

G.R.S. Form #114-B

CAUSE OF DEATH *Killed in action*

FULL NAME..... CORBIN, Francis Bernard

RANK..... Cpl. SERIAL..... 116156

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... *Regt.* 17th Co. 5th Marines, 2nd Div

DATE OF DEATH..... 7-18-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *Pa.*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... *None*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... 20-11-1926 85 12 B
Date Grave Row Block

22355-1764

..... 1764
Cemetery

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Corbin	3	3 0 0
	Francis Bernard	1	4
BURIED	CEMETERY 1764	2	85
	GRAVE 85	2	12
	ROW 12	1	2
	BLOCK B	2	44
STATE	Penna	1	4
RANK	Chl	2	02
DIVISION	2	3	005
ORGANIZATION	5	1	X
ARM	W S M C	1	2
MARITAL	no	3	
NAME		2	
	STATE	2	
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	3	
	CITY	1	
RELATION	mother	1	
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead 8-6-31	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
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	YR.	1	
TRIP		1	
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Corbin, Francis Bernard A-M M

October 2, 1931

Mrs. Margaret Corbin
2057 S. Frazier St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Deceased August 6 - 1931.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, 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 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Corbin, Francis Bernard Cpl (AM)M

June 20

Mrs. Margaret Corbin,
2057 S. Frazier St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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? _____
Write answer here

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-M
IN REPLY REFER TO

Corbin, Francis Bernard Cpl. 1764-M

November 7, 1930

Mrs. Margaret Corbin,
2057 S. Frazee St.,
West Philadelphia, Pa.

2057 - S. Frazier St., Phila. Pa.

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the Mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Mrs Margaret Corbin 2057 S. Frazier St. Phila Pa

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<i>No.</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>No.</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>67.</i> Condition of health <i>Sick in Bed</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>None -</i>

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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DATE October 20, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
<u>Corbin, Francis Bernard</u>	<u>Cpl.</u>	<u>116156</u>	<u>U.S. Marine Corps 17th Co. 5th Regt.</u>	<u>7-18-18</u>

STATE	CTY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK
<u>Pa.</u>	<u>1764</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>B</u>

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
	MOTHER	: ✓ :	
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to com- mencement of service)	: : :	
NAME	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION	: : :	
AND	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	
ADDRESS	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS	: : :	
	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	
	WIDOW	: : :	
	(Who has not remarried)	: : :	
	<i>Single man</i>	: : :	
			<p>(m) <u>Mrs. Margaret Corbin</u> <u>2067 S. 7th 1/2 St.</u> <u>West Philadelphia</u> <u>Pa.</u></p>

Veterans Bureau Claim Number 27374
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PERTH, ONTARIO
MAY 1931

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 295 A-M~~
Corbin, Francis Bernard Cpl 1764 M

October 13, 1930

Mrs. Margaret Corbin
1829 S 24th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

*17th Co. 5th Regt. U. S. Marine Corps.
11615-6
7-18-18
Gr. 85, Row 12, Bldg. B*

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis Bernard

June 12 , 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Corbin,
1829 S. 24th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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 Francis Bernard Corbin, 17th Co., 5th Regt., U.S.M.C., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.

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

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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Corbin, Francis Bernard A-M M

October 2, 1931

Mrs. Margaret Corbin
2057 S. Frazier St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Dear Madam:

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 20

Corbin, Francis Bernard Cpl (AM)M

Mrs. Margaret Corbin,
2057 S. Frazier St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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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

QM 293 A-M

Corbin, Francis Bernard Cpl. 1764-M

November 7, 1930

Mrs. Margaret Corbin,
2067 S. Frazee St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Corbin, Francis Bernard Cpl 1764 M

October 13, 1930

Mrs. Margaret Corbin
1829 S 24th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Corbin, Francis Bernard, -1764 M

June 5, 1930.

Mrs. Margaret Corbin,
1829 S. 24 Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

June 5, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis Bernard-1764 M

Mrs. Margaret Corbin,
1829 S. 24th St.,
Phila. Pa.

Dear Madam:

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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)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Corgin, Francis Bernard
1764

Aut. 22, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Corgin,
1629 S. 24th St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **June 12, 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,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis Bernard

June 12, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Corbin,
1829 S. 24th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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 Francis Bernard Corbin, 17th Co., 5th Regt., U.S.M.C., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.**

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis Bernard Cpl.

January 8, 1927.

SUBJECT: Grave Location.

TO: The Major General Commandant,
Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,
Washington, D. C.

1. With reference to letter from this office dated October 27th, 1926, you are informed that our European Office reports that the body of the late Corporal Francis Bernard Corbin, 116156, 17th Company, 5th Regiment, U.S. Marine Corps, has been permanently buried in Grave 85, Row 12, Block B, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau Wood, Department of Aisne, France.

2. The mother has been furnished this information, this date.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

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QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis Bernard Cpl.
17th Co., 6th Regt. U.S. Marine Corps.

January 8th, 1927.

Mrs. Margaret Corbin,
1829 S. 24th St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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,

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1 Incl.
Record card.



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

EKV *all*

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Jan 8, 1927

Case of

Cpl. Francis Bernard Corbin- 17th Co. 5th Regt. U.S. Marines. (formerly listed as N 1655

Actions requested.

- 1... Letter to the Commandant U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. re. our letter of Oct. 27, 1926 en-e-- file 293 A-C, Cpl. Francis Bernard Corbin, subject Identification and Disposition, advising him the remains of Cpl. Francis Bernard Corbin, 116156- 17th Co. 5th Regt. U.S. Marines are now resting in Grave 85, Row 12, Block ~~C~~ ^B, Aisne-Marne American Cty # 1764, Belleau, Aisne.
- 2... Letter to Mrs. Margaret Corbin, 1829 S. 24th St. Philadelphia, Penna, advising her the remains of her son have been permanently-interred in Grave 85, Row 12, Block ~~C~~ ^B, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery # 1764, Belleau, Aisne, one of the permanent American Cemeteries in France--- etc.

~~See endorsement xxx Europe xxx~~

E. Kensett Vail

E. Kensett Vail
Investigator.

293 Corbin, Francis Bernard.
X-293 Unknown U-1655.

2nd Ind.

Hdqrs. A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, Dec. 7,
1926. To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. Records and inscription on grave marker of Unknown U.S. Soldier U-1655 have been changed to read: Cpl. Francis Bernard Corbin, 116156, 17th Co., 5th Regt. U.S. Marine Corps.

2. With reference to par. 2, preceding indorsement, concentration forms for U-1655 were forwarded you with letter this office dated October 18, 1926, (File 293 Unknown U-1670, X-293 other Unknowns), showing reburial in Grave 85, Block B, Row 12, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery.



F.W. Van Dyne,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

*Noted
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1-7-27*

293 Corbin Francis Bernard

QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis Bernard Cpl. 1st Ind.

War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., October 27, 1926--To the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

1. Unknown U.S. Soldier U-1655, exhumed September 9th, 1924 from Grave 3, Foret de Retz, near Verte Feuille, Commune of St. Pierre-Aigle, East 170.75, North 288.25, and now in the mortuary in Cty. 1764, has been identified as the late Corporal Francis Bernard Corbin, 116156, 17th Co. 5th Regt. U.S. Marine Corps, killed in action July 18th, 1918.

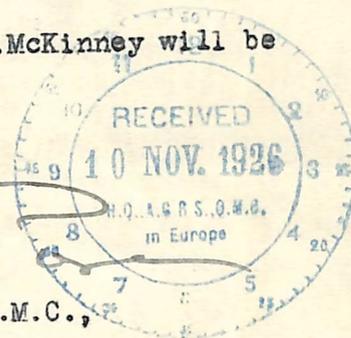
2. The body is to be permanently buried in France. Concentration Forms will be forwarded to this office as soon as final burial has been accomplished.

3. For your information, it is stated that Chaplain Charlton of the U.S. Navy advised that Sgt. Knott, Pvt. Walleigh, Cpl. Corbin and Pvt. McKinney were buried in the same location; the four graves together, Sgt. Knott in the 1st grave when faced from the road to the right, next to Sgt. Knott was placed Pvt. Walleigh, next to Pvt. Walleigh was placed Cpl. Corbin and next to Cpl. Corbin was placed Pvt. McKinney - this making the grave of Pvt. McKinney the outer left hand grave when graves were faced from the road and the grave of Cpl. Corbin between the graves of Pvt. Walleigh and Pvt. McKinney. Comrades advise that Cpl. Corbin was in Sgt. Knott's platoon, and had gold and porcelain bridge in front of mouth. Also, that after engagement when stopping at the place where Corbin was killed, Sgt. Knott was seen laying there also.

4. Advice as to the disposition of the body of Pvt. McKinney will be furnished at a later date.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

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



HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C. IN EUROPE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE.
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PARIS. FRANCE. October 23, 1924.

File No. 293 Unknown U.S. Soldier U-1655.

X - 293 Corbin, Francis B.
X - 293 Miller, Louis.
X - 293 Sharpe, Eugene.

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 Unknown U.S. Soldier U-1655 located by the Research personnel of this office.

2. This body was found in a made grave about four feet deep, which also contained the remains of three members of Company A, 5th Marines, viz: Sgt. George T. Knott, Pvt. Harry R. Walleigh and Pvt. Harry W. McKenney, Forms on recovery of which have recently been forwarded to your office. The only members of Company A, 5th Marines, whose graves are known here as Unlocated are Pvt. Francis B. Corbin, Pvt. Louis Miller and Pvt. Eugene Sharpe, and it is suggested that this Unknown may be one of these, although there is no data whatever on the first two in this office.

3. These remains are being held in the Aisne-Marne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to identification and disposition.

1 encl.



[Signature]
Wm. O. Smith,
Chief.

293
Unknown - 1655

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE October 11, 1926.

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 **CORBIN: FRANCIS BERNARD**
~~UNKNOWN U.S. SOLDIER U-1655~~
2. No. **116156**
3. Rank **Cpl.**
4. Org. **17th Co. 5th Regt. U.S. Marines**
5. D.D. **7-18-18**
6. C.D. **KIA**

10. Name **None**
11. No. **None**
12. Rank **None**
13. Org. **None**
14. (a) D.D. **None**
(b) D.B.

*EXU.
1/5/27*

Gr. #3, Foret de Retz, Cmme St. Pierre-Aigle, Aisne,
Map COOR 33 S.W. E-170.75, N-288.24

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____ 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
8. Plot _____ Row _____ 16. Plot _____ Row _____
9. _____ 17. _____

18. Cemetery --- 19. Commune or town St. Pierre-Aigle
20. Dept. or County Aisne 21. Country France

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

23. Disinterred (Date) September 9, 1924. By James McGourty

24. Inscription on grave marker: (No grave marker)

Name --- Serial No. ---
Rank --- Organization ---

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? No
Adolph G. Kaess
ADOLPH G. KAESS, Caretaker.
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).

U.S. Uniform, Marine buttons. Size shoe No. 7. (One of four bodies buried together. The bodies of Knott, George T. Walleigh, Harry R., and McKinney, Harry W. were the other bodies with these remains.)

27. Condition of body Entirely decomposed, skeleton only.

28. Nature of burial Buried in uniform, in earthen grave about 4 ft. deep.

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 Oct. 11, 1926 By Adolph G. Kaess.

31. Casket sealed by Adolph G. Kaess
Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Adolph G. Kaess
Caretaker/

*11/23/27
EXU*

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-33156

32. Designation of body:

Name UNKNOWN U.S. SOLDIER U-1655 Serial No. --

Rank -- Organization --

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne American Cemetery #1764, Belleau, (Aisne).

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 11, 1926. By Adolph G. Kaess.

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 Adolph G. Kaess
ADOLPH G. KAESS
Caretaker.

36. Remarks _____

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

To point of Concentration _____

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

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

By G.R.S. Representative _____

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

To Permanent Cemetery _____

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Oct. 11, 1926, Aisne-Marne American Military Cemetery #1764

(Date)

42. Grave No. Eighty-five (85) Section Block B.

43. Plot _____ Row Twelve (12)

G.R.S. Representative Adolph G. Kaess
ADOLPH G. KAESS
Caretaker.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF CORBIN, Francis Bernard SERIAL NUMBER 116256
~~Unidentified U.S. Soldier~~ U-1635
 RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION 18th Co. 5th Regt. U.S. Marines.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 9th, 1924 From (give complete location): St. Pierre-Aigle
Foret de Rita, Commune of Verte Fouille, Dept. of the Aisne, Map COR Grave No. 3.
33 2.5. East 170.75 North 288.24
 By: Group _____ Unit _____

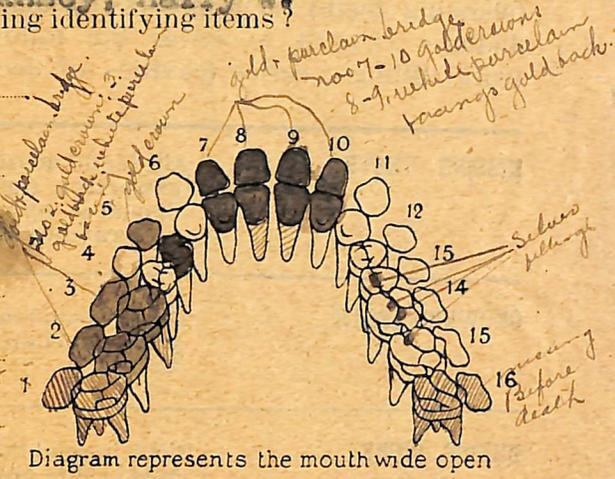
3. Reburied (date): October 11, 1926. In (give complete location): Chateau Thierry-Soissons Sector
Grave Eighty-five (85), Block B., Row Twelve (12), Aisne-Marne
American Military Cemetery, Belleau, (Aisne).
 By: Group Caretaker Unit Aisne-Marne Cty. Nature of reburial O.D. Blanket & GRS. Conc. Casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
buried in earthen grave about four feet deep. Made grave.

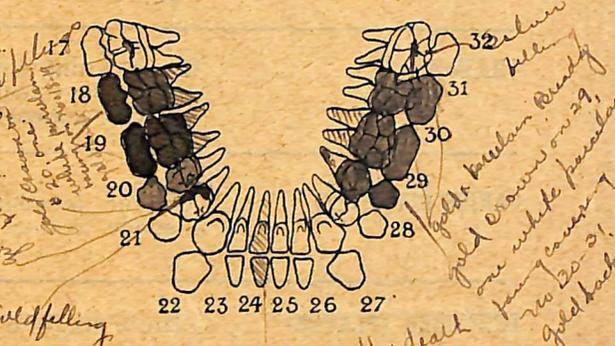
5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No. On grave marker? No.
 (b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :

U.S. Uniform, Marines buttons. Size of shoe No. 7
One of four bodies buried together. the bodies of
Knott, George T. Walleigh, Harry R. and McKinney, Harry
 6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5 ft 7 inches.
 (b) Weight (estimated) 155 Lbs.
 (c) Hair—Color Imp. to det.
 Quantity _____
 Characteristics _____
 (d) Hair on face—Color _____
 Location _____
 Quantity _____



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



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

7. Disinterment supervised by James McGourty Approved: Edmo Haire
James McGourty (Title) Chief Investigator
 8. Reburial supervised by Adolph G. Kaess Approved: Adolph G. Kaess
Caretaker (Title) Caretaker.

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.

COPY
HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C. IN EUROPE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE
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File No 1 293 McKinney, Harry William.
X293 U 1655

Paris, France
August 27, 1925

Subject: Investigation

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

1. With further reference to paragraph 2 of your letter of May 15, 1925 (file QM 293 A-C McKinney, Harry, William), Subject "Investigation," re-check of recoveries from graves 3 and 4 has been made.

2. Reference last sentence of paragraph 2 of letter from this office dated October 23, 1924, forwarding Forms 16-A on U 1655, information has now been located on Corbin, Miller and Sharpe, as follows;

Cpl. Francis Bernard Corbin: 1 of 4 graves. Grave nearest McKinney. G.S.W. left side of chest; tip of little finger left hand missing. Dental chart shows teeth 17 and 3a "M or U"-- missing or unerupted(?).

Pvt. Louis F. Miller, no burial information or body description; dental chart shows tooth 17 M or U; 19 partly decayed.

Pvt. Eugene Sharpe; fractured arm near wrist; upper front tooth rather large and broad-- no other dental information.

3. Re-examination of U-1655 has been made as to signs of old fracture in arm and size of teeth as given for Pvt. Sharpe. No sign of fracture could be found and the bridge replacing teeth 7 to 10 contain normal size teeth. It is thought this is the body of Cpl. Corbin. If note "buried nearest McKinney" as given above is correct. It is recommended information be obtained from Chaplain C.M. Charton, U.S.N., who signed G.L.B. for Pvt McKinney, as to whether Corbin's ~~body was buried nearest that soldier. Teeth 17 and 32 might have been~~ body was the one buried nearest that soldier. Teeth 17 and 32 might have been unerupted when dental chart was made for Cpl. Corbin.

4. It is requested this office be advised of results of further investigation.

signed

Wm. S. Smith
Lieut. Col. Q.R. Corps
Chief.

Copy EKV

orig. in file Harry Wm McKinney
ref 1st led of 10/27/26 in file Francis B. Corbin

file
2/29/26

QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis Bernard Cpl.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., October 27, 1926--To the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

1. Unknown U.S. Soldier U-1655, exhumed September 9th, 1924 from Grave 3, Foret de Betz, near Verte Feuille, Commune of St. Pierre-Aigle, East 170.75, North 288.35, and now in the mortuary in Cty. 1764, has been identified as the late Corporal Francis Bernard Corbin, 116156, 17th Co. 5th Regt. U.S. Marine Corps, killed in action July 18th, 1918.

2. The body is to be permanently buried in France. Concentration Forms will be forwarded to this office as soon as final burial has been accomplished.

3. For your information, it is stated that Chaplain Charlton of the U.S. Navy advised that Sgt. Knott, Pvt. Walleigh, Cpl. Corbin and Pvt. McKinney were buried in the same location; the four graves together, Sgt. Knott in the 1st grave when faced from the road to the right, next to Sgt. Knott was placed Pvt. Walleigh, next to Pvt. Walleigh was placed Cpl. Corbin and next to Cpl. Corbin was placed Pvt. McKinney - this making the grave of Pvt. McKinney the outer left hand grave when graves were faced from the road and the grave of Cpl. Corbin between the graves of Pvt. Walleigh and Pvt. McKinney. Comrades advise that Cpl. Corbin was in Sgt. Knott's platoon, and had gold and porcelain bridge in front of mouth. Also, that after engagement when stopping at the place where Corbin was killed, Sgt. Knott was seen laying there also.

4. Advice as to the disposition of the body of Pvt. McKinney will be furnished at a later date.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

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

EKV



✓ x 293 Walleigh, Harry
✓ x 293 Mc Kinney, Will
✓ x 293 Knott, George
Date
sub
x 10 PAPER

Handwritten initials and numbers: EKV, 2018, 115, 1320

QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis Bernard Cpl.

October 27, 1926.

SUBJECT: Identification and Disposition.

TO: The Major General Commandant,
Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,
Washington, D. C.

1. You are informed that Unknown U. S. Soldier U-1655 recovered from Grave 3, Foret de Retz, near Verte Feuille, Commune St. Pierre-Aigle, Aisne, E-170.75-N-288.25, between graves of Pvt. Harry Walleigh and Harry William McKinney, has been identified as the late Cpl. Francis Bernard Corbin, 116156, 17th Co. 5th Regt. U.S. Marine Corps.

2. The body is now in the mortuary in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau Wood, Aisne, France, pending receipt of disposition advice from this office. Form 840, File 99971 AC-63-mve, dated January 3rd, 1922, states that the mother, Mrs. Margaret Corbin, 1829 So. 24th St., Philadelphia, Pa., desires the body permanently buried in France. Instructions have, therefore, been sent to the European Office to permanently bury the body in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery under the perpetual care of this government.

3. It is requested that you advise the mother of the identification of the body and that this office will inform her of the permanent grave location as soon as this information is received from Europe.

Byr The Quartermaster General:

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



EXV
24
5th

October 20, 1926

Case of Cpl. Francis Bernard Corbin- 116154- 17th Co. 5th Regt. U.S. Marine Corps
KIA 7-18-18

Actions Requested.

Indorsement to Europe (replying to their letter of Oct 25, 1924 files 293
Unknown U.S. Soldier U 1655, subject recovery-- advising them

Unidentified American Soldier U 1655 exhumed Sept. 9, 1924 from
Grave #3 Foret de Retz, near Verte Feuille, Cmme. St. Pierre-Aigle,
East 170.75-- North 288.25 and held in Morgue Cty 1764

have been identified as

Cpl. Francis Bernard Corbin- 116154-17th Co; 5th Regt. U.S. Marine Corps.
KIA July 18, 1918.

To Remain in Europe.

Concentration advise accompanied by GRS forms will be forwarded this office.

For your information Chaplain Charton of U.S.N. advised that Sgt. Knott, Pvt
Walleigh, Cpl. Corbin and Pvt. McKinney were buried in same location, the
four graves together, Sgt. Knott in the 1st Grave when faced from the road to
the right, next to Sgt. Knott was placed Pvt. Walleigh, next to Pvt. Walleigh
was placed Cpl. Corbin and next to Cpl. Corbin was placed Pvt. McKinney,
this making the grave of Pvt. McKinney the outer left hand grave when graves were
faced from the road, and the grave of Cpl. Corbin between the graves of Pvt.
Walleigh and Pvt. McKinney.

Comrades advise that Cpl. Corbin was in Sgt. Knott's platoon,
One comrade advises Cpl. Corbin did have gold and porcelain bridge in front of
mouth.

After engagement we ~~did~~ stopped at the place where Corbin was killed, and remembers
seeing Sgt. Knott laying there also.

Advise as to disposition of Pvt McKinney's Remains will be forwarded you later.

Letter to Commandant U.S. Marine Corps- Washington, D.C. advising of identi-
fication of Unidentified U.S. Soldier U 1655 recovered from Grave # 3 Foret de
Retz, near Verte Feuille, Cmme. St. Pierre-Aigle, Aisne E 170.75 " 288.25
as those of

Cpl. Francis Bernard Corbin- 116154- 17th Co. 5th Regt. U.S. Marine Corps
KIA 7-18-18

840 and disposition card shows request for remains to be buried in Europe.
Europe will so be advised and upon receipt of grave location in Aisne-Marne
American Cemetery, 1764, Belleau Aisne. your office and the nearest of kin will
be advised.

For your information-- there were recovered from the 3rd grave of
group of 4 graves together. Chaplain Charton of U.S. Navy reports and recently

cont. of

Case of Cpl. Francis Bernard Corbin- 116154- 17th Co. 5th Regt. U.S. Marine Corps.
KIA 7-18-18

has advised by correspondence of the burial of 4 men in group of 4 graves together.
Sgt. (George T. Knott- facing from road outside right hand grave. One of 4 gr. in group.
Pvt. Harry R. Walleigh- next grave to Knotts. " " " " "
Cpl. Francis Corbin grave nearest McKinney (coor. ~~grave~~ bet, Walleigh and McKinney)
Pvt. Harry W. McKinney outside left grave when faced from road. One of four graves in group.
at Retz Forest- 170.75 288.25

These four graves were located

These four graves were located and evacuated Sept. 9, 1924 in

Grave #1- the outside ring had grave was disinterred remains of Sgt. Knott- Tag on B.

Grave #2- grave to left of Sgt. Knott was disinterred remains of Pvt. Walleigh- tags on remains also rubber stamp with initials thereon.

Grave #3- grave between #2 and the outside left hand grave when faced from road contained the remains of U.S. Marine- but no tags were found on the remains. (the position of the grave is that said to be that of Cpl. Corbin.

Grave #4 contained the remains of a Marine- with no tags- this is the position of the Grave of Pvt. McKinney. (see recent correspondence on case of Pvt. McKinney.

The mother of Cpl. Corbin advises a letter of 2/18/25 unable to trace dentist who did work for son six years before he enlisted. Letter of 5/1/25 advises it would be positively impossible to aid in the identification of dental work done for her son. Our diagram of Cpl. Corbins teeth is completely wrong. But after 7 years she would request that we allow the remains of her son to Rest in Peace.

The dental chart for remains recovered from Grave #3 in this group is as follows
2 gold crown, 3 bridge attached thereto. of porcelain and gold.

5 gold crown.

7 and 10 gold crown, 8;9 gold and porcelain bridge att. to 7 & 10.

20 gold crown, 18 and 19 one whole porcelain front with gold backing.

29 gold crown, 30 and 31 one whole porcelain front with gold backing.

13;14;15;17;32 silver fillings.

1; 16 missing before death.

height about 5' 7 inches. 155 lbs.

Correspondence with former comrades of Cpl. Corbin resulted in advise from

J.A.Reynolds-- "Corbin did have a bridge of gold and porcelain in the front of his mouth and if I remember right it was the four front teeth. After engagement was over with and we were on our way back for a rest, we stopped at the place where Corbin was killed, I remember seeing Sgt. Knott laying there also."

John P. Coonan -- "I can definitely say Francis B. Corbin had gold teeth in the upper jaw, I remember that he had an even set of teeth. Cpl. Corbin was in Sgt. Knott's platoon.

E. Kensett Vail
E. Kensett Vail

Investigator.

RFM/jim

October 25, 1924

File No. 293 Unknown U.S. Soldier U-1655.
X - 293 Corbin, Francis B.
X - 293 Miller, Louis.
X - 293 Sharpe, Eugene.

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 Unknown U.S. Soldier U-1655 located by the Research personnel of this office.

2. This body was found in a made grave about four feet deep, which also contained the remains of three members of Company A, 5th Marines, viz: Sgt. George T. Knott, Pvt. Harry R. Walleigh and Pvt. Harry W. McKenney, Forms on recovery of which have recently been forwarded to your office. The only members of Company A, 5th Marines, whose graves are known here as Unlocated are Pvt. Francis B. Corbin, Pvt. Louis Miller and Pvt. Eugene Sharpe, and it is suggested that this Unknown may be one of these, although there is no data whatever on the first two in this office.

3. These remains are being held in the Aisne-Marne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to identification and disposition.

1 encl.



Wm. O. Smith,
Chief.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD

(a) Name Corbin, Francis Bernard Ser. No. 116154
 (b) Rank Cpl Organization 17 Co 5 Reg US Inf TYP. _____
 (c) Date of death 7-18-18 (d) Cause of death KIA CKR. _____

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

Grave 3
 (a) Grave No. Morgue 1764 Row _____ Plot _____ Sec. _____ TYP. _____
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Margaret Corbin - mother
1829 S. 24 St - Phila Pa. CKR. _____

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____
 (a) Name Bernard J. Corbin (b) Relationship Father
 (c) Address 1823 S. 4th St. Philadelphia, Pa
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Is to be sent to Mrs. Margaret Corbin, 1829 South 24th St. Philadelphia, Pa.

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 192

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

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 192

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

Marine Form 840/3/22
shows remains to be left in France. next
of kin Mrs. Margaret Corbin (mother) 1829
South 24 St. Philadelphia, Pa
 (a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. Morgue 1764 SHEET No. 255-2884

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on _____, 192

IX.

REMARKS

WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Corbin, Francis Bernard
~~UNKNOWN U.S. SOLDIER U-1655~~ Ser. No. 116154
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization 17 Co. 5 Regt W.S. Man Coy TYP. _____
 (c) Date of death 7-18-18 (d) Cause of death KIA

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

Grave 3
 (a) Grave No. Morgue 1764 Row _____ Plot _____ Sec. _____ TYP. _____

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Margant Corbin
1829 S. 24th St. Phila., Pa

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

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on _____, 192

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., _____, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

O P I N I O N

CASE OF CORBIN: FRANCIS BERNARD- 116156- Cpl. 17th Co. 5th Mar. KIA 7/18/18
Grave #3 Foret de Retz Verte Feuille, Cmme. St. Pierre-Aigle, Aisne
 GRAVE 170.75-N288.25 Body held in Morgue Cty 1764.

OVER

DECISION _____

DENTAL CHARTS AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS

CAMP	LOCAL BOARD	FROM RELATIVES	OF BODY	A.D.
		unable to locate		
17;32		dentist who did	MBD 1;16	
missing or			S.F. 13;14;15;17;32	
useless.		work for son 6 yrs	GC 2;5;8;10;20;29	
		before he enlisted.	G & P bridges 3;8;9;	
			10;19;30;31	24
18xmaix				
20xmaixxfig				
19xmaixxfigx				
HEIGHT	5' 7"		5' 7"	
WEIGHT	130 lbs		155 lbs	
HAIR	Brown		Impossible to determine	
SHOE SIZE				
REMARKS	Marine 30 yrs 4 months when enlisted 1917. Mar. report 17 & 32 missing or useless, while Europe reports 17 & 32 filled.			

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body
NO

Found on Marker
NO

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

U.S. uniform, Marine buttons, size shoe 7

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Original burial of body OVER
 Original burial of man

E. Kensett Vail
 E. Kensett Vail

Investigator

Concur:

Scott

APPROVED: 10-8-26

E. Davis
 Officer in Charge.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

1.. G.I.B... Cpl. Francis Corbin 116158 buried 7/18/18 Sector Retz Villers Cotterres
map June 22 Villers Cotterres 170.75--288.25 One of four graves , nearest
McKinney. Rough wood en cross. Tag fastened to G.M.

2.. N.R.C.M. report located for this soldier.

3.. Chaplain Charlton reports having buried July 18, 1918 four soldier listing these
burials as four graves together as follows

~~1.. Pvt. Harry Walleigh grave next to Knott~~

1. Sgt. George T. Knott-- 17th Co. 5th Mar. When faced from road the outside
right hand grave of four together.

2.. Pvt. Harry Walleigh 17th Co. 5th Mar. grave next to Knott.

3.. Cpl. Francis Corbin 17th Co. 5th Mar. Grave next to McKinney

4.. Pvt. Harry McKinney 17th Co. 5th Mar. outside left grave when faced from
road.

4.. further corr. with Chaplain Charlton- he advises that Cpl. Corbin was buried with
the three above marines and his grave was between that of Walleigh and McKinney.

5.. These four bodies were recovered 9/9/24 from Forêt de Retz, E170.75--N288.25

1 st body to the right when faced from the road had tag upon it reading - ---T
Knott

The next body to this had two identification tags and rubber stamp with H R
Walleigh on them.- the stamp however only had initials of last name.

The body next to this had no means of identification and is listed as U 1655
this was taken from that grave in which chap. reports having buried Cpl. Corbin.

The last or 4th body, that to the extreme left when faced from the road, and the
outer grave of the four-- contained no means of identification, this is the
grave in which Chap. reports having buried Pvt. McKinney.

6.. Corr. with the mother of Cpl. Corbin says let him rest-- we have his dental
chart all wrong.

7.. A former comrade states Cpl. Corbin did have gold and porcelain crowns and bridges
in front of mouth and thinks it was the four upper front teeth.

There fore the investigator is of the opinion that the remains
exhumed from the 3rd grave in group of four and to the left of Pvt. Walleigh-
now carried as U 1655 **ARE IN REALITY** those of Cpl. Francis Bernard Corbin,

Remains to be left in Europe.


E. Kensett Vail
Investigator.

Place Verte Feuille, Aisne

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 9th, 1924

1. REMAINS OF ~~Unidentified U.S. Soldier~~

SERIAL NUMBER U-1655

RANK -----

ORGANIZATION

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 9th, 1924 From (give complete location): Grave No. 3. Foret de Ritz, Commune of Verte Feuille, Dept. of the Aisne, Map COR 33 S.W. East 170.75 North 288.24

By: Group McGourty

Unit

Chateau Thierry-Soissons Sector

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

HELD IN AISNE MARNE A ERICAN CEMETERY MORTUARY FOR FUTHER INSTRUCTIONS

By: Group

Unit

Nature of reburial

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

Buried in earthen grave about four feet deep. Made grave.

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

On grave marker? No.

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

U.S. Uniform, Marines buttons. Size of shoe No. 7
One of four bodies buried together, the bodies of
Knott, George T. Walleigh, Harry R. and McKinney, Harry W.
were the other bodies with this body.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5 ft 7 inches.

(b) Weight (estimated) 155 Lbs.

(c) Hair—Color Imp. to dep.

Quantity "

Characteristics "

(d) Hair on face—Color "

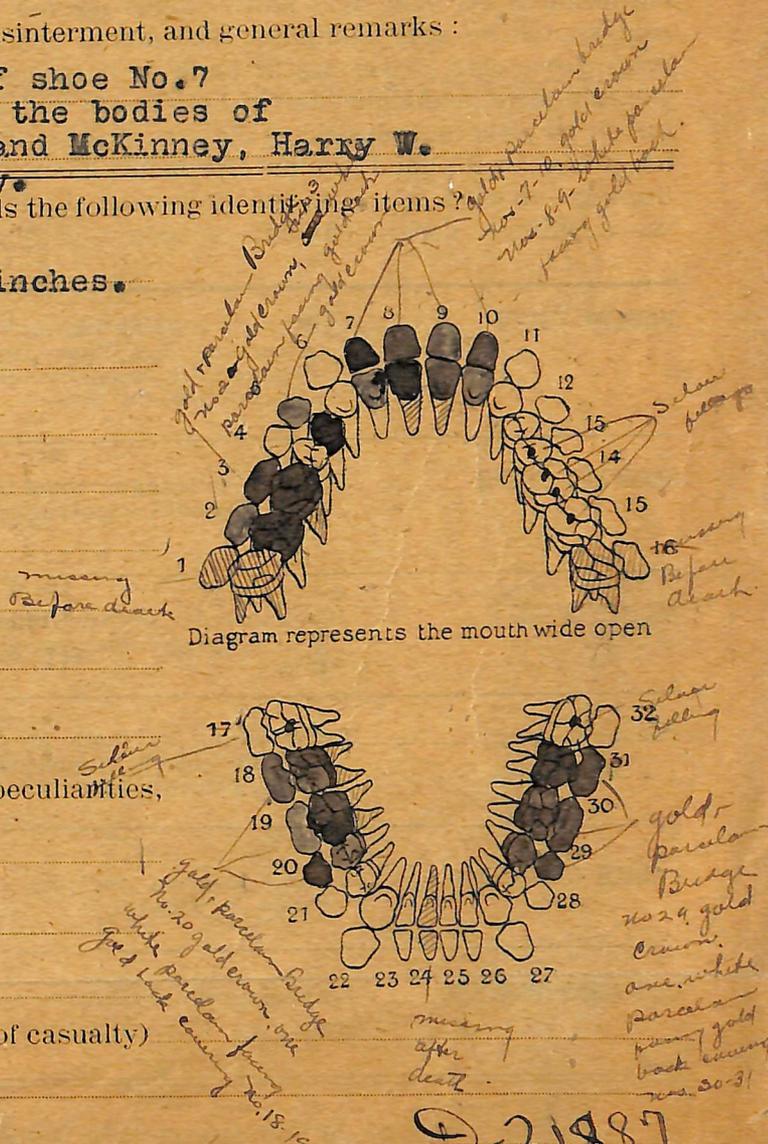
Location

Quantity

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

or missing parts)

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



7. Disinterment supervised by

James McGourty
Investigator.

Approved:

Edmo Maire
(Title) Chief Investigator

8. Reburial supervised by

Approved:

(Title)

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

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

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

MISSING TEETH All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:



CROWNED TEETH Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



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



FILLINGS Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



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



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

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

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

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

R. J. P. R.

Corbin *116158* *Francis*
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Coch *17560* *5th Reg. U.S.M.C.*
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *July 18 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Sector 16, Viller - Cottines*

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

Map of June 22 *Viller - Cottines*
170.75
288.25

One of four graves

GRAVE NUMBER *None marked remaining*

HOW MARKED : Name Peg? *Rough board*
Cross? *was*

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS : *Yes*

Was one buried with body? *?*

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 :

C. Charlton, Chaplain U.S.M.C.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Received
A. G. O.

24 AUG 1918

QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis, B.

April 30, 1926.

Mr. Paul Bailey,
1528 Payne St.,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that an investigation is being instituted to locate the graves of the late Cpl. Francis B. Corbin and Pvt. Harry W. McKinney, both of the 17th Co. 5th Regiment, U.S. Marine Corps, killed in action July 18th, 1918. Mr. John A. Reynolds, formerly of the above organization has advised that you may be able to furnish some information to assist in the investigation work. Therefore, will you please furnish as much of the following data as possible:

- (a) Do you recall the death and burial of these men?
- (b) By whom buried?
- (c) Near whom buried?
- (d) Near where buried?
- (e) Can you recall if either had gold and porcelain crowns and bridges, especially on the four upper front teeth?
- (f) If neither of these marines had same, can you recall any one of the 17th Co. who was killed in the location in which these men were, who did have such work?
- (g) Can you furnish the names and addresses of any one that might be able to assist in this investigation?

For your information, it is stated that there were recovered from the Foret de Retz, near Ferte Feuille fme., the bodies of four marines. When the graves were faced from the road, the extreme right one was found to contain the remains of Sgt. George T. Knott, the next grave contained the remains of Pvt. Harry Walleigh, the one next to Walleigh and the one at the extreme left were found to contain two unidentified marines. From data on file, it is thought that these two marines are Corporal Corbin and Pvt. McKinney. However, the unidentified marine found in grave next to Walleigh has the bridges and crowns referred to above, while the marine in the extreme left hand grave had little dental work done.

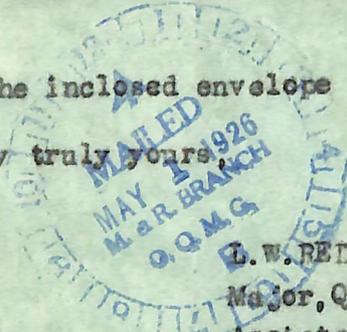
For your reply, you may use the inclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

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

1 incl.
envelope.

x 293 McKinney, Harry W.



EKV E.K.V

4-28-26

Case of Cpl. Francis B. Corbin, and Pvt. Harry W. McKinney, both of 17th Co.,
5th Regt. U.S. Marine Corps, KIA 7-18-18

Letter to

Paul Bailey- formerly Sgt. 17th Co, 5th Regt. U.S.M. Corps, this office is endeavoring to obtain information relative to the death and burial of Cpl. Francis B. Corbin, and Pvt. Harry W. McKinney, both of 17th Co. 5th Regt. U.S. Marine Corps, killed in action July 18, 1918. We have been advised by John A Reynolds- formerly 17th Co. 5th Regt. U.S. Marine Corps, that you may be able to assist us by some information on the above soldiers-

1528 Payne St -
Louisville Ky

- a-- Do you recall the death and burial of these soldier or Marines?
- b.. By whom buried?
- c.. Near whom buried?
- d.. Near where buried?
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- f.. If neither of these soldiers had same can you recall any one of the 17th Co. who was killed in the location in which these men were that did have such work?
- g.. Can you give us the names of any one and the addresses, that might be able to assist in this.

For your information, there was recovered from the Foret de Retz, near Ferte Feuillade, the bodies of four Marines, when faced from the road that in the Grave to the extreme right was found be-entain-- Sgt. George T. Knott.
" next to this was found to be Pvt. Harry Walleigh
" next to this was found to contain An Unidentified U.S. Marine
" next to this - that is the one on the extreme left when faced from the road was found to contain another Marine., from data in the office it is thought these two ~~Marines~~ Marines are Cpl. Corbin in grave next to Walleigh- however the Unidentified Marine found therein has the bridges and crowns referred to above, while the Marine in the extreme left hand grave had little dental work done.

E. Kensett Vail

Investigator.

70056

BAILEY, Paul

(Surname)

(Christian name.)

(Army serial number.)

White

Residence:

(Street and house number.)

(Town or city.)

(County.)

(State.)

Enlisted }
Inducted } in the United States Marine Corps at

(Place of application.)

on 5-11-15

(Date of oath.)

Place of birth:

Date of birth:

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: 17 Co 5th Regt
6-17-18 - Repl. Batt. 6-19-18

Grades, with date of appointment: Gy. Sgt.

Engagements:

Wounds or other injuries received in action: 6-15-18

Served overseas from _____ to _____

Exit from service:

Remarks: 1528 Payne St. Louisville, Ky.

Remarks (continued):

1. This statement of service is furnished from the records of Marine Corps Headquarters.

2. This statement is furnished primarily for historical and statistical purposes, although it may be used in adjudicating claims in which the State is solely concerned. It is not to be used before a court of justice or in support of any claim against the Federal Government. The law prohibits the furnishing of any information that may be used in the prosecution of a claim against the Government, except to the proper Government officials.

3. Applications from individuals, other than historians and statisticians, for information from this statement of service should be denied and the applicant directed to apply for the information to the Adjutant and Inspector of the Marine Corps, who is the custodian of the official records of the United States Marine Corps. Exceptions to this rule may be made in the case of officials of patriotic and philanthropic societies and associations when it is known positively that the information is to be used exclusively by said society or association, and will not be made public nor communicated to any individual who may use it directly or indirectly as a basis for, or in the prosecution of, a claim against the Government, or to the injury of the marine.

4. Except as hereinbefore provided, all persons seeking information relative to the military and medical histories of the marine should be denied information from, or access to, this statement of service, as otherwise information legally unobtainable would be made available to persons who might perpetrate frauds upon the Government, or who might seek to injure the marine.

RUFUS H. LANE,

Brigadier General, Adjutant and Inspector.

HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dr. Shea =

St. Richard O Shea

Med Corp US W

WSA Julia

Y Postmaster

NY

P.S.

My dear Miss Wheel

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Miss Vail says these should
with the divisions (see copies) originals
each case

(DO NOT DELIVER THIS)

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER
MAIL AND RECORDS BRANCH

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Revised May 21, 1938
Army, War Dept. 1938

G. O. M. C. FORM NO. 64

GRAVE LOCATION BLANKS
LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

McKinney

Harry W.

(Surname) (Number) (First name & Initials)
Private 17th 5th Regt. U.S.M.C.

(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH _____

CAUSE OF DEATH _____

DATE OF ^{BURIAL} DEATH July 18, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Woods south of Rue Translon
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department) Map reference
must specify plainly what map used.

Villers-Cotterets (Map June 22)

170.75

288.25

four graves together

GRAVE NUMBER outside left grave (when faced from the
road.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? _____ Cross? YES _____

Headboard? _____ Bottle? _____

Identification Tags _____

Was one buried with the body? _____ ?

Was one fastened to the name peg or
stake used as a grave marker? _____ YES _____

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

signed C.M. Charlton, Chaplain U.S. Navy

Reported by

signature and rank of reporting Officer.

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CMY

GRAVE LOCATION BLANKS
LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

WALLEYGH Harry
(Surname) (Number) (First name & Initials)
Private 17th 5th Regt. U.S.M.C.
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH _____

CAUSE OF DEATH _____

DATE OF DEATH July 18, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Sector Retz In the woods
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department) Map reference
must specify plainly what map used.
Villers-Cotterets (Map June 22) 170.75
288.25

grave next to that of Knotts.

One of four graves

GRAVE NUMBER _____

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? _____ Cross? rough wood
cross

Headboard? _____ Bottle? _____

Identification Tags YES

Was one buried with the body? _____

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

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

Reported by signed C.M.Charlton, Chaplain USN.
signature and rank of reporting Officer.

24/690/ARK

cm

GRAVE LOCATION BLANKS
LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

KNOTT 116086 George T
(Surname) (Number) (First name & Initials.)
Sergeant 17th 5th Regt. U.S.M.C.
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH _____

CAUSE OF DEATH _____

DATE OF ^{BURIAL} DEATH July 18, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Retz Sector Villers Cotterets
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department) ^{Map of June 22} Map reference
must specify plainly what map used.

When faced from road it is the outside right grave
of the four graves together

GRAVE NUMBER 170.75
266.25

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? _____ Cross? _____ YES

Headboard? _____ Bottle? _____

Identification Tags YES

Was one buried with the body? _____ ?

Was one fastened to the name peg or stake used as a grave marker? _____ YES

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signed C.M.Charlton Chaplain U.S.N.

Reported by _____
signature and rank of reporting Officer.

WINDSOR VERMONT

April 9, 1926

To: The Quartermaster General
Cemeterial Division
War Department
Washington, D. C.

From: Rev. Charles Magnus Charlton,
Windsor, Vermont.

Subject: AM 293 A-C
(Corbin, Francis B., Cpl.,
17th Co., 5th Marines)

Sir:

I received your communication dated March 25th- My records were packed away and have only just been found. I refer to notes made when in the Forêt de Retz. The following quotations are just as my pocket note book shows. (In fact, an exact copy of my notes.)

McKinney, (No number
Tag on cross)
Harry W.
Private U S M C 5th Regt USMC
July 18, 1918
Outside left grave-

When facing from road

Dr Shea

Villers Cotterets Map
South of Rue Translon-

170.75
288.25

for four graves.
Reported C.M.C.

received 9/9/26

As I recall now, Dr. Shea U.S.M., was with me when I found these men. I returned with a squad and buried them. C.M.C.

Sector Retz

Villeres Cotterets Woods
Killed July 18, 1918
Knott, 116086, George T.
17th Co 7-18-18 Sergeant USMC

Cross of boards

Facing from road outside

Right hand grave

4 graves together.

Reported C.M.C.

received 9-9-26



file with 4/20/26

193 Corbin

Walleygh Harry (No number)
Private U.S.M.C.
17th Co 5th Reported
July 18- 1918 G.M.C.

Next grave to Knotts.

Corbin (116158) Francis

Corp. U.S.M.C.
17th Co. 5th U.S.M.C.

July 18, 1918

Tag on Cross.

Grave between Walleygh and McKinney

Cross of Boards

Received 9/9/20

Received 9/9/20

all from station 117764 (all) Morgan

Here follow reports made of other graves made that same day in the same neighborhood.

2 German Soldiers buried between Translon Forneaux about Center of Triangle Marines buried them no identification July 18, 1918

Opposite side of road (and in some with distance) from the group of four. I remember that we buried these right under a big fallen tree and near some rocks. CMC.

Snair, 116377, Bernard W. 5th Regt
Private U.S.M.C. U.S.M.C.
Enlisted 30 June 13.

Killed in action Sector Ritz (In the woods)
July 18, 1918 Was buried and so reported to me. but we (4 of us) hunted for his grave for an hour or more on the following Sunday and couldnt find it. Reported to Graves Bureau. G.M.C.
Map Villers-Coterets, France

Tritt, Walter J.
Private
49th Co. 5th Regt
Killed in action
July 18, 1918
Rough board cross-
No tags.
Grave alone-
About 100 yards south of Laie du Translon
Approximately
170.4
288.05

Reported CMC

Bowness, Harry

(No Number)

Gy. Sergeant
49th Co 5th U.S.M.C.

Killed in action

July 18, 1918

Rough cross-

Tag on cross-

Tag buried close to cross
about 10 inches in ground
Grave north side of
Laie du Fond O' Argent

Approximately 170.6

1288.5

(Villers-Cotterets
22 June Map)

Reported
C.M.C.

*Record 1920
Vente de la terre
170.4
sub. au (old)
288.5
Ch 1264*

Answers-

- (a) These four men were buried in the same group.
- (b) Cpl. Corbin's grave was "between Walleygh and McKinney."
- (c) I do not recall dental work on any of that group.
- (d) Those four men were buried alone and close to the group of trees from which they were doing sniping work and from which they were shot down. I saw other dead Germans near them but by the road. I think Snair was buried by a squad of our hospital corps men but as reported from record I couldn't find his grave.

Respectfully

Charles Magnus Charlton

Charles Magnus Charlton



Boonville, Mo.
(No. 10000)
By Special Agent
John C. ...
Killed in action
July 18, 1918
-cross-

For on cross-
The ...
Approximately 100 ...
(Village-Corridor)
...

Reported
C.E.C.

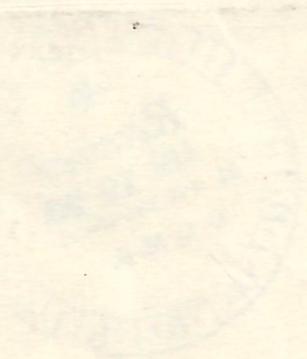
Answers-

- (a) Those four men were buried in the same grave.
- (b) Col. Corbin's grave was "Boonville Cemetery and ..."
- (c) I do not recall burial work on any of these graves.
- (d) Those four men were buried alone and close to the
front of cross from which they were being ...
and from which they were shot down. I saw other ...
Graves near that but by the road. I think there was
buried by a ... of our hospital corps ...
collected from ... I ... that the ...

APR 13 1926



Boonville, Mo.
Special Agent
John C. ...



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March, 31, 1926.

Major L.W. Redington
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir;

In reply to your favor of March 25, QM 293 A-C. in regards to Corporal Francis B. Corbin, I am very glad that I can give you the information you desire, Corporal Corbin was a very close friend of mine in the 17th Company of Marines, I was very close to Corbin when he received the wound that was the means of his death, in fact I tried to bind the wound and relieve the mans suffering.

I am sorry I cannot give you any information on questions A, B, and C. But I can answer the question D. Corbin did have a bridge of gold and porcelain in the front of his mouth and if I remember right it was the four front teeth. the height of the man was about five feet five .

The only other man whom might give you information would be Baily. at that time Baily was trying to give me instructions and dodge bullets at the same time. he was a gunnery sargent, I do not know his address at the present time.

After the engagement was over with and we were on our way back for a rest, we stoppeâ at the place where Corbin was killed, I remember of seeing Sargent Knott laying there also, So you may be assured if the man had a bridge of gold and Porcelain in the upper teeth, that it is Corporal Francis B. Corbin of the 17th Company 1st Batalion 5th Reg. U.S. Marines.

If there is any other information I can help you with, I would be very glad to help to get the poor fellows straightened out so they might have at least a cross and their name on it. Hoping the above will be of value to you I am,

Very truly yours,

J. A. Reynolds.



O.Q.M.G.
293 Corbin Francis B.

SYRACUSE WASHINGTON MAILING CORPORATION

The EASY WAY

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C.
(Corbin, Francis B., Cpl.,
17th Co. 5 Marines.

March 25, 1926

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Water Street,
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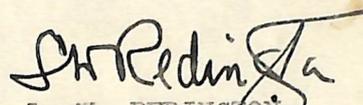
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To assist this office in the investigation in these cases, it will be appreciated if you will furnish as much of the following information as possible:

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- (b) Can you recall the names of any comrades near whom they were buried?
- (c) Can you recall who buried these two Marines?
- (d) Can you recall if either had gold and porcelain crowns and bridges, especially the four upper front teeth?
- (e) If neither Cpl. Corbin nor Pvt. McKinney had such dental work, can you recall any comrade killed in the same location who did have such work?
- (f) Can you furnish the names and addresses of any other comrades who might be able to give helpful information?

Please know that your assistance in this important matter will be greatly appreciated by this Office. Enclosed herewith is an official envelope which requires no postage, for your reply.

Very truly yours,


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

Encl.
envelope

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Assistant

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envelope

EKV *del*
56m

x 293 McKinney, Harry W

QM 293 A-C.

March 25, 1926

(Corbin, Francis B., Cpl.,
17th Co., 5th Marines)

Rev. C. M. Charlton,

Barnard, Vermont.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that this office is conducting an investigation with a view to locating the graves of the late Corporal Francis B. Corbin, 116156, 17th Company, 5th U. S. Marines, and Private Harry W. McKinney, of the same company and regiment, who were reported killed in action on July 18, 1918. The remains of four marines have recently been recovered from the Foret de Retz, near Ferte Feuille fine., Commune St. Pierre-Aigle, Aisne. When the graves were faced from the road, the extreme right one was found to contain the remains of Sgt. George T. Knott, the next grave contained the remains of Pvt. Harry Walleigh, the one next to Walleigh and ~~Walleigh~~ at the extreme left was found to contain two bodies on which the identification tags were missing. From the data already on file in this office, it is thought that these two bodies might be those of the two marines mentioned above.

The records of this office contain grave location blanks signed by you in each of the four cases mentioned. Copies of these blanks are enclosed, together with an original on the case of Harry Walleigh, which it is requested be returned to this office. It will be noted that the coordinates given on each of the grave location blanks are the same, although the wording of location is different. To assist in the investigation in these cases, it will be appreciated if you will furnish as much of the following information as possible:

- (a) Were these four men buried in the same group?
- (b) Was Cpl. Corbin buried next grave to Pvt. Walleigh, that is between Pvt. Walleigh and Pvt. McKinney?
- (c) Can you recall if Cpl. Corbin had gold and porcelain crowns and bridges on four upper front teeth. If he did not have such work can you recall any soldier buried at this place who did have such dental work?
- (d) Were there any other soldiers or marines buried with this group?
- (e) Any other information concerning the death and burial of these men which would assist in the investigation.

Please know that your assistance in this important matter will be

Letter QM 293 A-G. (Corbin, Francis B., Cpl., 17th Co. 5th Marines) March 25, 1926, cont'd.

appreciated by this office. Enclosed herewith is an official envelope which requires no postage, for your reply.

Very truly yours,

EKV *EW*
SW

6 Encls.

- 1- GLB -Walleigh.
- 2- GLB - Knott
- 3- GLB - Walleygh
- 4- GLB - Corbin
- 5- GLB - McKinney
- 6- envelope

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

X 293 Mrs Kinney, Harry W



3-23-26

Miss *N*icholson

2 letters

E. Kensett Vail

March 23, 1926

Cases of Cpl. Francis B. Corbin- 116156; & Pvt. Harry W. McKinney 197481
17th Co. 5th Regt. U.S.Mar. C. KIA 7-18-18

Letters---

- 1.. To John A. Reynolds(formerly 17th Co. 5th Mar.) Water St. Machias, Maine, advising this office is endeavoring to locate the graves of the above Marines, therefore it would be appreciated if he could advise us as to
 - a.. Death and burial of these two Marines?
 - b.. Can you call any near whom these two were buried?
 - c.. Can you recall who buried these two?
 - d.. Can you recall if either had gold and porcelain crowns and bridges, especially the front four upper teeth?
 - e.. If neither Cpl. Corbin or Pvt. McKinney, can you recall any comrade killed in the location in which these two were that did have such work?

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The extreme right was found to contain Sgt. George T. Knott.

The next grave was that of Pvt. Harry Walleigh

The next grave to Walleigh and the grave on the extreme left were found to contain bodies on which the identification tags were missing-- it is thought from data already in this office these might be ~~that of~~ the above two Marines,

Therefore any information you can give us or the names of any whom you think might be able to give us this information will be appreciated.

- 2.. To C.M.Charlton- former Chaplain U.S.Navy- Barnard, Vermont advising him this office is endeavoring to locate the graves of the above two Marines. Our records show G.L. blanks signed by you, copies of which are enclosed, as well as an original on the case of Harry(Walleigh) It is requested that this be returned. It will be noted that the coord. give on all are the same-- tho the wording of location is different. therefore.....
 - a.... Were these four men buried in the same group?
 - b.... Was Cpl. Corbin buried next grave to Pvt. Walleigh, that is between Pvt. Walleigh and Pvt. McKinney?
 - c.... Can you recall if Cpl. Corbin had upper front four teeth gold and porcelain crowns and bridges?, if he did not can you recall any burial at this place who did have such dental work done?
 - d...Were there any other soldiers or Marines buried with this group?

-- then copy ***** **

Any information you can give relative to the death and burial of these will be appreciated.

E. Kensett Vail

Investigator.

MC
QM 293 A-C
Corbin, Francis, B. Cpl.

July 20, 1925.

Mr. Edward A. Killian,
919 41st St.,
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that two bodies were found with those of the late Sergeant Knott and Private Walleight, both of the 17th Company, 5th Marines.

It is thought that these bodies may be identified as Cpl. Francis B. Corbin, and Pvt. Harry W. McKinney, also of the 17th Co. 5th Marines, who were reported buried with the above soldiers. To assist in the investigation in the cases, this office will appreciate your advising whether you recall either of these soldiers having had gold and porcelain crowns and bridges in their upper front jaw.

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

Very truly yours,

D. K. MITCHELL,
Major, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis, B. Cpl.

July 20, 1925.

Mr. John V. Couch,
2506 Main St.,
Peoria, Ill.

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QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis, B. Cpl.

July 20, 1925.

Mr. Ellis S. Johnston, Jr.,
1606 Fillmore St.,
Camden, N.J.

Dear Sir:

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IN REPLYING
REFER TO NO.

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Expeditionary Detachment,
Aboard USS ABARENDA, Enroute Amoy, China,
October 13, 1925.

293
Corbin, Francis B.

The Quartermaster General,
Cemeterial Division,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter #QM 293 A-C (Corbin,
Francis B. Cpl.), dated July 20, 1925, I have no
recollection as to whether either of the men in
question, Cpl. Corbin and Pvt. McKinney, had gold
and porcelain crowns and bridges in their upper
front jaw.

Respectfully,

George J. McDonald
George J. McDonald,
Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps.



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QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis, B. Cpl.

July 20, 1925.

Sergeant George J. McDonald,
Barracks Detachment, Marine Barracks,
Naval Station, Cavite, P. I.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis, B. Cpl.

July 20, 1925.

Mr. Elmer D. Smith,
Aneta, N. Dakota.

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

D.K. Mitchell
D.K. MITCHELL,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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*X 293 - Corbin, Francis B.
McKinney, Harry W.*



*Aneta, N. Dak.
July 27, 1925*

Dear Sir:—

*It is impossible for me to give any information on the above. But I am giving you name and address of one who may know. John A. Reynolds 3951 Deoney Way Sacramento, Calif.
Yours truly
Elmer D. Smith*



JUL 30 1925



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Grand Rapids, Mich.

TO

Mr. J. W. ...

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QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis, B. Cpl.

July 20, 1925.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis, B. Cpl.

July 20, 1925.

Mr. Arthur E. Ratchford,
1250 E. Main St.,
Waterbury, Conn.

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,


D.K. MITCHELL,
Major, Q.M.C.,
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1250 E. Main St
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Mr W. K. Mitchell
Major L. M. C.
Assistant

Enc.

Dear Sir,

In regards to the letter
you sent to my Husband (Arthur E Ratchford)
I took the liberty of opening it.
Mr Ratchford died Mar 2nd 1923 from
tuberculosis contracted while across.
I thought it best to let you know, as you
would perhaps wonder why he had not
answered.

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Carbony

Francis B.

Miss Grace Ratchford
1250 E. Main St
Haterbury Louu



QM 293 A3C

Corbin, Francis, B. Cpl.

July 20, 1925.

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Very truly yours,

D.K. MITCHELL,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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Chicago Ill.
July 24, 1925.

Major D. K. Mitchell,
I. M. C. Assistant.

Dear Sir:

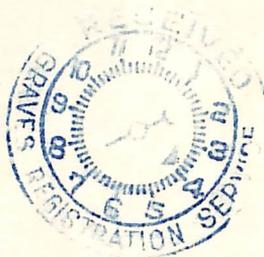
Replying to I. M. 293 A-C of
July 20, inquiring about Cpl.
Francis D. Corbin, I can definitely
say that he had gold teeth in
the upper jaw. I remember that
he had an even set of teeth.
Cpl. Corbin was in Sgt. Krotts'

platoon. They were killed in
action July 18, '18 in the Soissons
sector.

Evidently Bob Wallright and
Harry W. McKinney were late
replacement men as I do not
remember either of them, altho
the name McKinney seems
familiar to me.

Altho the foregoing is brief I
trust it will be of some assistance
in your investigation.

Respectfully
John P. Bonar



JUL 28 1925

QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis, B. Cpl.

July 20, 1926.

Mr. John P. Coonan,
1731A Missouri Ave.E.
St. Louis, Ill.

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

D.K. MITCHELL,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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2820 N. 26th St.

Phila Pa.

July 21, 1925.

The Quartermaster General,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir, Referring to
Om 293 a-c, I regret to
say that I have no recol-
lections of Cpl Corbin or
Pvt McKinney.

Very truly yours
Frank R. Pedrick



JUL 23 1925



QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis, B. Cpl.

July 20, 1925.

Mr. Frank R. Pedrick,
2820 North 26th St.,
Phila. Pa.

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Very truly yours,

D. K. MITCHELL,
Major, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

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Gentlemen

Letter to Eugene M. Murphy.
opened by mistake by Oliver M. Murphy

940 N. 43rd St. Phila.

Name at 942 N. 43- is Bradley

Oliver M. Murphy

707 55052





JUL 22 1925

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis, B. Cpl.

July 20, 1925.

Mr. Eugene M. Murphy,
942 N. 43rd St.,
Phila. Pa.

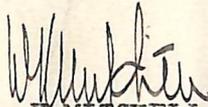
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Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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293 - Corbin Francis B.

QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis, B. Cpl.

July 20, 1935.

Mr. Eugene M. Murphy,
942 N. 43rd St.,
Phila. Pa.

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Very truly yours,

D. K. MITCHELL,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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IN REPLYING
REFER TO NO.

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Marine Barracks,
Mare Island,
California.

July, 20th, 1925.

War Department
Quartermaster General
Washington.

*293 - McKinney, Harry W.
293 - Corbin, Francis B.*

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of July, 20th, in regards to Cpl. Francis B. Corbin, and Harry W. McKinney, of the 17th, Co. 5th, Marines, it would be hard for me to say as to weather the above named men had gold and porclin crowns or bridges in their mouths.

I Know these men, but can not say or remember them enough, to state their identity as to the above. In fact in any other way.

But i can say that Sgt. Knott and Gy. Sgt. Bonnes, were burried together after we came out of the Soissons drive, as i helped to burry them, we left one identification tag on each one and turned one in to the company Office.

But as to Cpl. Corbin and Pvt. McKinney, i do not know where they were burried. But i do know that Sgt. Knott, and Gy. Sgt. Bonnes were burried together at that time.

So hoping that this will be of some help.

Very truly yours.

Fred W. Reitz

Cpl. Fred W. Reitz,
Marine Barracks,
Mare Island,
California.



JUL 30 1925



QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis, B. Cpl.

July 20, 1918.

Enl. Fred W. Reitz,
Guard Company, Marine Barracks,
Navy Yard, Mare Island, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that two bodies were found with those of the late Sergeant Knott and Private Walllight, both of 17th Co. 5th Marines.

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NAMES AND LATEST ADDRESSES OF FORMER MEMBERS OF THE 17th Co. 5th REGIMENT

- ✓ Sergeant George J. McDonald, Barracks Detachment, Marine Barracks,
Naval Station, Cavite, P. I.
This man was first sergeant of the 17th
company in July 1918.
- ✓ Pedrick, Frank R. 2820 North 26th St., Philadelphia, Pa. *rep*
This man was a sergeant.
- ✓ Ratchford, Arthur E. 1250 E. Main St., Waterbury, Conn.
This man was a sergeant.
- ✓ Reitz, Fred W. Now a corporal, Guard Company, Marine Barracks, Navy
Yard, Mare Island, California.
Was a sergeant with 17th Company.
- ✓ Coonan, John P. 1731A Missouri Avenue, E. St. Louis, Illinois.
Was a corporal with 17th company.
- ✓ Smith, Elmer D. Aneta, North Dakota.
Was a corporal with the 17th Company.
Has not applied for Adjusted Compensation.
- ✓ Couch, John V. 2606 Main Street, Peoria, Illinois.
Was a private with the 17th company.
- ✓ Johnston, Ellis S. Jr., 1606 Fillmore St., Camden, N. J.
Was a private with the 17th company.
- ✓ Killian, Edward A. 919 41st St., Oakland, Calif.
Was a private with the 17th company.
- ✓ Murphy, Eugene M. ~~Rt~~ 942 No. 43rd St., Philadelphia, Pa. *not found*
was a private with the 17th company.
Has not applied for Adjusted Compensation.

Former comrades of
✓ Sgt Harry W. McKinney } 12th
Cpl Francis B. Corbin } 5th
Furnished by M. C. 7/17/25
E.K.S.

5/13/25 -
War Department -

Quartermaster-General

Washington, D. C.

Cemetery Division

Dear Sir

Your letter of 5/4/25
to hand, informing me, as
to the remains of a Marine
recovered in Red Woods,
I am sorry to say, it
would be practically impossible
for me, to aid you in the
identification of dental work



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Case of

Red Woods

in my son's mouth, your Diagram
of Corporal Francis B. Cobin
"teeth" is completely wrong - I
Appreciate - your Effort, - but after
seven years, I would ask you
kindly to allow the remains of
my son Rest in Peace.

Very Respectfully

Mr Margaret Cobin
1829 So 24th St -

Philadelphia Pa -



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QM 293 A-C

Corbin, Francis, Bernard

May 4, 1925.

Mrs. Margaret Corbin,
1829 S. 24th St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that there has been recovered from the Metz woods, with three other soldiers, the remains of a Marine, on whom could not be found an identification tag. From the position of the body relative to the other bodies, it is thought that this is the body of your son, the late Corporal Francis B. Corbin, 17th Co. 5th Marines, as he was reported to have been buried with three other soldiers of the same organization.

The dental chart of this soldier, (copy inclosed) you will note had a great deal of dental work performed. To aid in establishing identification, it will be appreciated if you will advise this office if you recall your son having had gold crowns and porcelain and gold bridges on the 4 front upper teeth; gold crown and gold and porcelain bridges right and left side toward the back lower jaw - the porcelain bridges have porcelain fronts and gold backs.

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

Very truly yours,

R. P. HARROLD,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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5/1/25

Case of

Cpl. Francis Bernard Corbin- 116156- 17th Co. 5th Marines.

- 1.. Chaplain Charlton reports burial of 4 men as 4 graves together 170.74
- 2.. Sgt. Knott, Pvt. Walleigh, Cpl. Corbin and Pvt. Mckinney. 288.25
- 3.. 4 bodies were recovered 9/9/24 from Foret de Retz, Cmme. St. Pierre-Aigle, Aisne(near Verte Feuille Fme,)
- 4.. Two of the bodies had tags on them.. Sgt. Knott and Pvt. Walleigh. Two did not have tags. only ^marine uniform or buttons.
- 5.. Body from the thrid grave had no means of identification however from the data in office this would appear as it it were the body of Cpl. Corbin,
 - b. however this body has a deal of dental work- crowns and bridges.
 - c. letter of 2/ /25 from mother of Cpl. Corbin advises that she has been unable to locate the dentist who did work for her son 6 years before he enlisted.
 - d.. Major Harbold has advised that the dental chart as to crowns etc be asked of the mother. - that is does she recall any such work having been done for her son.

Therefore

Action requested.

Request letter to Mrs. Margaret Corbin

1829 S. 24th St. Philadelphia, Pa. advising her there has been recovered from the Retz woods with three other soldiers the remains of a Marine on whom could not be found an identification tag, from the position of the body relative to the other bodies & it is thought this is that of he son, as he was reported to have been buried with three other soldiers of 17th Co. 5th Marines-- this soldier however has a great deal of dental work , and to aid in establishing identification oit would be appreciated if she would advise this office if she can recall her son having had

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b. gold crown and gold and porcelain bridges right and left side toward the back lower jaw.

the porcelain bridges, have porcelain fronts and gold backs,

We are enclosing herewith a copy of the den al chart of the soldier whose identification tag could not be located,

E. Kensett Vail
E. Kensett Vail

Investigator.

IN REPLYING
REFER TO NO.

99971
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HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS

WASHINGTON February 21, 1925.

From: The Major General Commandant,
To: The Chief, Cemeterial Division,
Office of the Quartermaster General,
War Department, Washington, D. C.

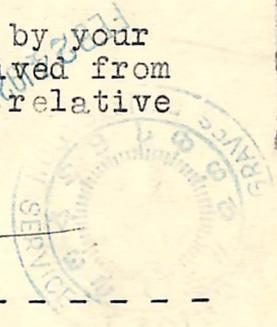
Subject: Request for dental chart in the case of the
Corporal Francis B. Corbin, U. S. Marine Corps.

Enclosure: 1.

1. In compliance with verbal request made by your office there is enclosed a copy of reply just received from the next of kin of the above-named deceased marine relative to dental chart requested.

E. R. BEADLE

-By direction-



293 Corbin Francis B.

noted
MCC

COPY

Philadelphia, Pa.
February 18, 1925.

Dear Sir:

Received your letter of January 30, 1925 requesting a dental chart of my son the late Corporal Francis B. Corbin and I have failed to trace the dentist who done the work six years before he enlisted, and as far as his skull there has never been any fractures. Sorry to have kept you waiting so long for a reply and hope this will be satisfactory.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Margaret Corbin,
1829 S. 24th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

WPB

COPIES

293 Corbin, Francis B.

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QM 293 A-C

McKinney, Harry, William

Nov. 14, 1924.

SUBJECT: Dental charts.

TO: Major General Commandant,
Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps,
Navy Building,
Washington, D.C.

1. There has recently been exhumed from the Foret de Ritz, near Verte Feuille Farms, Department of Aisne, Map 33SE, coordinates 170.75E, 288.24N, the bodies of two soldiers, the identification of which has not firmly been established.

2. To assist this office in the investigation in these cases, it is requested that you communicate with the next of kin of the late Private Harry William McKinney, 197481, 17th Co., 5th Marines, killed in action July 18, 1918, and the late Corporal Francis Bernard Corbin, 116156, 17th Co., 5th Marines, killed on the same day, and endeavor to secure dental charts of the late marines, of work performed prior to enlistment. Should the relatives be unable to obtain charts, kindly have them furnish a report of all work they recall having been performed.

For The Quartermaster General:

E. P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

O. Q. M. G.

x 293 Corbin, Francis Bernard

Nov. 13, 1924

ACTION REQUESTED.

Request letter to the Marine Corps, Navy Building, Washington, D.C. advising him there has recently been exhumed from the Forêt de Ritz, near Verte Feuille Fme, Dept Aisne, Map 338E. coord. 170.75E 288.24N.

Two soldiers on whom the identification is not firmly established, ~~it is thought from the position of the bodies that one is Pvt. Harry William McKinney.~~

We can find no record of a dental chart supplied by the nearest of kin, therefore it is requested, that such a dental chart be obtained if possible from the nearest of kin of

Private Harry William McKinney- 197481- 17th Co. 5th Marines KIA 7/18/18
and
Corporal Francis Bernard Corbin- 116156-17th Co. 5th Marines KIA 7/18/18

E. Kensett Vail
Investigator.

116156

CORBIN, FRANCIS BERNARD. CORP.- 17th Co., 5th REGT.
MARINES.

DISPOSITION: REQUESTS RETURN OF BODY TO THE U.S.
AND SENT TO MRS. MARGARET CORBIN,
1829 SO. 24th ST., PHILA., PA.

NEXT OF KIN: BERNARD J. CORBIN. RELATION. FA.

ADDRESS: 1823 S. 4th ST., PHILA., PA.

Memo.

99971

AC-mve

NAME:

CORBIN, Francis Bernard

RANK:

Cpl.

SERIAL NO.

116156

COMPANY: 17th (A)

REGIMENT: Fifth

BORN:

March 20, 1887

AT, Phila, Penna.

ENLISTED

August 10, 1917

AT,

Parris Island, S. C.

DIED

July 18, 1918

AT,

France.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in action.

REPORTED IN CASUALTY CABLEGRAM: #214

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION: Brown eyes; Black hair; Ruddy complexion; height 67 inches; weight 130 pounds.

INDELIBLE OR PERMANENT MARKS AND SCARS: ANT: S 1/2" rt. index finger; S. 1" rt. 2nd finger; Tattoo, left arm, arrow-head; S. 2" left hand; S. 1/2" left thumb; Tip little finger left hand missing; S 1/2" left knee; POST: 1 1/2" neck; S. 1/2" rt. ring finger.

DENTAL CHART:

170 32 missing or replaced.

GRAVE LOCATION: Unconfirmed; C33, St. Pierre Aigle, 33 SW, E.170.75, N 288.25, 1 of 4 graves, nearest McKinney, CL-33-778.

REMARKS

Notation in man's service record book "Killed in action 7-18-18, in the Foret Domaniale, during the Soissons, Rheims drive and buried in the field.

Gunshot wound left side of chest.

*Cal 1917 8-10
born 1887 3-20
30 + 20 when sent.*
*killed 1918 7-18
1887 3-20
31 + 28 when killed*

QM 293 C-3
(Flag)

Corbin, Francis B.

H.

²²
August 20, 1923.

SUBJECT: Issuance of flag.

TO: Quartermaster Supply Officer, Washington General Intermediate Depot, Washington, D. C.

1. It is requested that a flag be sent at Government expense to Mrs. Margaret Corbin, 1629 South 24th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

R. L. Foster,
Assistant.

rk

RK *KAC*
HDS *1603*
ESM *WPM*
RED *WPM*

U.S. Q.M.G.
Central Mail & File



AUG 22
B.O.C.

424 (Flags)

QM 293 C-C

(Corbin, Francis B.)

(Connolly, Joseph M.)

✓ X 293
✓ X 080

National American War Mothers Assn.

August 22, 1923.

Mrs. Blanche A. Bellak,
Pennsylvania State War Mother,
2508 South Lambert Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you be informed that in compliance with your application, instructions have been issued to have a flag sent to Mrs. Margaret Corbin, 1829 South 24th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in memory of her son, the late Corporal Francis Bernard Corbin, 17th Company, 5th Marines, who gave his life in the Service of his country.

In the case of Joseph Michel Connolly, the official records show that he was honorably discharged from the army April 4, 1919, as Sergeant, 1st Class, Construction Company #11, Air Service. Inasmuch as the death of this soldier occurred after his discharge from the Army, it is regretted that, ~~as the case~~, Mrs. Ida Leak Connolly, is not entitled to a flag.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Foster,
Assistant.

U.Q.M.G.
Central Mail & File



AUG 22

B. O. C.

rk

RK *rk*
HDS *HDS*
ESM *ESM*
BED *BED*

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MRS. D. J. LITTLE, Parliamentarian
Altoona, Pa.

FOR FLAGS:

Philadelphia, Pa.

July 20 - 1923

The full name of Soldier should be given; *Francis Bernard Corbin*

The Rank; *Captural*

The Organization; *U. S. M. C.*

The name of the Cemetery in France or United States. *Unknown*

52 May 1923 Co.

A statement that a Flag has not heretofore been furnished the nearest relative;

Statement here:-

No Flag has been furnished

Serial no - C - 27374

The Soldier in active service in France or United States died during April 6th, 1917 - Nov. 11th, 1918.

- Died July 18 - 1918

Only one Flag given in each family and to the nearest relative.

The Soldier who died in France and body brought to this Country, had a flag on the casket and nearest relative should have received the Flag. If you did not receive it

Statement here - Who did?

Body left in France

The name in full of the nearest relative who should receive the flag?

*Margaret Corbin Mother
1829 South 24th St - Phila. Pa.*

Please answer these questions and return this letter to me

Mrs. Blanche A Bellak - Pennsylvania State War Mother

2508 S. Lambert St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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MRS. D. W. WAMBACHER, Mrs. W. M. M. Mrs. A. L. Howell, Mrs. C. A. Howell, Mrs. May Beahm, Mrs. Elizabeth Temple, Mrs. D. A. Little

Pennsylvania State Chapter National American War Mothers

1928 St. Andrew Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

FOR CLASS:

Philadelphia, Pa.

Blanche A. Little

The full name of Soldier should be given; The Rank; The Organization; The name of the Cemetery in France or United States; A statement that a flag has not heretofore been furnished the nearest relative;

Statement here:-



AUG 17 1923

The Soldier in active service in France or United States died during April 1917 - March 1918. Only one flag given in each country, and a flag on the grave and nearest relative should have received the flag. The name in full of the nearest relative who should receive the flag.

Please answer these questions and return this letter to Mrs. Blanche A. Little, Secretary/Vice President, 1928 St. Andrew Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. W. M. D. ... Mrs. Jane ... Mrs. ... Mrs. ... Mrs. ... Mrs. ...

CEMETERY DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

FILE

January 5, 1922. 192

MEMO FOR:
Cards Department.

1.
CASE OF:

17th Co., 5th Marines

ORGANIZATION (Old)

CORBIN, 116156, Francis B. Cpl.
(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 Francis Bernard

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

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

FILE

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

BY: M. K. McCarthy

Investigation and Adjustment
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By A.B.
S/3324/LML

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Corbin 116158 Francis
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corp. 17th Regt. USMC
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL July 16 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Sector Regt - Villers Cottets

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

map of June 28 Villers - Cottets
170.75
288.25

One of four graves -

GRAVE NUMBER grave marked McKinney

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Rough and Cross? Cross

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: Yes

Was one buried with body?

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:

St. Pierre Aigle
CMM 33 (C-) SIT. 33 SW. 170.75
288.25

REPORTED BY:

Emmanuel Chasman OTC
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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Com. 33-778
Daily Report No. _____

Refer to this

(Office)

No. **7035**

INQUIRY

Request by Mrs. B. Bellak,
Montador Hotel.

European address _____

Phila, Pa.Relationship to dec'd Friend.
For location grave of:-Corbin, 116156, Francis B.
Last name Serial No. First namePvt. Co.A, 5th Marines.

Rank _____ Org. _____ Date of death _____

Date of request 8/4/21.Recd. by JMK
(Initials) Other information:Died July 18, 1918.

INFORMATION FURNISHED

UNLOCATED.
Location of grave _____ Country _____

Cemetery _____ Commune (town) Dept. _____

Grave No. _____ Section _____

Plot _____ Row _____

Furnished by _____ Date _____
(Initials)

INDEX

Request by Mrs. B. Beliak,
Montador Hotel.

European address

Phila, Pa.

Friends.

Relationship to dec'd

For insert SEP 21 1921

Gordia, Francis B.

Last name, first name

Pvt. C. A. ...



Rank

Date of CEMETERY DIVISION

Recd. by RECEIVED

(Initials) Other information:

Died July 18, 1918.

INFORMATION FURNISHED

UNLOCATED

Location of grave

Cemetery

Grave No.

Plot

Furnished by

(Initials)

2954

Letter 10-11-20 from
Mrs Margaret Carben

1829 S 54th St

Phila, Pa

To M.C. 10-28-20

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GENERAL

Div. of N. C.

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Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,

Washington, January 3, 1922.

From: The Major General Commandant.

To: The Chief, Cemeterial Division, Office of Quartermaster General of the Army.

Subject: A. E. F. dead: Confirmation or revision of G. R. S. record of disposition status.

Reference: Form No. 124, File No. 7035 dated 12-29-21
 Case of Francis Bernard CORBIN Cpl. #116156
17th Co., 5th Marines.

1. It is requested that the remains of the above-named man be disposed of as follows:

DISPOSITION: Remains to be left in France.

FILE

CONSIGNEE: Name: _____

Address: _____

NEXT OF KIN: Name: Mrs. Margaret Corbin,

Relationship: Mother

Address: 1829 So. 24th Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

REMARKS: _____

Macker Babb

*Adj. made
1/6/22
mesk*

MACKER BABB,
Lt. Col., Asst. Adjutant & Inspector,
U. S. Marine Corps.

By _____

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

November 8, 1921 1921

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. A. 5th Marines

ORGANIZATION (Old)

CORMAN #197484 Francis W. - Pvt

(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.			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)

5 X 8 White Card File No. 9600 Canceled to 5 X 8 White Card File No. 7035

CORBIN #116156 Francis B.

BY: D. T. Dodson,

Adjustment Section.

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By K.B.
S/3324/LML

CORBIN FRANCIS B.
ADJUSTMENT MADE

NOV 8 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

FILE 7035

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date October 27-21

File No. ~~2600~~ 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.

FILE

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

- a. Surname ~~German~~ ^{CORBIN} ✓
- b. Christian name ~~Francis W.~~ ^{Francis W.} ✓
- c. Serial Number ~~197484~~ ¹¹⁶¹⁵⁶ ✓
- d. Organization ~~Co. A. 5th Marines~~ ^{17th} ✓
- e. Rank ~~Pvt.~~ ^{CPL} ✓
- f. Date of death ~~7-18-18~~ ⁷⁻¹⁸⁻¹⁸ ✓
- g. Cause of death ~~K/A~~ ^{K/A} ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#) ~~CC 224~~ ²¹⁴ ✓
- i. Emergency address ~~1829 So. 24 St.~~ ^{Mrs Margaret Corbin} ✓
- j. Relationship ~~Phila., Pa.~~ ^{Phila., Pa.} ✓

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

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

CEMETERY NO:

BY:

SHEET NO:
TYPED BY:

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

S/3310/LML

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November 1, 1920.

293.8 Cem. #7035 (Corbin, Francis. Corp.)

FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division,
TO: Mrs. Margaret Corbin, 1829 S. 24th St., Phila., Pa.
SUBJECT: Corporal Francis Corbin.

FILE

1. Your letter of October 11, 1920, has been referred to the Marine Corps Headquarters, inasmuch as correspondence pertaining to Marine dead is answered by that headquarters.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

M. N. GREELEY,
Captain, Q. M. C. *gy*
gy

H. V. H.

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G.R.S. Form No. 101-A (Information Blank)

File Number 7035

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

Date 6-23-20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME Corbin, Francis Bernard

Serial Number 116156

RANK Cpl.

ORGANIZATION 17th Co. 5th Regt., Marines

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) No. Corbin, Francis B. Co. A, 5th Marines.
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 7-18-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) K/A
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4) CC#214
5.	Date buried.	(5) 7/18/18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) C-33, St. Pierre Aigle 33 SW, E-170.75, N-288.25 1 of 4 graves. grave nearest McKinney CL 33-778 1/31/19.
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?	(10)a) Yes b) "
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(11) Bernard J. Corbin, (father) 1823 So. 4th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	(12) No record.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	(14) No record.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	Released by Information Control Dept.DirectoryCards 5x8 X Cards 4x6

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

MVB

Reference: 7035

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

May 23, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Mrs. Margaret Corbin, 1823 S. 24th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
SUBJECT: Private Francis B. Corbin.

With an assurance of very deep sympathy, and in reply to your letter of enquiry, you are advised that information has been filed in this office by the burial officer concerned, to the effect that the above named soldier is buried in the Communal Cemetery at ST. PIERRE AIGLE, department of the AISNE.

JEMETICAL DIVISION
ERSEAS PROJECT SECTION



OCT 13 1920
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CCP/rs

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

3/30/19

Chief Graves
Registration Service,

Dear Sir,

I received your letter
of sympathy, in regards
to the grave of my son
Francis J Corbin who was
killed July 18th 1918 and
whose death has grieved
me since, but I am glad
to think he died for our

country, will be thankful
if you notify me when
you locate just where
the grave is, would have
answered sooner but I have
sick and unable to write,
when you answer the
right address is 1823rd S 24th St
instead of 1823 S 4th St
which was wrong

Thanking you Sincerely
His Hearted Brother
Mrs Margaret Corbin
1823 S 24th St
Chile



C-37 St. Pierre Aigle (Aisne)

NAME Francis B Corbin

FILE NUMBER 7035

RANK ORGANIZATION SERIAL NUMBER

NO. QUESTION REPLY

1. Do. particulars of soldier given ① 116156 - Pvt. - Co. A. 5th MARINES above agree with records?

2. Date of Death

3. Grave Location: ③ C-33. ~~0 - 1/4 miles. Grave marked McKinney.~~ ST. PIERRE AIGLE. (AISNE)

4. Who reported burial? 33 SW - E.170.75 - N.288.25

5. Confirmed by G.R.S.?

6. How is grave marked? ⑤ NO

7. Identification Tags:

(a) Buried with Body?

(b) Attached to grave Marker?

8. Emergency address:

9. Has above been notified? (Give Date)

DPF

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags, etc. (Par. #5, Bul. 10-B) _____ Effects (G.R.S. Form Nos. 7&7-A) _____

Monuments (Par. #6, Bul. 10-B) _____ Accrued pay (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 19&22) _____

Disinterrments (Par. #8, Bul. 10-B) _____ Liberty Bonds (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 21&22) _____

Circumstances of death (G.R.S. Form No. 6) _____ War Risk Insurance (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 20&22) _____

Photograph requested (File OQ4.5) _____ Disposition of Remains _____

Grave Location Ch. No. _____ (a) Return to U.S. (Form 23) _____

_____ (b) Remain in France (Form 24) _____

_____ (c) Miscellaneous (Letter) _____

Remarks: