

G.R.S. Form #114 B

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DATE Oct. 25, 1921

1. NAME COTRELL, William R. SERIAL No. 1686762

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.M. 58th Inf. & DIVISION 4 Div

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) #1232, Sec.

CTY. NAME NUMBER 66

22 Sec.66 1
GRAVE ~~XXX~~ PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 24 Bac Breulles-s-Meuse (Meuse)

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 35NE 282.1N 312.25E

CONCENTRATED TO 5-14-20 22 66 1

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne 1232
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on Body.

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 6, 1918.

Data F.I.

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME N.Y.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. Birdseye
M. B. BIRDSEYE
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/25/21 37 25

DATE GRAVE ROW

Robert O. Davis,
Major General
The Adjutant General
By Q13

AUG 14 1923

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon Meuse.

CEMETERY War Div.

A.G.O.
AUG 11 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

APR 4 1928

AUDITED BY
BW. 4-20-23

WS 4-13-28



INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



C° M - 58th Infantry -
4th Division.

COTTRELL, William R. - Priv. 1686768

Informant saw Priv. Cottrell hit with shrapnel shell near Sept-
sarges, France, at day break Oct. 7th 1918. Death was instantaneous.

Informant: KNAPTON, Guy L. - Corp. 1646648

Home : C° M - 58th Infantry -
Lawrence - Mass.

Signed: PEAVEY, W. H. - Lieutenant.

March 5th 1919.

AL.

S H 1656762

CODE SLIP

2010 10/6/18

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	COTTRELL	3	3 5 0 ¹²
BURIED	WILLIAM R.		
	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 1137	2	37
	ROW 245	2	23
	BLOCK 31	1	6
STATE	N.Y.	2	37
RANK	Plt.	1	2
DIVISION	784	2	784
ORGANIZATION	358	3	858
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	Mar	1	2
NAME	Cottrell	3	3 5 0 ¹²
RESIDENCE	Mrs Elizabeth		
	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Foreign	1	4
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP			
	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	England	1	
29/514	Country		

AUDITED

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QM 293 A-M
Cottrell, William R.

June 16, 1935

Mrs. Christina Cottrell Richards,
30 Hazelwood Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 11th making inquiry as to whether your mother is eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private William R. Cottrell in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in France.

The law authorizing the pilgrimages of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, limits the privilege to those who are residents of the United States.

While I appreciate the desire of your mother to visit the grave of her son in the beautiful Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, it is regretted to advise that inasmuch as she is not a resident of the United States, no arrangements can be made for her to make the journey at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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QMG M&R BR

232
30 Hazelwood Ave
Toronto. Ont.
Canada

Adj Generals Office
Washington

June 11th 33

Dear Sir

My Mother, Mrs
B. Battell, 3 Hawkhill Mount;
Quiseley, N. Leeds, England,
has asked me to write you
re. the "Gold Star Mothers"
trips to the Graves of their
sons in France.

My Brother, William P.
Battell was killed in action
Oct. 6th 1918. — Co M. 58th
A. S. Infantry — near Montfaucon

now lies buried Pomajne
Cemetery, Pomajne, France.
grave # 10146.

I understand that you
are still sending Mothers over
from the States, and any
consideration you would give
my Mother in that respect
would be greatly appreciated
by.

Yours Sincerely

Christina Battelle Pe

formerly
(Miss) C. Battelle

680 Ocean Ave. Jersey City.

P. S. Having recently lost my
husband, expect to return to
my Mother in two months
time, an answer to my
Mother or self ^{before then} would induce
kindness

E. E. P.



Costrell, Wm R.
1232
POT

WAR DEPARTMENT
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
 WASHINGTON

DATE 8/22/31

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Cottrell, William R.	Pvt.	1686762	Co. M, 58th Inf.	10/6/18

STATE	N. Y.	CTY. NO.	1232	GRAVE	37	ROW	25	BLOCK	F
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NAME AND ADDRESS	Check relationship	Living - Deceased
		: : :
	<u>MOTHER</u> <i>Camp</i>	: ✓ : :
	STEMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :
	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :
	<u>WIDOW</u> (Who has not remarried)	: : :

m
Elizabeth Cottrell
Nest Villa
Oxford Rd.
Guiseley
Leeds Yorkshire
England

Single man

Veterans Bureau Claim Number 109 399
 29/156

1-27-32

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Mother
IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
(Cottrell, William R.)

June 29 1929.

Miss Clara Cottrell,
680 Ocean St.,
Jersey City, N.J.

*Mrs. Elizabeth Cottrell
West Villa, Oxford Rd.
Guiseley, Leeds, Yorkshire,
England C-109 399*

7-29-PM

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the sister of the late Private William R. Cottrell, Co. M, 58th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 C-R

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Sept. 13, 1923.

Miss Clara Cottrell,
680 Ocean St.,
Jersey City, N.J.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private William R. Cottrell, Company M, 58th Infantry, is Grave 37, Row 25, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Cheal
H. H. CHEAL,
Assistant.

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293 Cottrell, William R
RILEY

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

WASHINGTON, D. C.



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.

INSURE
VALUABLE MAIL



Miss Clara Cottrell
680 Ocean St.
Jersey City, N.J.

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O. O. M. O.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

390 St.

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1923
N.J.



Cottrell,

William R.

1,686,762

Dup. ✓

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. M, 58th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Wife

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

(Miss) Christine Cottrell

(Number and street or rural route.)

9 Oxford Rd. Quisley, Leeds England

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

33410

Drawn by MTT
1232. Dec 66-42

Miss Clara Battrell, Sister 5-14-21
680 Ocean St.,

Jersey City, N.J. *Chickadee*

Mrs Elizabeth Cattrell, Mother
9 Oxford Rd.

5-16-21
Hulseley, Leeds, England

Sept. 13, 1923.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cottrell,
9 Oxford Rd. Guiseley, Leeds,
England.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the ~~permanent~~ ^{Private William H. Cottrell, Company M, 58th} grave of 37, Row 25, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

In

H. H. CHEAL,
Assistant.

RECEIVED
Sept 13 1923
M. H. D.

QM 293 C-R

Sept. 13, 1923.

Miss Clara Cottrell,
680 Ocean St.,
Jersey City, N.J.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of ~~Private William A. Cottrell, Company M, 88th~~ 37, Row 25, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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In

H. H. CHEAL,
Assistant.

23/592/ARK



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #33410

(a) Name COTTRELL, William R. Ser. No. 1686762
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M, 58th Inf. } TYP. als
 (c) Date of death 10/6/18 (d) Cause of death K/A } 30

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

(a) Grave No. 22 Row Plot 1 Sec. 66 TYP. als
 (b) Emerg. Address Miss Clara Cottrell, (Sister) 680 Ocean St., Jersey City, N. J. CKR. 30

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on, 192
Sub 6 letter of transmittal on JUN 3 1921, 192
Par. 2 Not to be returned. L.P.W.

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

COUNTRY CEMETERY No. SHEET No.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 25, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

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DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters:

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name COTRELL, William R.
 2. No. 1686762
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co.M. 58th Inf.
 5. D.D. Oct. 6th. - 18
 6. C.D. KIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 22 Sec. 66
 8. Plot 1 Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery Meuse Argonne Amer.
 20. Dept. or County Meuse
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232-Sec.66

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Mont-faucou
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 25, 1921.

By E.G. Howell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William R. Cotrell
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 1686762
 Organization Co. M, 58 Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? Yes
 Tag on peg over body? Yes.

J. C. Annabel
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
 J. C. Annabel.

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).

Tag on body partly corroded. "William Cot--1686762" legible.

~~G.R.S. plaque with body and tag on peg over body read, "William Cottrell 1686762".~~

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform.

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. 25, 1921. By E.G. Howell

31. Casket sealed by E.G. Howell

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

E. G. Howell
 E.G. Howell.

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-13098

32. Designation of body:

Name COTRELL, William R. Serial No. 1686762

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.M. 58th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Mense)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 25, 1921. By E.G. Howell

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

F. B. Daniel

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector F.B. Daniel, Captain, QMC.

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 25, 1921.

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne

Convoyer W. J. Royed. Signature Shipping Officer [Signature]
(Name [Signature] Captain, QMC.)

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer (Name) Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Oct. 25, 1921. Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232.

42. Grave No. 37. Section

43. Plot/Block F. Row 25.

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]



Place Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 25, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF COTTRELL, William R. SERIAL NUMBER 1686762

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. M, 58th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 25, 1921 From (give complete location): gr 22, sec 66, plot 1

By: Group 3 Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 25, 1921. In (give complete location): Meuse Argonne Cem. #1232, Gr. 37, Bl. F. Row 525.

By: Group Reburial S. Unit Nature of reburial Unlined Casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: wooden box and burlap and uniform, badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

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

Tag on peg over body, ~~xxx~~ and G.R.S. plaque with body read William Cottrell 1686762.

Tag on body partly corroded, "William Cot-----1686762 legible.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

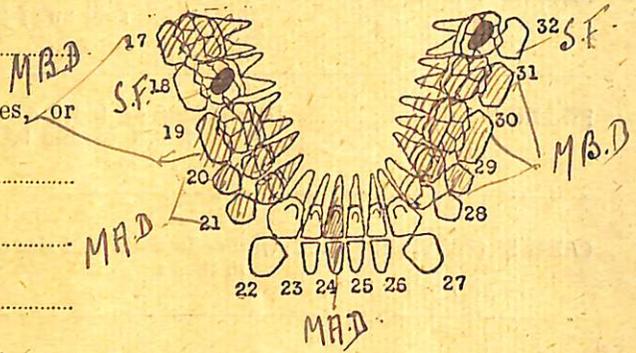
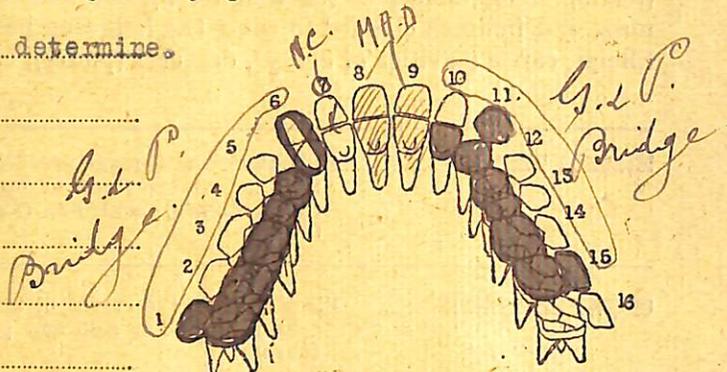
Location do

Quantity do

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

missing parts) do

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) none visible.



7. Disinterment supervised by E. G. Howell
E. G. Howell

Approved: F. B. Daniel
F. B. Daniel, Capt. Q.M.C.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault
A. U. Dufault

Approved: James W. Younger
James W. Younger, Capt. Q.M.C. USA
(Title)

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

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

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

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



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



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



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



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



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

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

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



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #33410

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COTTRELL, William R. Ser. No. 1686762
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.M, 58th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10/6/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. als
 CKR. zp

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

(a) Grave No. 22 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. 66 TYP. als
 (b) Emerg. Address Miss Clara Cottrell, (Sister) 680 Ocean St., Jersey City, N.J.

III. ~~Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases /~~ CKR. 36

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name (Miss) Christina Cottrell (b) Relationship sister
 (c) Address 9 Clifford Rd, Guiseley, Leeds, England.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____

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

Examiner's Initials MH Date 5/14, 1921

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

_____, dated _____

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1921

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

Get (Recd) 6-3-20 Elizabeth Cottrell (mother) 9 Clifford Road, Guiseley Leeds, Yorkshire, England. Request that the body remain

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? in France

Examiner's Initials MH Date 5/14, 1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 66 SHEET No. 42

JUN 9 1921

H.S.

Checked by
46-1121

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 JUN 3 1921, 192

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Par. 2 Not to be returned. *RPW*

IX.

REMARKS

WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE.

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Location Index

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Serial No.

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Cemeterial

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June 29, 1920.

293.8 Cem -33410 -(Cottrell, William R., Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Elizabeth Cottrell, 9 Oxford Road, Guiseley, Leeds, England.

Permanent burial in France.

1. In reply to your letter of recent date, you are advised that your request that the body of your son, Private William R. Cottrell, remain in France has been made of record in this office and instructions have been issued to have your wishes complied with.

2. The Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of the Meuse, in which your son is now buried, is one of the cemeteries chosen by the Secretary of War as a permanent Field of Honor. You may therefore rest assured that your son's body will remain where it now is.

3. Your request for a photograph of his grave has been referred to the Photographic Section of the American Red Cross, attached to this office, and they will comply with your wishes.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

LN CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Captain, Q.M.C.

JEW

G. M. S. MAILED

JUL 1 - 1920



In War Department
Office of
Quarter Master General
Graves Registration
Washington
U. S. A.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cottrell
9 Bedford Road
Guiseley
W. Leeds
Yorkshire
England

No 33410

~~33410~~ Cottrell William R. (Pvt), U. S. A.

Sir

In answer to your letter dated Feb 27th 1920
Re my deceased son William Robert Cottrell, Coy. B
58th Infantry A. E. F. Killed in action Oct 6th 1918,
It is my special desire that my son shall remain
where he has been reburied (according to your
information May 14th 1919 in the Argonne Cemetery
of which you have furnished his address. I am
sure my son would wish to lie with his comrades
who has given their all for their Country's Cause
& freedom, for his two brothers also sleep in
heroes graves in Argonne

I am Sir

Yours very respectfully

W. R. Cottrell
(Mother)

P. S.

Sir I shall be very thankful when my turn
comes to receive a photograph of his grave

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MAY 1920
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File #33410

Feb. 10, 1920

Research Section. CTY. #12, GRAVE #22, Card Dept.

G.R.S Form No. 8-W; Central Records Liaison.

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

✓ Surname: ~~Cottrell~~ - Cottrell.
 ✓ Number: 1686762
 ✓ First name: William R.
 ✓ Rank: Pvt.
 ✓ Company: Co. H.
 ✓ Organization: 58th Inf.
 ✓ Date of death: 10/5/18 10/6/18
 ✓ Cause: K/A
 ✓ Place: a. e. f.

Location of hospital:

Number " "
Class " "

Emergency address: Miss Clara Cottrell
680 Ocean St.
Jersey City, N. J.
Relationship: Sister.

Authority:

✓ Cablegram No: 285 - a. c. f. 10/17/18.
Telegram from:

dated:

Reported to Washington: 2/7/19.
C.C.Nos.

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)
Remarks:

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

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2/12/20.

Feb. 10, 1930

File 100410

CTY. WIS. GRAVE

Research Section

U.S. Form No. 8-W; Central Records

Form 1-A, D-10311 shows:

Cemetery #1232,

Grave #22

Name: Cottrell, William R.

Subject: Information required for U.S.A.

I. Items checked are to be completed:

~~Cottrell - Cottrell~~
198878
William R.
Pvt.
Co. H.
88th Inf.
10/3/18
K/A



Place of birth:

Emergency address:

Relationship:

Authority:

Telegram form:

Date:

Reported to Washington:

C.O. No.:

(Indicate the official, C.O.)

Address:

CHARLES C. FINN
Colonel, G.N.C. U.S.A.

ME-100410

9 Oxford Rd
Guiseley
Leeds
England.

Adj. General.
War Dept.
Washington, D. C.

Oct 10th

Dear Sir

You will see by
above address, that I have
left Jersey City, having
returned to my home in
England.

My family do not wish

Rec'd Oab. 117.

NOV 13 1919

Q5 293.8



of Clifford Rd. Bunsley. Leeds
England.

Yours sincerely

(Miss) Christina Cottrell

Re. Remains

Re. William A. Cottrell

Cott, Coy M.
Noted.

48th A. D. Inf.

Put Co M

5827

1656762

as noted.

Card filed in

in the remains of my late brother
Re. W. A. Cottrell to be removed
from where they are now, as
we know they have already
been and removed from the
first burial ground at
Spiracles.

Should, there be any
further communication to
make concerning him, will
your kindly communication my
mother, Mrs Elizabeth Cottrell



AUDIT DEPT.

Special

G.R.S Form No. 8-W; Central Records
Liaison.

2/10/29

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

Surname: Cottrell ✓
 Number: 1686762 ✓
 First name: William R. ✓
 Rank: Pvt ✓
 Company: Co. M ✓
 Organization: 58th Inf. ✓
 Date of death: Oct 6, 1918 ✓
 Cause: Killed in action ✓
 Place: France ✓

Location of hospital:

Number " "
Class " "

Emergency address: Mrs Elizabeth Cottrell
 9, Lexington Rd
 Relationship: not shown Ingleby
 Leeds, Eng

Authority:
 Cablegram No: 285-287 10/17/18
 Telegram from: _____

dated:

Reported to Washington;
C.C.Nos.

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

Remarks:

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

NS-3404/ME

L. B. Bauer, 77-7/18

№ 3104/B

СОВЕТСКИЙ СОЮЗ
МИНИСТЕРСТВО СЕЛЬСКОГО ХОЗЯЙСТВА



Исходный номер:

Серийный номер:

Удостоверение:

582-7841000

Исполнитель:

Инициалы и фамилия:

Служба:

Имя:

Полное наименование:

Вид:

Срок:

Дата выдачи:

Спецификация:

Состав:

Вид:

Инициалы:

Имя:

Фамилия:

ВЕРИ ИМ

СО М

БАР

АППИОН К

СОВЕТСКИЙ

1. Если проверка не была выполнена:

Срок: Информация требуется для С.В.С.

Кому выдано: С.В.С. представителя С.В.С.

3/10/30

Инициалы:

С.В.С. форма № 3-А: Сельскохозяйственные

УДАЛИТЬ

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DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS.

c2-6856

{ Each clerk will sign his surname to ste.
taken by him, adding his room number. }
Indicate dates thus: 4-8-18.

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS.

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE MEMORANDA.

CASUALTY:

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF ^{E.A.} ADDRESS AS PER LETTER
HEREWITH.

M Marshall 2-201

11/12/19

*Noted Cas. Div.
EOL - amm
1/22/20*

Rec'd Cas. Div.
NOV 13 1919

19 REC'D RECORDS DIV. A. G. O. JAN 23 1920

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS

Each check will show his surname to etc.
taken by him, adding his room number.
Indicate dates from: 1-8-18

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS

1-3-18

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE MEMORANDA.

CASUALTY:

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS AS PER LETTER
RECEIVED

100-3 11-2-201

11/12/18



Water 103
1/10/19

NOV 12 1918

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS.

c 3-6856

Each clerk will sign his surname to steps
taken by him, adding his room number.
Indicate dates thus: 4-8-18.

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS.

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE MEMORANDA.

Enlisted Records

Please note on records, change of E.A. as per letter herewith.

E. Jakobe 2-201--Bldg. E
11-7-19

~~Cathell~~
Noted.



Rec'd Cas. Div.
NOV 13 1919

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS

Each clerk who signs this memo to stop taken by him, adding his room number. Indicate dates thus: 4-8-18.

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS

11-1-18

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE MEMORANDA

Enlisted Records

Please note on records, change of R.A. as per letter herewith.

E. Jakobs 2-201--Bldg. B
11-7-18



Handwritten signature or initials

NOV 18 1918

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

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ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

2.10.20

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

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

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

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

____ Monument
(Par. #8, Bul. 10-C-W)

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

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

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

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

____ (b) Other Countries

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

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

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

Remarks:

G.L.

*note change in add-
stating in card of Mrs Elizabeth Cottrell
Oxford Road - Guisley, Leeds, England*

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

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

M/B M

Analysis Clerk.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C.O., Co. M, 58th Inf.

SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Graves Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Weariest relative of deceased:

Relationship: _____

Address: _____



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

Reference - 33410.

April 11th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Mrs. L. Cottrell, 9 Oxford Road, Guiseley, nr. Leeds, Yorkshire, Eng.
SUBJECT : Pvt. William R. Cottrell, Co. M, 58th Infantry, American E.F.

1. In reply to your letter of inquiry, I am very sorry to have to inform you that my field force has not as yet succeeded in obtaining any definite burial information regarding this soldier. You may rest assured that every possible effort will be made to locate the grave, and, if necessary, a special search will be made of the area where he died and is, no doubt, buried.
2. Careful note is being made of your name and address, and immediately the burial information is received, you will be informed.
3. I am today requesting the chaplain of your boy's organization to communicate with you, giving, if possible, full particulars of death.

By direction

(Enclosures - G.R.S.:)
(10-B. 6, .004.5)

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

Per

MAURICE B. DIX,
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

MBD-88.



From Mrs. H. Cottrell

~~17/9/19~~ Oxford Road
Guisborough

10773
9 DEC 1918

Dec 4th 18

Gr. Leeds

Yorkshire
England

~~File
Further info
C.O.
Mrs. Cottrell
17/9/19~~

Dear Sir

would you be so kind & let me know what date my son handed that money into you. your letter was marked 25th Oct, & I rec it on the 31st, this week I had a letter from a friend of his in New Jersey with a copy of a letter from one of ^{his} officers saying his friend William Cottrell has sleeps the last sleep of an American hero in France, his letter is dated 14th Oct & he never says how he died or what date & how it is nearly 2 months. I think I should hear something from his ^{reg} office before now. I feel very anxious about him. for I have already lost 2 ^{sons} in Flanders

Can you do anything for me, I would be ever
so grateful. I have never rec any of my letters
back or parcels. Has dad any of his notes
write me. Surely it is time I heard from
some one, hoping you will do your best
for me

Yours very respectfully

L. Cottrell

Killed in action

Oct 4, 1918.

Ymca

My son's address

Plt. W. Cottrell

Company, M.

58th Infantry

4th Division

American 9. Zone

We have wired to London & has
rec no reply yet



June 29, 1920.

G.R.S. #106
DISPOSITION OF BODY

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

For information of:

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

Case of:

Private William R. Cottrell, #1686762
Co.M.58th Infantry.

Grave Location:

Grave #22, Sec.66, Plot 1, Argonne
American Cemetery, Romagnous-Montfaucon
Meuse.

Request for action checked below:

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

has been made by:

Mrs. Elizabeth Cottrell, 9 Oxford
Road, Guiseley, Leeds, England.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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An

1. G. S. Form No. 1.

Hq. G. B. File

2. Soldier's No. 1686762

3. Cottrell William R.
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt.
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Date of Burial B.A.C.
Cemetery

7. Brieulles Meuse
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 24
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? 1 Cross? Headboard? Bottle?
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker? 1
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

12. "A" sketch 43
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed Sgt. Baker

GROUP No. 3

Group Unit G. B. S.

PROV. UNIT "A" G.R.S.



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GRAVE LOCATION B'AMM

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE

COTRELL 1686762 William R
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Co "M" 58th Inf.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Nantillois**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Machine Gun Bullet**

DATE OF BURIAL:

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?
Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

CMME. Nantillois (Avenue)

179 35 NE, CO. RD.

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: **W. Marshall Capt**

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Communal List No. 179-2480
Daily Report No. _____



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Place NEUFCHATEAU

Date 11th June 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: CORRELL, William R.

Number 1686762

Rank: Unkn

Organization

Unit

M. 58 Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From (give complete location)

6 14th May 1919

Amer B A Cty Grave No 24

BRIEULLES SUR MEUSE

35 NE E 312.5 N 282.6

Reburied (Date)

In: (Give complete location)

14th May 1919

Grave No 22 Sec 66 Plot 1

1232

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY NO. 1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good; buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

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Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt Armitage

JMB

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. O. M. C. U. S. A.

C.O. Group Unit

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JUN 19 1914
O. C. O. M.
O. P. S.

Very truly yours,
[Signature]

J. H. [Name]

Director of the [Agency]

J. H. [Name]

Director of the [Agency]

Dear Sir,

Dear Sir,

Enclosed for you are [Number] copies of [Document]

Very truly yours,
[Signature]

