W.S.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

File 108817

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name COPELAND, Ben H. Ser.No. 2224547
(b) Rank Pvt., Organization Co. B, 140th Inf. TYP.
(c) Date of Death 9-27-18 (d) Cause of Death K/A CKR

II. Registration Card

(a) Grave No. Morgue 1232 Row Plot Sec. Block
(b) Emerg. Address T.W. Copeland (Father), Route #1, Garner, Texas.

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name No record of A.G.O. card! (b)
(c) Address
(d) Remains to be brought to U.S.?
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U.S. at
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival in U.S.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S.

IV. G.R.S. Files, Correspondence-shows as follows

Examiner's Initials P.D. Date 9/20/25

COUNTRY Cemetery No. Morgue 1232 Sheet No. 346

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.
File 108817

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(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 140th Inf. TYP. -----
(c) Date of Death 9-27-18 (d) Cause of Death K/A CKR -----

II. Registration Card

(a) Grave No. Morgue 1232 Row ----- Plot ----- Sec. ----- Block -----
(b) Emerg. Address T.W. Copeland (Father), Route #1, Garner, Texas.

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name ----- (b) -----
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Examiner's Initials ----- Date -----

COUNTRY ----- Cemetery No. Morgue 1232 Sheet No. 346

Sept. 24, 1925 1922

CASE OF Copeland, Ben H. 2224547 Pvt. Co. B, 140 Inf. ka-9-27-18

GRAVE House Argonne mortuary. (see below)

DECISION Recovery and identification

DENTAL CHART

Date of Enlistment		Report on Disinterment			
A.G.O.		Emergency Address			
Missing	Dental Work	Dental Work	Missing B.D.	Dental Work	Miss A.D.
U.R. none			none	Even	
U.L. none			none	and regular	
L.R. none				17, 18 sil. flg.	
L.L. 30 ✓			30 ✓	31, 32 sil flg.	

Above discrepancies can be accounted for as follows;

BODY DESCRIPTION

A.G.O. Report	E/A Report	Report on Disinterment
Height: 5' 7 3/8"		5' 7"
Weight: 136 lbs.		150 lbs
Hair		
Fractures		

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body: Yes, two ; "Ben H. Copeland, USA" reverse side reads " 2224547"

Found on Cross: no marker

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on Body: None

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from Grave of Exermont E-302-39 N-279-81
This man reported buried originally the 35th Division was in this vicinity at time
Organizations of other men buried around original location of Copeland's death

S. W. Schrest
S. W. Schrest
Investigator

Concur: *[Signature]*

APPROVED: 9-24-25

[Signature]
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Date 9/17/25

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 Copeland ✓
- b. Christian name Ben. H. ✓
- c. Serial number 2224547 ✓
- d. Organization Co B, 140 Inf.
- e. Rank Pvt ✓
- f. Emergency Address father - Y. W.
Copeland - R # 1 - Garner, Texas
- g. Date of death Sept. 27, 1918
- h. Authority AG 501 -
- i. Cause of death Killed in action
- j. Place of death A. E. F.
- k. Place of burial _____
- l. Date of discharge _____

BODY DESCRIPTION

- a. Date of enlistment Sept 21, 1917
- b. Age at enlistment 23 3/4 yrs
- c. Color of hair brown
- d. Height 5 ft. 7 3/8 inches
- e. Weight* 138 lbs -
- f. Fractures or breaks none

DENTAL CHARTS

- At Camp
 - By Local Board - none missing
- | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| Upper right | Upper left | Upper right | Upper left |
| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| Lower right | Lower left | Lower right | Lower left |



3 A. G. O.
SEP 18 1925
WORLD WAR DIV.

For The Quartermaster General: Robert C. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.
By DM/ SWS
SEP 21 1925

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Date 9/1/25

SUBJECT: Information required for Quartermaster Division.

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

It is requested that the items checked below be furnished:

- a. Surname Chelant
- b. Christian name Paul
- c. Serial number 2254247
- d. Organization Co B, 1402d
- e. Rank Private
- f. Emergency address 1402d
- g. Date of discharge 1/1/25

✓ BODY DESCRIPTION

- a. Date of enlistment 1/1/25
- b. Age at enlistment 23
- c. Color of hair Brown
- d. Fractures or scars None

✓ DENTAL CHARTS

No local teeth

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	Upper right
21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35	Lower right

✓ No Camp

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Upper right
Lower right

For The Quartermaster General:

SEP 18 1925

WORLD WAR DIV

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date August 8, 1925.

1. REMAINS OF COPELAND, Ben H. SERIAL NUMBER 2224547

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B 140th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Aug. 5, 1925. From (give complete location): Isol. gr. in field north Bois de Montrebeau, Comme Exermont (Ard) Map Foret d'Argonne, East 302.39 North 279.81.

By: Group one Unit Meuse-Argonne sector.

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

By: Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Buried 3 feet deep in OD US uniform, no shoes. Flesh entirely decomposed, skeleton dis-articulated. buried in same grave as Epl. Maness, side by side.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? two On grave marker? no gr. marker.
TOB'S read "Ben H. Copeland, USA. reverse side 2224547".

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

none

no effects.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5' 7"

(b) Weight (estimated) 150 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color none

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

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

right scapula shattered.

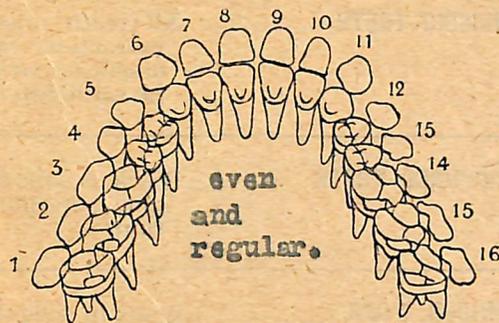
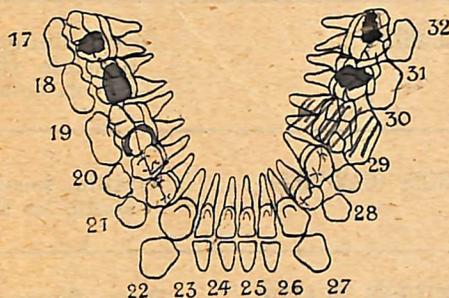


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



Teeth #17, 18, 31, 32 SF
#19, cav. #30 MBD.

22054

7. Disinterment supervised by James M. Gourtay
JAMES MC GOURTY
Chief Investigator.

Approved: James M. Gourtay
JAMES MC GOURTY
(Title) Chief Investigator.

8. Reburial supervised by _____

Approved: _____
(Title) _____

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:



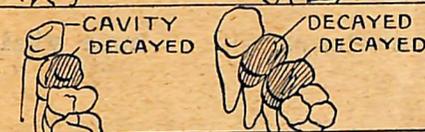
BRIDGE WORK Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:



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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

File

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

Date October 27-21

File No. 108817 Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname Copeland *O.K.*
- b. Christian name Ben H. *O.K.*
- c. Serial Number 2224547 *O.K.*
- d. Organization Co. B. 140th Inf. *O.K.*
- e. Rank Pvt. *O.K.*
- f. Date of death 9-27-18 *O.K.*
- g. Cause of death *Missing in action now presumed to be dead*
- h. Authority (C.O.#) CC 570
- i. Emergency address *J. W. Copeland P. # 1*
- j. Relationship *father*

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

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

DENTAL CHARTS
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment) *Texas*

a. Strike out teeth missing

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
upper right								upper left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
lower right								lower left							

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER, REC'D MAIL SECTION,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.
W.W. Div., A. G. O.

CEMETERY NO:
World War Division

SHEET NO:
TYPED BY: *OCT 29 1921*

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
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MUNITIONS BUILDING

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PURCHASE, STORAGE, AND TRAFFIC DIVISION
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Copeland, Ben. H. Pvt. # 2224517
Co. B. 140th Infantry. 35th Div.
Locate him. - Mtd 9/27/18. ?

Auth: our # 18410 Hq 35th Div.
CG # 46 11/5/18.

Sp 218 CC 476 - Now repts present for duty
1/3/19.

Sp 129 CC 489 - Now repts still Mtd, states
in CC 476 erroneously repts by division on
1/3/19.

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22245/47

Copeland & Bent

part CCB 14 0 27

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via 9/27/18 C C 326

Pres for Duty 1/3/19 C C 426-

2/8

now rept Stearns. Status

in C C 426 erroneously

rept by Div 1/3/19

C C 489-129

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C. C. O. M.
D. R. S.

Our records show
Port Ben H. Copeland
2224547

now rept. still
M.I.A. status in
C C 426 erroneously
rept. by Div. 1/3/19
rept. in C C 469. A.P. 129



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O. C. Q. M.
G. R. S.

Our records show that
Ben G. Co. Land # 2224547
Co. B. 140 Inf. A. P. 129. @ 489
now rept'd still in Ga, status
in @ 426 erroneously rept'd
by division on 1/3/19

FILE

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

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FILES.

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY 11-22-19

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_____ 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. #8, 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: _____

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[Handwritten signature and notes]

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.

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Analysis Clerk.

FILE

201
G.R.S. 393.3
Copeland, Ben H.

2nd Ind.

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Graves Registration Service, Office of the Quartermaster General,
18th and Virginia Ave., Washington, D. C. November 26, 1919. To-
Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D. C.

1. Reported as presumed to be dead on Casualty Calbogram
September 2, 1918. No grave location registered.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C PIERCE
Major, Q. M. G.
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

By:

CHARLES J. WYNNE
Captain, Q. M. G.
Graves Registration Service.

SYNOPSIS

FILE

May 5, 1919

Gentlemen:-

Please send me all information at hand concerning my son Private Ben H. Copeland, #2224547, Company B, 140th Infantry 35th Division.

Please push inquiry, and let us hear, for we are anxious and grieved .

His father.

T. W. Copeland
R.I. Garner, Texas.

201 A.G.O., (Copeland, Ben H.) CD 1st Ind.
War Department, May 24, 1919.

To the Commanding General, American Expeditionary Force, for investigation in connection with the opinion of the Judge Advocate General of April 4, 1919. on presumption of death and letter from this office of March 6, 1919. CC 489-31, Subparagraph 129-6 missing in action since September 27, 1918.

By order of the Secretary of War.

P. C. Harris
The Adjutant General.

May 28, 1919.

FILE

A.G. 201 (Copeland, Ben H.) C.D.

From: The Adjutant General.
To: The Commanding General, American Expeditionary Force.
Subject: Private Ben H. Copeland, #2,224,547, Company B, 140th Infantry.

1. For investigation in connection with the opinion of the Judge Advocate General of April 4, 1918, on presumption of death and letter from this office of March 6, 1919. Reported in C.C. 489-31-129-6 "Reported missing in action in C.C. 326 and present for duty in subparagraph 218 C.C. 426, is now reported as still missing in action on September 27, 1918, status in C.C. 426 erroneously reported by Division January 3, 1919."

By order of the Secretary of War.

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Adjutant General.



A.G.O., 201 (Copeland, Ben H.) CD
War Department, May 24, 1919.

1st Ind.

To the Commanding General, American Expeditionary Force, for investigation
in connection with the opinion of the Judge Advocate General of April 4, 1919,
on presumption of death and letter from this office of March 6, 1919. GC 489-31,
Subparagraph 129-6 missing in action since September 27, 1918.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Received
A. G. O.

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A. G. O.

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P. C. Harris,
The Adjutant General.

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C. B. G.
C. C. G. M.
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U.S. Army, 201 (Gopelan, Ben H.) (CD)
New York, May 24, 1919.

In connection with the opinion of the Judge Advocate General of April 4, 1919,
an investigation of death and letter from this office of March 6, 1919, CO 489-21,
Paragraph 129-6 missing in action since September 27, 1918.

By order of the Secretary of War:

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L. G. Harris,
The Adjutant General.

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C. Q. M.
G. R. S.

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

Date Sept. 13, 1919.

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME Copeland, Ben H.

Serial Number 2224547

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION

Co. B, 146h. Inf.

FILE

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	No record 1) yes -
2.	Date of Death.	2/ 9-2-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6) now presumed to be dead from all available information -
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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Dept.
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Cards 5 x 8

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(while) unconfirmed

C.W.C.

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