

To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

DEC 24 1925

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FULL NAME ... COVERDALE, Wesley E. *Wesley E. Coverdale*

RANK ... Private ... SERIAL ... 1568990

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ... *42 Div* Company C, 168th Infantry

DATE OF DEATH ... *July 30, 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ... *Ind*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED ... *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ... *34* *3* *25* *A*

Date Grave Row Block

608 Cemetery

Robert G. Davis  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General

By *RVB*

AUDITED BY  
*20681-24*

RECEIVED  
DEC 29 1925  
WORLD WAR DIV.

*Mother*

23/306/ARK

DEC 24 1925  
WORLD WAR DIV.

DEC 27 1925

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Coverdale 1568995 Wesley  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Priv. Co. C. 168 Inf  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 7-29-18

PLACE OF BURIAL Fere en Tardouis Map

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

GRAVE NUMBER 36

HOW MARKED: Name Yes Peg? Yes Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

### IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

REPORTED BY: W. E. Robb x

R. C. Hatch, Chap. 168 Inf  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co. C., 168th Inf.,  
42nd Div.

Coverdale, Wesley, - Pvt.- 1568990.  
Home: Nobleville, Ind.

During an advance I saw Coverdale hit in the legs and in the body with shrapnel. I summoned Litter bearers to take him to the first aid station. He died on the way to the station.

He was buried by Chaplain Robb 5 August 1918. Grave No. 3 B. Map of Fere ~~en Tardinois~~ en Tardinois.

Informant: Gibbs, Tinsley E., -Cpl.-100487.  
Co. C., 168th Inf.  
Home: Vogt, Mo.  
2/21/19.

Signed: Cpl. Earl D. Caparon.

Emergency address:  
Mary Coverdale,  
Nobleville, Ind.

Co. C., 160th Infantry  
42nd Div.

COVERDALE, Wesley - Private

(1568990)

During an advance, I saw COVERDALE hit in the legs and body by shrapnell. I called litter bearers to take him to first aid-station. He died on way to station.

Buried by Chaplain Noob

Grave NO 3 B , Map of PERE EN TARDENOIS. -

Signed : FINSLY GIBBS . -

H.P.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Wesley E. Coverdale

Number:

1568990  
540674

Rank: ?

Organization:

Co. F. 24th. Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) June 5, 19 From: (Give complete location)

Grave # <sup>95</sup> ~~97~~ Cemetery (#17-Forsberg sketch) aty 618

*Le Charnel*

Reburied (Date) June 5, 19 in: (Give complete location)

Grave # 29 Section F. Plot. # 1. Cemetery #608 Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

Map # 33 Soissons. SE.275.4N-195.25E

(608)

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

Buried 4 feet deep--- Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? None--One on cross.

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

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Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G.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: Sgt. R.E. Vollett

1st. Lt. Oscar W. Forsberg.

C.O. Group            Unit 304

Place \_\_\_\_\_

O. R. FORM NO. 18.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

R. S. I.

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1. REMAINS

REPORT OF DISTURBANCE AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

1528940

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Disturbance and Reburial made by Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Disturbed (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_

Reburied (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_

Grave \_\_\_\_\_ (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_

Grave \_\_\_\_\_ (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_

Grave \_\_\_\_\_ (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_

Grave \_\_\_\_\_ (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_

Grave \_\_\_\_\_ (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Was one identification tag found upon the body? None—One on cross.

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

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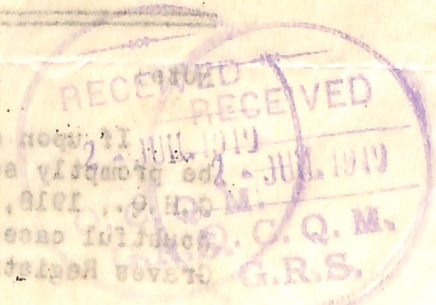
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It was determined, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G.O. 170, M.C.H. 1016, after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Place Seringes et Mesles.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date May 11, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF COVERDALE, Wesley E. SERIAL NUMBER 1568990

RANK Pvt.. ORGANIZATION Co. C., 168th. Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): May 11, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr. 29, Sec. F, Pt. 1, Cem. 608.

By: Group 5 Unit 3

3. Reburied (date): May 11, 1921. In (give complete location): Gr. 24, Sec. A, Pt. 1, Cem. 608.

By: Group 5 Unit 3 Nature of reburial Wrapped in burlap in burial box.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Body buried in uniform. Buried in burlap. Badly decomposed.  
Skeleton disarticulated.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
None.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Skeleton disarticulated.

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate.

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity None

Characteristics None

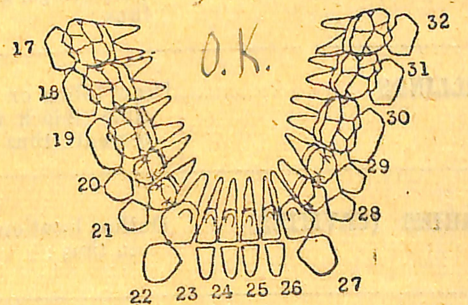
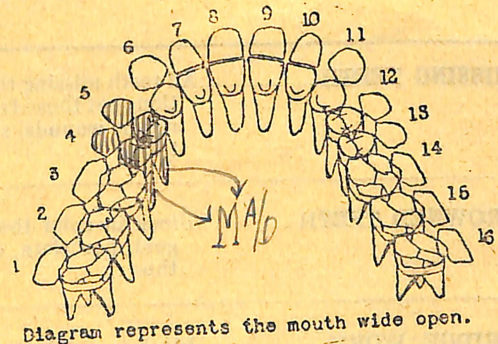
(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location None

Quantity None

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)  
None



7. Disinterment supervised by W. H. Smoke, Jr., S.E. Approved: C. J. Blake, Capt., OMC.  
(Title) Inspector.

8. Reburial supervised by W. H. Smoke, Jr., S.E. Approved: C. J. Blake, Capt., OMC.  
(Title) Inspector.

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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".

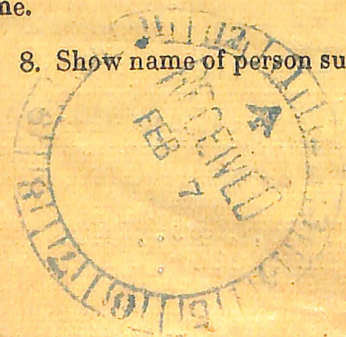
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying 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.

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

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

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



CODE SLIP

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HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Coverdale	3	3 5 2 <sup>0 12</sup>
BURIED	Mesley E.		
	CEMETERY 108	1	2
	GRAVE 24	2	24
	ROW 29	2	29
	BLOCK A	1	1
STATE	Ind.	2	15
RANK	Dr	1	2
DIVISION	42	2	42
ORGANIZATION	168	3	168
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	W	1	2
NAME	Coverdale	3	3 5 2 <sup>0 12</sup>
RESIDENCE	Mrs Mary E.		
	STATE Ind.	2	15
	COUNTY Hamilton	2	29
	CITY Noblesville	3	064
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP		1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514/EAB	No age	1	2 64

**AUDITED**  
 DEC 17 1991  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Coverdale, Wesley E. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale,  
446 S. 8th St.,  
Noblesville, Ind.

Dear Madam:

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

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

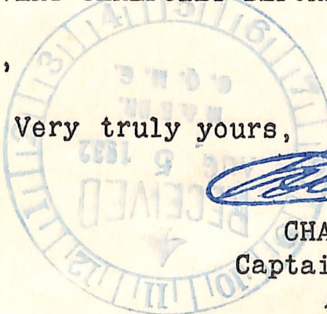
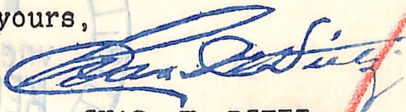
IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? No

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mary E. Coverdale

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Coverdale, Wesley E. (O-A) M

Oct. 12, 1931

Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale,  
446 S. 8th St.,  
Noblesville, Ind.

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Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

October 2, 1931

Coverdale, Wesley E. O-A M-

Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale,  
446 S. 8th St.,  
Noblesville, Indiana

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?	<i>No</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>64</i> Health: <i>poor</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>None</i>

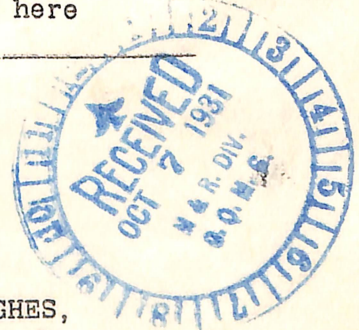
*Mary E. Coverdale*  
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

*A. D. Hughes*  
Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
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Dear Sirs -

My health prevents me from going

Yours truly

Miss Mary Etta Coverdale

P.S. I would love to go.

October 3, 1929

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the  
eligibility for the certificate of honor, authorized by the Act of Congress  
of March 3, 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 1930, 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 entering  
in the space provided your answer to the questions listed, with your  
name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which contains no  
postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1930?	Yes
2. Please state your age and condition of health.	64 Good
3. Do you attend regularly at church?	Yes
4. Will other members of your family accompany you?	No



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 30, 1931

Coverdale, Wesley E. Pvt.(OA) M

Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale,  
446 S. 8th St.,  
Noblesville, Ind.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 13, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Coverdale, Wesley E. Pvt 608 M

Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale  
446 S. Eighth Street  
Noblesville, Indiana

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.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	No
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	No
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age 64 next May Condition of health Poor
4. Do you speak English?	Yes
5. What other language do you speak?	None

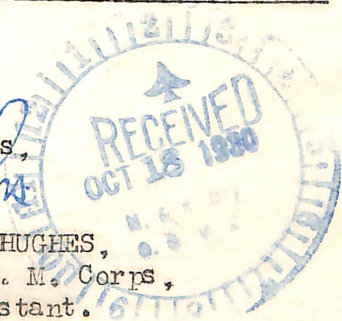
For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

Encls:  
Act  
Amendment  
Envelope

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 5, 1930.

Coverdale, Wesley H.-608 M

Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale,  
446 S. 8th Street,  
Noblesville, Indiana.

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)

MEADE VESTAL  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR-AT-LAW  
PHONE 136  
NOBLESVILLE, IND.

July 5th, 1929.

Maj. John T. Harris,  
Q. M. Corps,  
Washington, D. C.

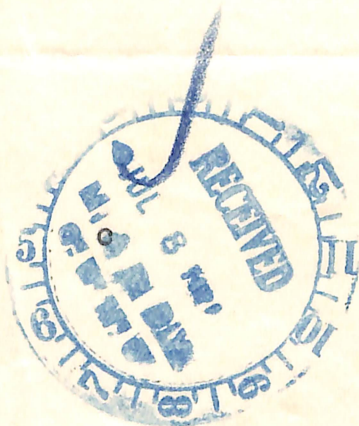
Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 24th, 1929,  
received.

My son, Wesley E. Coverdale, late  
Private Co. "C", 168th Inf., buried in  
France, was never married, consequently has  
no widow living, either married or unmarried.

I am his mother, but I doubt whether  
I could make the trip to France. You might  
keep me advised as to the plans.

Yours respectfully,



Mrs Mary Etta Coverdale

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 24, 1929.

Coverdale, Wesley E.

Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale,  
446 S. 8th St.,  
Noblesville, Ind.

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 Pvt. Wesley E. Coverdale, Co. C. 168th Inf., whose remains are interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, 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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Coverdale, Wesley E. (O-A) M

Oct. 12, 1931

Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale,  
446 S. 8th St.,  
Noblesville, Ind.

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Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Coverdale, Wesley E. O-A M-

October 2, 1931

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Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale,  
446 S. 8th St.,  
Noblesville, Indiana

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,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 20, 1931

Covordale, Wesley E. Pvt.(OA) M

Mrs. Mary E. Covordale,  
446 S. 8th St.,  
Noblesville, Ind.

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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JUN-22 AM 10:45

Q. M. G.

10:45

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QM 293 A-M

October 13, 1930

Coverdale, Wesley E. Pvt 608 M

Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale  
446 S. Eighth Street  
Noblesville, Indiana

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 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.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

Encls:  
Act  
Amendment  
Envelope

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Coverdale, Wesley E.-608 M

June 5, 1930.

Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale,  
446 S. 8th Street,  
Noblesville, Indiana.

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Coverdale, Wesley E. 508 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale,  
446 S. 8th St.,  
Noblesville, Ind.

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

June 24, 1929.

Coverdale, Wesley E.

Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale,  
446 S. 8th St.,  
Noblesville, Ind.

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 Pvt. Wesley E. Coverdale, Co. C, 168th Inf., whose remains are interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, 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.

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.

QM 293 A-C

Coverdale, Wesley E.

February 15, 1929.

Mr. Edward H. Coverdale,  
446 E. 8th Street,  
Noblesville, Ind.

Dear Sir:

In order to conform to the plans for beautification of the permanent American Military Cemeteries in Europe it has been necessary to make a re-arrangement of the graves in these Cemeteries, which may be considered as permanent for all time.

The enclosed card gives the final resting place of your son, the late Wesley E. Coverdale, Private, Company C, 168th Infantry.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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Q. M. G. & R. DIV.  
FEB 15 1929  
DISPATCHED

Incl.  
Record card.

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QM 293 A-C  
Coverdale, Wesley E.

February 15, 1929.

SUBJECT: Discrepancy in Records.

TO: The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in  
Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. It is requested the records be adjusted in the case of Wesley E. Coverdale, 1568990, Private, Company C, 168th Infantry, interred in Grave 24, Row 29, Block A, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, to show the date of death as July 30th, 1918.

For The Quartermaster General:

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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DISPATCHED  
FEB 15 1929  
Q.M.C. PARIS

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE January 11, 1928

## 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 COVERDALE, Wesley E. *Ind* 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. No. 1568990 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Org. Co. C, 168th Inf. 42nd Div 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. D.D. July 30  
August 1, 1918 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. C.D. KIA. (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 3 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot Block A Row 25 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. \_\_\_\_\_  
 18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne 19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles  
 20. Dept. or County Aisne 21. Country France  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 608  
 23. Disinterred (Date) January 11, 1928 By P.N. McCabe  
 24. Inscription on grave marker:  
 Name COVERDALE, Wesley E Serial No. 1568990  
 Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C, 168th Inf.  
 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? yes

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).  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_  
 28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap.  
 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date January 11, 1928 By P.N. McCabe  
 31. Casket sealed by P.N. McCabe

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*P.N. McCabe*  
P. N. McCabe.

RECEIVED  
1928 JAN 11

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

32. Designation of body: \_\_\_\_\_

Name COVERDALE, Wesley E. Serial No. 1568990

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C, 168th Inf.

33. Consigned to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) January 11, 1928 By Charles E. Spahn

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 Charles E. Spahn  
Charles E. Spahn

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 January 11, 1928, Oise-Aisne American Cty. (Date)

42. Grave No. 24 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block A Row 29

G.R.S. Representative William E. Moore  
William E. Moore, Superintendent.

Place **Oise-Aisne Cty. 608**

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date **Jan. 11, 1928.**

1. REMAINS OF **COVERDALE, Wesley E.** SERIAL NUMBER **1568990**

RANK **Pvt.** ORGANIZATION **Co. C, 168th Inf.**

2. Disinterred (date): **Jan. 11, 1928.** From (give complete location): **Grave 3 Block A Row 25**

By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ **Cty.** Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date): **Jan. 11, 1928.** In (give complete location): **Grave 24 Block A Row 29**

By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ **Cty.** Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial **Metal Casket**

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: **Pine box & burlap**

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? **Yes** On grave marker? **Al. strip**

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

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

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) \_\_\_\_\_

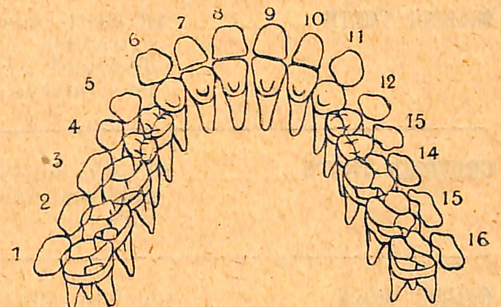
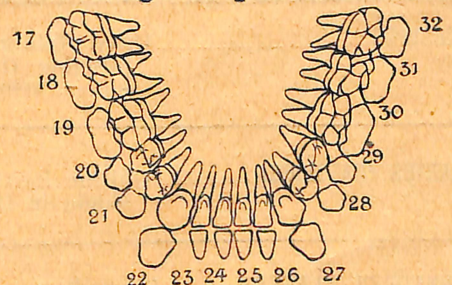


Diagram represents the mouth wide open

**Teeth large & perfect**



7. Disinterment supervised by *P. H. ...*

Approved: *W. E. Moon*  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by *Charles E. ...*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.

2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.

3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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



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



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



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



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



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

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

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

COVERDALE, Wesley E. - Pvt.

November 5, 1925

Mr. Edward H. Coverdale,  
446 South 8th St.,  
Noblesville, Ind.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

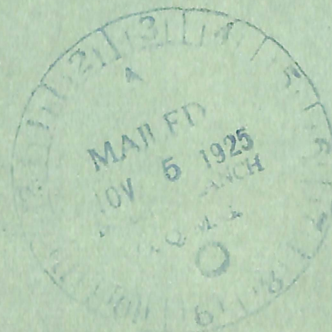
Very truly yours,

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

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Record card.

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 18006

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COVERDALE, Wesley E. Ser. No. 15 68 990  
 (b) Rank Pvt Organization Co. C, 168th Inf. <sup>(orig)</sup> 7-30 <sup>(1-11-21)</sup> 5 TYP. DB  
 (c) Date of death abt. 8-1-18 (d) Cause of death K/A CKR. af

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

(a) Grave No. 29 Row - Plot 1 Sec. F TYP. DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary Coverdale, (Mother) <sup>248</sup> 446 S. 8th St. Noblesville, <sup>abt. (1-29-21) "M"</sup> Ind. Ind.

## III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

*no card in file* P F Date of receipt 12-14

(a) Name \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale  
446 S 8th St. Noblesville Ind, dated Dec. 17, 1918

confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that he be informed  
as to how he met his death, in what battle + where.  
also desires body returned to her home.

Examiner's Initials P F Date 12-14, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes all

Examiner's Initials all Date 12-15, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 608 SHEET No. 651

AP 21-21

CARDED

checked M  
1-29-21

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made 12-16- 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by W. J. G. G. 12-17- 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 1-15-21, 1920

**Par. 1 To be returned.** *HA*

RECEIVED  
MAR 9 1921  
GENERAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

IX.

**CORRECTIONS**

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 2-17-21 Form 150 - Edward H. Coverdale  
father next of kin, 446 S. 8th St. Noblesville, Indiana;  
wishes body to remain in Europe. N-2-24-21 m. m. c.

Form 129 to hold body, Ford Wash. 3-3-21 m. m. c.  
**MAR 11 1921** PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 228 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN *3/12/21*  
*HA*

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOROVEN**  
**TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.**

3-9-21 m

4/6/21 - Letter from Europe states return  
cancelled as per cable. Ep. 5/4/21

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name  
Rank  
Serial No.  
Org.  
Remarks:

A. G. O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies

Name  
Rank  
Serial No.  
Org.  
Remarks:

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name  
Rank  
Serial No.  
Org.  
Remarks:

Checkers *Bleair*

Discrepancies

Name *12-15-20*

Rank *F. 8 Lt*

Serial No.

Org. *Co. 1st Regt 2nd Div*

Remarks: *given by mother in  
also com, also in  
USPS let. in answer  
to same*

*started  
file 12/15/20*

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

Hoboken, N. J.

FEB 8 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mrs. Mary Coverdale, <sup>446</sup> 446 S. 8th St., Noblesville, Indiana.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt., Wesley E. Coverdale, Ser. No. 1568990, Co. C, 168th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier be returned to the United States and delivered to you at 446 S. 8th St., Noblesville, Indiana. *Remain in Europe ECS*

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Army.

MAR 11 1921

PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 228 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN 3/12/21 III 9

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

Was soldier married? No NOTE: LEAVE THE BODY IN FRANCE (OVER)

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	none		
Soldier's children (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2	None	
	3	ALL OF THE HEIRS LIVING	
Father	Edward H. Coverdale	446 S. 8th St	Noblesville, Ind.
Mother	Mary Coverdale	"	"
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1	Clement Coverdale	446 S 8th St
	2	Wm. Coverdale	122 W. Walnut St
	3	Russel Coverdale	446 S. 8th St
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1	Fanny Wiles	Nooblesville, Ind. R.F.D. 6
	2	Eva Wiles	" 429 S. 9th St
		Belle Smith	Noblesville, Ind.
	3	Ruby Clark	E. Christian Ave,

Date Indiana Feb. 17, 1921.

Signature *Edward H. Coverdale*

Address 446 S. 8th St. Noblesville, Ind Relationship Father

Noblesville, Ind. Feb. 17 1921

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. To ~~be returned to the U.S. and shipped to~~ xxxx (Name.)  
xxxxxxxxxxxx (R. R. station.) (State.)
3. To ~~be returned to the U.S. and buried in~~ xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx National Cemetery.
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature Edward H. Conerdale  
father

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G.R.S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name COVERDALE, Wesley E 10. Name .....

2. No. 1568990 11. No. ....

3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank .....

4. Org. Co. C, 168th Inf. 13. Org. ....

5. D.D. ~~XXXXXX~~ 7-30-18 14. (a) D.D. ....

6. C.D. K/A 15. (b) D.B. ....

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 29 Sec. 7 15. Grave No. .... Sec. ....

8. Plot. 1 Row --- 16. Plot. .... Row .....

9. .... 17. ....

18. Cemetery American

19. Commune or town Sorlinges-et-Nesles

20. Department or county Aisne

21. County France 22. G.R.S. Headquarters Code No. 608

23. Disinterred ..... BY .....

(Date)

24. Inscription ( Name ..... Serial No. ....

on ( ..... )

grave marker ( Rank ..... Organization .....

25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? ..... On body? .....

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disk or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).....  
.....
27. Condition of body.....
28. Nature of burial.....
29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above?.....
30. Body prepared and placed in casket..... By .....  
(Date)
31. Casket sealed by.....  
Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

SHIPMENT

(Show actual marking of box) Box No. ....

32. Designation of body (Name COVERDALE, Wesley E. Serial No. 1568990  
(Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C, 168th Inf)
33. Consignee--Name Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale,  
Address 446 - S. 8th St., Noblesville, Ind.
34. Casket boxed and marked..... By .....  
(Date) .....

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.....

36. Remarks.....
37. Shipped from cemetery..... To .....  
(Date) ..... (Point of concentration)  
Convoyer..... Signature Shipping officer .....
38. Received at point of concentration.....  
(Date)  
Signature Receiving Officer.....
39. Shipped from point of concentration.....  
(Date)  
To..... Convoyer .....
- (Port)  
Signature Shipping Officer.....
40. Received European port.....  
(Date)  
Signature of G. R. S. Representative.....
41. Shipped to..... On .....  
(U. S. Port) ..... (Boat)  
Date..... Convoyer .....
- (Signature of Shipping Officer)
42. Received..... By G. R. S. Representative .....  
(Date) ..... (Signature)
43. Shipped to destination..... (B/L or Express Order No. ....  
( ..... (Date)  
Convoyer..... (Shipping Officer).....

March 4th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor. Branch.  
(COVERDALE, Wesley E.)

Mr. Edward H. Coverdale,  
446 S. 8th Street,  
Noblesville, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Receipt of Shipping Inquiry Form dated February 17th, 1921, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your wishes instructions have been issued to leave the remains of your late son, Private Wesley E. Coverdale, Serial Number 1560990, Company C, 168th Infantry, in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

The Department wishes to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

RF/tlm

Mailed-O.P.D.

MAR 7 1921

March 4th, 1921.

The Hon. Sec. of War, (Mr. Branch)  
(Government, Westinghouse)

Mr. Edward H. Converse,  
440 S. 5th Street,  
Hollywood, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Receipt of Shipping Inquiry Form dated Feb-  
ruary 17th, 1921, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your stated instructions  
have been issued to issue the return of your late son,  
Private Wesley H. Converse, Serial Number 1100000,  
Company G, 188th Infantry, in France for burial in a  
permanent American Cemetery.

You are assured that the grave site will be  
carefully maintained on a 100-year lease and the late  
soldier's remains.

The Department wishes to convey to you thanks  
for assistance in your government.

In authority of the Quartermaster General:

H. M. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Office in Charge.

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MAR 8 1921  
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MAR 7 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
HOBOKEN, N.J.

March 1st, 1921.

From: Graves Registration Service Officer, Hoboken, N.J.  
To: Cemeterial Division (Overseas Project Sub-Section)  
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Name Coverdale, Wesley E. Ser.No. 1568990  
Rank Private Organization Co.C, 168th Infantry.  
Cemetery No. 608 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 651

Request shown below dated Feb. 17, 1921 is latest in this case:

<u>Name of Relative</u>	<u>Return to</u>	<u>Remain in</u>	<u>Special</u>
Widow <u>None</u>		<u>France</u>	
Children _____			
Guardian _____			
Father <u>Edward H. Coverdale (446 S. 8th St., Noblesville, Indiana)</u>			
Mother _____			
Brother _____			
Sister _____			
Others _____			

Body ~~is to be shipped to you~~ for interment in: a permanent American cemetery in France.

(g1b)

1 inclosure.

R. E. SHANNON,  
Graves Registration Officer,  
Capt., Quartermaster Corps.

B. F.

Cable Letter March 14, 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched \_\_\_\_\_ 1921.

*R. 3/9/21 R*

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. N. G.  
File # 2138  
# 18006

*Coverdale, Wesley E.*

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CENTRO DE LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS

OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 1st, 1921

General H. G. ...  
Special ...

General H. G. ...

Special ...

Secretary ...

Reference is made to ...

...

...

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MAR 8 1921  
S. N. S.



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GENERAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

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Mother			
Brother			
Sister			
Others			

Body ~~to be shipped to~~ for interment in: a permanent American cemetery in France.

(cib)

1 inclosure.

SUSPEND UNTIL  
MAR 17 1921  
FOR

R. E. SHANNON,  
Graves Registration Officer,  
Capt., Quartermaster Corps.

13.7.

Cable Letter Mar. 11, 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched 1921.

1119



COMPLETION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 18006

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COVERDALE, Wesley E. Ser. No. 1568990  
 (b) Rank Pvt Organization Co. C, 168th Inf. (also) TYP DB  
 (c) Date of death aut. 8-1-18 Cause of death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 29 Row 1 Plot 1 Sect. F TYP DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary Coverdale, (Mother) 446 S. 8th St. Noblesville, Ind.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases OKR Ind.

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

Also corresp- Mother (Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale - 446 S 8th St - Noblesville - Ind.) 12-17-18 desires body returned to her home (H) 1/17/21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192)  
 (Letter of transmittal on 192) **JAN 15 1921**

**Par. 1 To be returned.** (H)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **FEB 2 - 1921** 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
<u>McK 1, 1921 Form 129</u>	<u>Father (21721) Edw. H. Coverdale</u>	<u>Remain in France</u>	<u>MAR 11 1921 OVERSEAS ADVISED by cable 22 3-12-21 body to remain (H) 1/17/21</u>
<u>4/6/21 - Letter from Europe plate return cancelled as per cable GP 5/4/21</u>			

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **MAR 9 1921** 192

COUNTRY G.R.S. FORM 115-A AUGUST, 1920 CEMETERY NO. 608 SHEET NO. 661  
 b-666/MB FRANCE

AP 2-1-21

2. Soldier's No. 1568990

3. COVERDALE WESLEY E.

Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Rank Company Regt. or Corps

Killed in action.

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Reburied in Battlefield Cemetery #17

Date of Burial 11/19/18 Cemetery

7. Near Le Charnel, France

Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. #95 Row D.  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter9. Name Peg? ..... Cross?  ..... Headboard? ..... Bottle? .....  
Check Method of Marking10. Buried with Body? Yes Attached to Grave Marker? Yes.  
Identification Tags

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

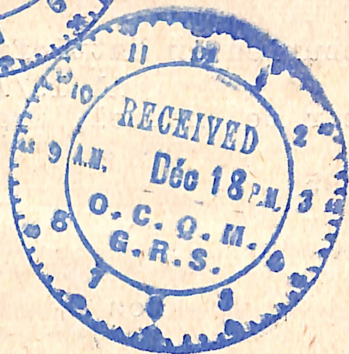
12. Map #49 Meaux  
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

Coordinates 265.80 N 193.85 E.

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed Oscar W. Forsberg

1st Lieut. Inf U.S. Comd'g. 304 G. R. S.



1800's

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Coverdale 1568995 Wesley

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

Priv. Co. C. 168 Inf.

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. 7-29-18.

PLACE OF BURIAL. Fere in Pardouis Map.

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

C<sup>c-36</sup> - Villers-sur-Fere - 335E.

E 193.45 - N 69.62

GRAVE NUMBER. 36.

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:

DK #2

REPORTED BY: W.E. Robb & R.C.

Hatch, Chaps. 168 Inf.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

FROM: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ M. G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1128

18006

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

f

Adjustment Made  
FEB 10 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-A-0  
Information requested for A.G.O.

Date 12/15/20.

File No. Requisition.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname Coverdale, ✓
- b. Christian name Wesley E. ✓
- c. Serial Number 1568990. ✓
- d. Organization Co. C, 168th Inf.   
 Co. H, 152nd Inf.
- e. Rank Pvt. ✓
- f. Date of death July 30, 1918.
- g. Cause of death K/A. ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale, 248 S. 8th St., Noblesville, Ind. Mother.
- j. Relationship

*m*

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

*S.M.*

*Donnelly - Pls.  
O.P.S., 2/19/21  
12-16-20*

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

BY: *[Signature]*  
H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.G.

CEMETERY NO: 608.

CHIT NO: 651.  
TYPED BY: rln.

*none*  
S/713/LML

Rec'd World War Dept  
Date DEC 16 1920 16

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

FILE

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IN REPLY AG201(Coverdale, Wesley E.)WWD  
REFER TO

January 5, 1921.

ADJUSTMENT MADE

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

JAN 8 - 1920

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington, D. C.

FILE

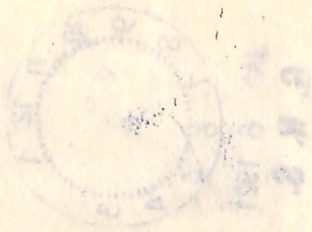
18006

Subject: Date of death of Wesley E. Coverdale, #1,568,990,  
Private, Company C, 168th Infantry.

OK  
1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that he was killed in action July 30, 1918.

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted September 20, 1917, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale, mother, 249 S. 8th St., Noblesville, Ind.

*P. C. Harris*  
The Adjutant General.  
Per: *M. J. K.*



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

AGSOI (Coverdale, Wesley E.) (WMD) January 5, 1921

ADJUSTMENT MADE

JAN 8 - 1920

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington, D. C.

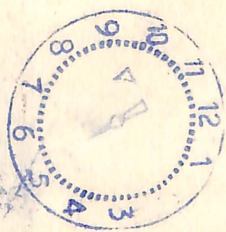
Subject: Date of death of Wesley E. Coverdale, #1,588,990,  
Private, Company C, 188th Infantry.

1. Investigation has been completed that the date of death of the above was incorrectly determined to be July 30, 1918, and that he was killed in action July 30, 1918.

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted September 30, 1917, and the name of the organ to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale, mother, 248 S. 8th St., Hobbsville, Ind.

The Adjutant General  
for: Mr. J. R. ...

JAN 6 1921  
G. R. S.



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**FILES.**

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

December 30, 1920.

**FILE**

MEMORANDUM TO **A.G.O. World War Division, Corresp. Section.**  
**Miss Fawley, Branch-1388.**

Confirming telephonic conversation of **December 28, 1920.**  
re. case of **Pvt. Wesley E. Coverdale, Co. C, 168th Infantry,**  
the records of this office show that **Pvt. Wesley E. Coverdale, Co. C,**  
**168th Infantry, Serial #1568990 is reburied in: -**

**Grave 29, Section F, Plot 1,**  
**American Cemetery #608,**  
**Seringes-et-Basles, (Aisne).**

Original burial **(Unknown) Disinterred 11/19/18. from Grave 95, American Cty.**  
**#618, Le Charnel, (Aisne.)**

Date of original burial **No record.**

Date of reburial **8/9/19. Cty. #608.**

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

S  
ER.

**MAILED**  
**DEC 30 1920**  
**G.R.S.**

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.  
By:

CHARLES J. WINNE,  
Captain, Q.M.C.,  
Graves Registration Service.

File Number 18006.

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 12/28/20

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: COVERDALE, WESLEY, E. Serial Number Co. C. 168 Inf.

RANK: PVT. ORGANIZATION:

FILE

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	(1) Yes. (Ser. # 15-68990.)
2.	Date of death.	(2) Feb. 8/11/18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) K/A
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	(4) # 307 S.P. 37.
5.	Date buried.	(5) no record.
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Re: 11/19/18. Grave 95, Amer. Cty. # 618, Le Charnel, (Aisne.) Re: 6/9/19. Grave 29, Sec. F, Plot 1, Amer. Cty. # 608, Seringes-et-Neules, (Aisne.)
7.	Who reported burial?	(10) - a. no, (10) - b. yes.
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	(11) Mrs. Mary Coverdale, (mother) 446 S. 8th St, Noblesville, Ind.
9.	Report as to grave marker.	(12) 2/28/19, 12/11/19.
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(14) no record.
11.	Complete emergency address?	
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	
14.	What is the photograph number?	
15.	Inquiry made by <u>Jawley-1388.</u> <u>ans 12/28/20 Jb.</u>	

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Confirmed.  
 Unconfirmed.

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**FILE**

(Misc. Div.) IDR/HBSW

December 19, 1918.

Mrs. Mary E. Cloverdale,  
Noblesville, Indiana.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your telegram of December 14, 1918 relative to shipping the body of Private Wesley E. Cloverdale to you at Noblesville, Indiana, I beg leave to inform you that your request has been placed on file in this office for reference when required.

It is the intention of the Government to return to the United States the bodies of all our deceased soldiers unless otherwise requested, at Government expense, when the transportation facilities make it practicable. Just when that will be it is not at this time possible to state, but due publicity will be given the general public, through the press, when the work of transferring the bodies to this country is begun.

Very respectfully,

J. G. Ashburn

Adjutant General.

<b>FILE</b>	
Date	Sig.
Jan 15 1919	[Signature]

*copy*

*file 159*

*Ms 993 - Cloverdale - Wesley E. Cloverdale - Mrs. Mary E. Cloverdale - Noblesville, Indiana - Wesley E.*

*12-19-1918  
enc*

Cot Ashburn -

Letter O.K.

If soldier killed  
by high explosive shell  
doubles if it can  
be proved -

JDR -

12-14-15

15-9

(Organ

Co. C 16.8 Inf.

Embarked for duty overseas.

1918.

Casualty record.

Formerly reported missing. Killed  
in action near Serpy July 30/18  
High explosive shell. Chaplain

No later record at Cas. B. concerning him.

W.E. Robb. (18? C Orgn)

Date

(Searcher)

12/16/18

P. E. T.

Remarks.

Misc Div. (9)  
12-16-18

Night Letter

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If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a day message. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

# TELEGRAM

Night Letter

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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NOBLESVILLE IND 827P 14

HARRIS THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IF BODY OF WESLEY E CLOVERDALE CAN BE LOCATED AND SHIPPED HERE AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE PLEASE DO SO ADVISING

MRS MARY E CLOVERDALE.

Rec'd Cas, Div.  
DEC. 16, 1918.

RECEIVED MISCELL. DIV.  
DEC 19 1918

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FILE

#18006

Elly

Noblesville Ind

Dec 17 1918

My Dear Sir

I am writing to ask information of how Wesley E Coverdale met his Death and what Battle and Where.

He was in 152 Inf. Company # 152 Inf. Corp Shelly. When he was in Mississippi. Please Return the Body of him to my home.

Yours Truly,

Answer as soon as you can. From Mrs Mary E Coverdale

496 8th St  
Noblesville Ind

Received A.C.G.

RECEIVED MILITARY DIV.  
DEC 21 1918

Handwritten initials

NUMBER

DATE

PERSON

PLACE

293.8 Coverdale, Wesley E.  
(Misc. Div.) IIR/MPH

January 6, 1919.

Mrs. Mary E. Coverdale,  
446 Smith 8th Street,  
Noblesville, Ind.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of December 17, 1918, relative to the return of the body of your son, Private Wesley E. Coverdale, Company H, 152nd Infantry, who was killed in action on July 30th, 1918, I beg leave to call your attention to the inclosed Memorandum of Information, which sets forth the policy of the War Department regarding the return to this country of the bodies of our soldiers now buried abroad.

This office is not advised as to where and in what battle he met his death but for such information it is suggested that you address a communication as follows:

Commanding Officer,  
Company H, 152 Infantry,  
American Expeditionary Forces.

It is desired to express to you, the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the loss of your son, and to commend you for the great sacrifice and contribution you have made to the cause for which he gave his life.

Very respectfully,

1 Incl.

C. M. THEELE

Adjutant General.

FILE  
Date 1-6-19  
Sig. Am

