

DATE Sept. 24, 1921.

JUN 1 - 1923

1. NAME COUNTS, Henry SERIAL No. 2809832

RANK 1st Lt. ORGANIZATION Co. K., 359th Inf.

& DIVISION 90

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne American, ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON (Meuse) 1232.-Sec.93

141 GRAVE 93 PLOT 3

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Clery le Grand, Meuse

1 (Isola) Sec.

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35 NE 289. N 312. E

CONCENTRATED TO 6/12/19 141 GRAVE Sec 93 ROW 3 PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery 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, Collar ornaments, 359 K. cross files,

DATE OF DEATH Nov. 5, 1918

data F-1. **STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME** California

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS **MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED** none

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W. B. Birdseye

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Sept. 24, 1921. 40 GRAVE 38 ROW 1 BLOCK

MEUSE ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse

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

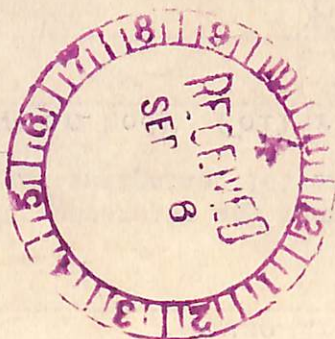
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By CRB JUN 10 1923 ADEU-6-28

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

A circular blue ink stamp. The outer ring contains numbers 1 through 12. In the center, the word "Received" is written in a curved path, and "JUN 12 26" is written in the middle. Below the date, it says "M & R BRANCH" and "O. Q. M. G.".

Received
JUN 12 26
M & R BRANCH
O. Q. M. G.

Ria 11/6/18 cc 333-12/10/18 JRL

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Counts, 2809832 Henry
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Unknown
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL November 8, 1918.

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

Three Kilometres west of Dun-sur-Meuse
on the Dun - Aincreville road. Buried
at right of road at "3K" Post.

GRAVE NUMBER.

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Captain Geo. G. Shurtz
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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STATISTICAL DIVISION
H. A. ...
23 NOV 1918

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A. G. O.
23 NOV 1918
G. H. O. A. E. P.

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RECEIVED
STATISTICAL DIVISION
23 NOV 1918
OFFICE

Co. K. 359th Inf.
90th Division.

COUNTS, Henry - Pvt. 2809932.

Killed in action 11/5/18. CT 52.

Pvt. COunts was killed by machine gun bullet through chest on morning of Nov. 2, 1918. I, as stretcher bearer, was told that there was a wounded man just kover the crest of a little hill where the company was. This hill was raked bt machine gun fire, and he was dead before I reached him. This was about 5 kilometers east of Aincreville, France.

Informant: Manly, William J. - Pvt. 2805578
Co. K. 359 Inf.
Home: Clarendon, Texas.

Searcher: M.F. Chaplin - 1st Lt. 359 Inf.
3/10/1919.

G.P.

Place N. CHATEAU

Date 27 th June 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name COUNTS Henry

Number 2809832

Rank Unkn

Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

12th June 1919

Grave # 1 Isolated

DOULCON MEUSE 35NE 312.2E 289.2N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

12th June 1919

Grave # 141 Sec 93 # lot 3

ARGONNE AMER CTY: # 1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

1232

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

Burial good, buried in Blanket, body decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? ys

What other means of identification were found upon the body? none

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Note:

CONFIRMED No. D

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

Supervised by Lt. Ellet

r/s

R. H. ROSENTHAL

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

C.O. Group

Unit

Date 27th June 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: COURTS Henry

Number: 2809833

Organization: Unit

Disinterment and Reburial made by group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date):

From (Give complete location):

12th June 1919

Grave "I" located

BOULGON MARKET 38th St. 38th St.

Reburied (Date):

In (Give complete location):

12th June 1919

Grave "I" lot 3

ANGONNE MARKET 12th St.

ROMANIAN ARMY

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Burial good, buried in blanket, body decomposed.

Are any identifications for found upon the body?

And what means of identification were found upon the body? None

Note: In each disinterment, efforts are made to locate and identify the remains. If the remains are not located, an effort will be made to identify them by the name of the deceased. If the remains are located, an effort will be made to identify them by the name of the deceased. If the remains are not located, an effort will be made to identify them by the name of the deceased.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 12, 1931.

Counts, Henry Pvt. (M-A) M

Mrs. N. C. Counts,
Purcell, Oklahoma.

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

Sign here

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Counts, Henry - 1232 M

Mrs. H. C. Counts,
Box 153,
Ingersoll, Okla.

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.

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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
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Counts, Henry 1232 M.

Mrs. N. C. Counts,
Box 153,
Ingersoll, Okla.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Counts, Henry
1232.

Sept. 6, 1929

Mr. William J. Counts,
Purcell, Okla.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Counts, Henry

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Wm. J. Counts,
Furcell, Okla.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Henry Counts, Co. K, 359th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

Counts, Henry

2,809,832

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co K 359th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

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)

*William D. Counts
Purcell Okla*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Noted G. C.

Date: 5-11-21

1232 Sec. 93-42

Checked Pm

5-12-21

QM 293 C-R

October 3, 1923.

Mr. William J. Counts,
23/592 Purcell,
Okla.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private Henry Counts, Company K, 359th Infantry, is Grave 40, Row 38, Block E, 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,

W.P.H.
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H.H. CHEAL
Assistant.

O.Q.M.G.
Central Mail & Files Bldg.



OCT 3 1923
H.B.

23/592/ARK

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GRAVE LOCATION BOOK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Counts, 2809832 Henry
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Unknown
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL November 8, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL Dun-sur-Meuse.

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

Three Kilometres west of Dun-sur-Meuse
on the Dun - Aindreville road. Buried
at right of road at "537" Post.

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?

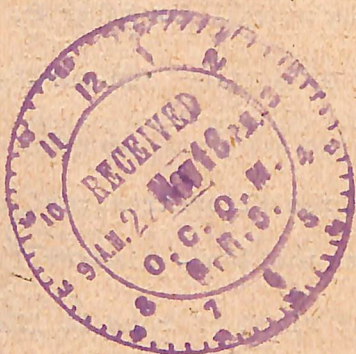
If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

COMM. Douv. Con. (Meuse)
549 31 WE *E 313*
COOP. 2290

REPORTED BY:

Captain Geo. G. Shurtz
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



Communal List No. 549-813
Daily Report No.

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1. G. R. S. Form No. 1. Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 2 809 832

3. Counts Henry
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. (Roadside) Isolated
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. W. of Doulecon Meuse
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker?
Identification Tag

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

SP. 105-1100

12. 35 NE 89.25 N 312. 3 E
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

COMM. DOULCON (Meuse)

13. (549) NE 35 N.E. COORD. E 312.3
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer N 289.25

ROSH
1783

Signed Sgt. Sr. Gr. James H. Roberts

Group..... Unit 301... G. R. S.



5-12-21

(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 93

FORM 115 Sheet No. 42

Pm

(Initials)

OSP-SS
Form No. 1011.

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Counts		
	Henry		
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	40
	ROW	2	38
	BLOCK	1	5
STATE	Calif	2	04
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	90	2	90
ORGANIZATION	359	3	359
AFM	Duf	1	1
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Counts, N.J.	3	
	STATE	2	
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	
Purcell, Oklahoma	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	(no loco) (no S.M.)	1	
ELIGIBILITY	Head 6-25-30	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514			

Father

Audited
APR 21 1932
MB

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

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June 12, 1931.

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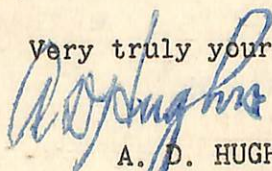
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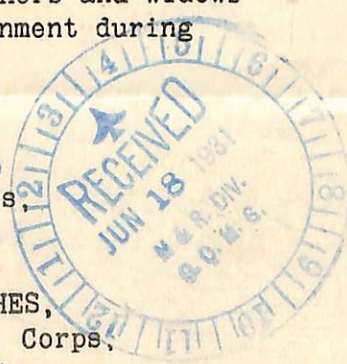
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Very truly yours,



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



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

No
Write answer here

Mrs N.C. Counts died June 25, 1930.

W. J. Counts, Husband.

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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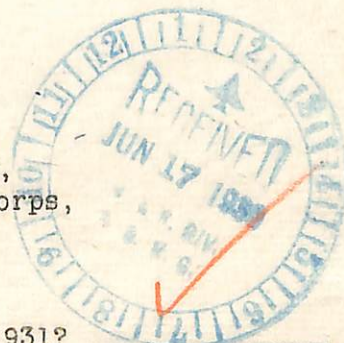
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



*address changed from
ingersoll to*

Purcell Okla

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931?

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

no
W. J. Counts
husband (died with cancer)
M. C. Counts
not able

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4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>69</u> Health (Years) (Good) (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

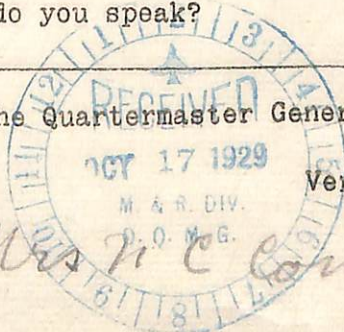
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Mrs N C Counts

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

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yes a mother

W. J. Counts

Ingerroll Okla box 153

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

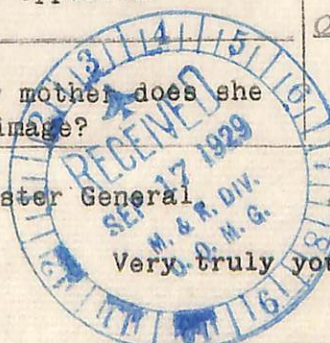
no. not able physically

W. J. Counts Ingerroll

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Purcell, Okla.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Henry Counts, Co. K, 359th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF COUNTS, Henry SERIAL NUMBER 2809832

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. K. 359th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : September 21st 1921 From (give complete location) : Grave 141.

Sect. 93. Plot 3. Cem. 1232.

By : Group 6 Unit F.S. 2.

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

Sept 24th 1921 Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 gr 40 block E row 38

By : Group re-burial S Unit Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

Wooden box. Body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

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

On peg over body? Yes

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

Collar ornaments, "359-K cross rifles. U.S.N.A. Tags agree with

G.R.S. records.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ? 9-11-24-25-26-27

M.A.D.

(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)

do

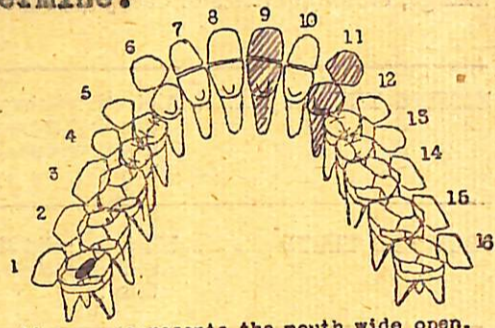
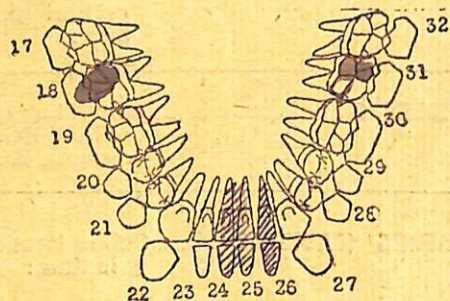


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



1-18-31-Silver fillings.

31-Cavity.

7. Disinterment supervised by J. C. Vanmater

J. C. VANMATER

Approved : G. B. Kidwell

(Title) G. B. KIDWELL 1st Lieut. Q.M.C. ewr

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Shields

W. B. SHIELDS

Approved : James W. Younger

(Title) James W. Younger, Capt QMC.

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

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

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

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



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



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



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



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



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

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

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

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 21, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name COUNTS, Henry

10. Name

2. No. 2809832

11. No. 23

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. K, 359th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 11-5-18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. K.I.A.

(b) D.B. No discrepancies

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 141 Sec. 93

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 5 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No discrepancies

18. Cemetery Argonne American

19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. # 1232--Sec. # 93

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 21, 1921

By J.C. Van Mater

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Henry Counts

Serial No. 2809832

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. K, 359th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? yes

Jo. ReM. Moody Signature J.C. Van Mater 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). Collar buttons 359-K, cross rifles and USNA. Tags agree with GRS records.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 21, 1921 By J.C. Van Mater

AUDITED BY

31. Casket sealed by J.C. Van Mater

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) J.C. Van Mater

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 0-6447

32. Designation of body:

Name JOUNTS, Henry Serial No. 2809632

Rank Prv Organization Co. K. 359th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

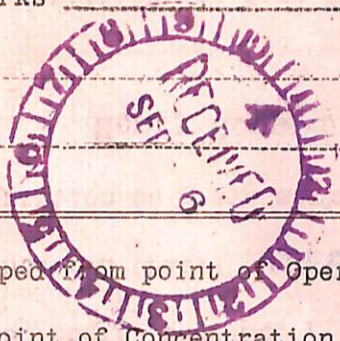
Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne American # 1232, ROMAGNE-aux-MONTFAUCON

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 21, 1921 By J.C. Van Meter

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 G.B. Kidwell
G.B. Kidwell,
1st Lt, QMC

36. Remarks



none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 21, 1921

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne

Convoyer W.J. Royed Signature Shipping Officer Albert M. Jackson
Capt. CAC USA

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 21 SEP 1921

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Sept 24th 1921
(Date)

42. Grave No. 40 Section

43. Plot Block E Row 38

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger
James W. Younger, Capt QMC.

jt.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 61077

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COUNTS, Henry Ser. No. 2809832
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 359th Inf.
(c) Date of death 11-5-18 (d) Cause of death k/a
TYP. b
CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 141 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 93 TYP. b
(b) Emerg. Address William J. Counts (father) Purcell, Okla.

III. Files of/soldiers dying from/contagious/diseases / / / / / / / / / / CKR. 30

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name William J. Counts (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address Purcell, Okla.
(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 G. C. Date 5-11-1921

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:

No request for disposition.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials G. C. Date 5-11-1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-sec. 93 SHEET No. 42

Checked By 5-12-21

5/21/21

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 **MAY 23 1921**, 192
Sec. #93

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

mcst

IX.

REMARKS

WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE.

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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 MAY 23 1921, 192
Sec. #93 Par. 2 Not to be returned.

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Table with 4 columns: Date of and source, Relationship and name, Desires, Action taken. Multiple rows of dashed lines for data entry.

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

COUNTRY CEMETERY No. SHEET No.

Handwritten signature/initials and date: 7/21/25