

G.R.S. Form #114-B

APR 27 1926

DATE 12/29/21

1. NAME COWGILL, Walter W. SERIAL No. 1462077

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.L. 140th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse Argonne American, Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232, Sec. 20

CTY. NAME NUMBER 147 Sec. 20 3

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION BAC 21 Baulny Meuse

COORDINATES 35S<sup>B</sup> 278.51N 302.46E O.K. (Com. reptd. Exermont, in our records)

CONCENTRATED TO 5/2/19 147 20 3

CEMETERY Meuse Argonne 1232 CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH Sept 28, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Mo

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. H. BIRDSE E 1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/29/21 19 25 Block C.

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

CEMETERY APR 30 1926 WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY M.J.D. 2-22-23

MAY 5 1926

# 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.



Co L 140th Inf.  
35th Division

COWGILL, Walter - Cpl 1462077

Killed in action, Sept. 28th 1918 from shell fire Argonne  
drive .  
I was knock unconscious by the same shell that killed Cpl  
Cowgill .

Informant : Stark, Bert, - Sgt 1462044  
Co L 140th Inf.  
Searcher : J. Oliver Buswell  
1st Lt 140th Inf.  
Chaplain

A/A/

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Cowgill	COW	3	3 5 13
BURIED Walter W	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 19	2	19
	ROW 25	2	25
	BLOCK C	1	3
STATE	Mo	2	29
RANK	Col	1	2
DIVISION	35	2	35
ORGANIZATION	140	3	140
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	remarried	1	3
NAME Collins		5	
STATE		2	
RESIDENCE		2	
3427 St. John Ave Kansas City Mo		3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Head	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR.	1 1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

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QM 293 A-M  
Cowgill, Walter W. (MA)

June 18, 1932.

Mrs. Beulah M. Collins,  
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Kansas City, Missouri.

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For your convenience in replying there is enclosed a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Cowgill, Walter W. (MA)

June 3, 1932

Mrs. Beulah W. Collins,  
~~3427 St. John Avenue,~~  
Kansas City, Missouri.

*Not at*  
Try  
4540 Olive St.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope.

*No acknowledgment*

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Envelope.

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1232

XE 66096

Cowgill, Walter W. - Epl - CoL-140dy - 35 Sw.

Date mother's death?

Father living?

Loco a SM?

Rem widow.

Parents died  
before 1918. no  
record of loco. or  
any relatives  
in file

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Walter  
Cowgill 66 0960

mother dead 1232

widow Ann.  
Mrs Baulah M. Cochran's

3427 St. John Ave  
Kansas City Mo

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Examining Section No. 4  
AWARDS DIVISION

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cowgill, Walter W

August 14, 1929

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m. dead

Mrs. Boulah Collins,  
4540 Olive Street,  
Kansas City, Missouri

3427 St. John Ave  
Kansas City, Mo.

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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 widow of the late Pvt. Walter Cowgill, Co. L, 140th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran?

2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage?

3. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

4. If so, give her name and complete address.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cowgill, Walter W  
1232

September 10, 1929.

Mrs. Beulah Collins,  
4540 Olive Street,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated August 14, 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:

*I have remarried*

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.

*Wife dead.*

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

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cowgill, Walter W

June 29, 1929.

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Mrs. Beulah Cowgill, Collins  
~~3427 St. John Ave.,~~  
Kansas City, MO.

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7-24 Pm

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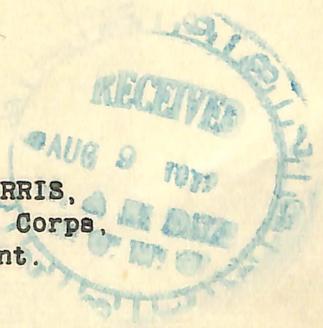
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Assistant.

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Assistant.

In reply refer to:  
293 C-R

June 12, 1923.

Mrs. Beulah Cowgill,  
5427 St. John Ave.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Private Walter Cowgill, Company L, 140th Infantry, is Grave 19, Row 25, Block C, 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. The 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.

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

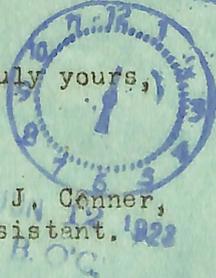
Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant, 1923

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Place ROMAGNE 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec 29 1921

1. REMAINS OF COWGILL, Walter W. SERIAL NUMBER 1462077

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B 149 Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec 29 1921 From (give complete location): Gr 147, sec 20, plot 3, cem 1232.

By: Group 3 Unit Section 1

3. Reburied (date): Dec 29, 1921, grave 19, block C, row 25, Cem, 1232 In (give complete location):

By: Group Reburial Sec Unit unlined casket Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

Pine box, burlap and uniform.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Tag on body reads "W. Cowgill, 1462077"

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

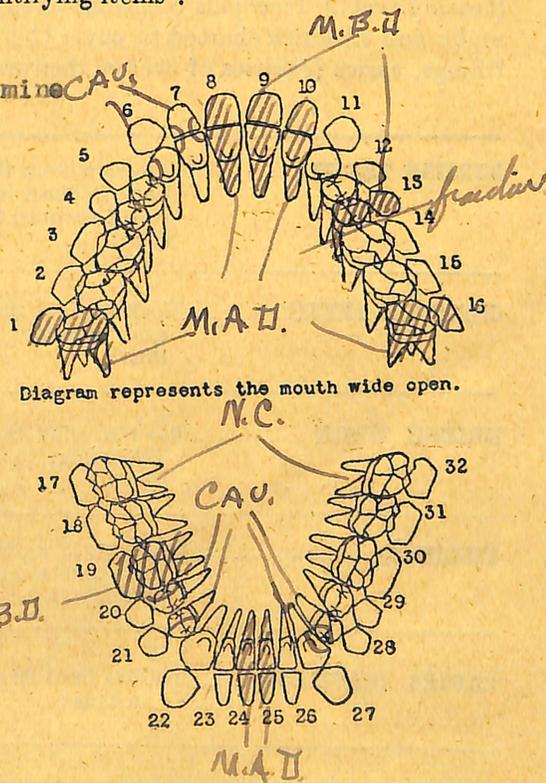
(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Both jaws and skull fractured.



7. Disinterment supervised by J. L. Haky Approved: P. Overheiser  
J.L. Haky (Title) P. Overheiser, Capt. QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by A. S. Dufault Approved: James W. Younger  
A.S. Dufault (Title) James W. Younger, Captain 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.

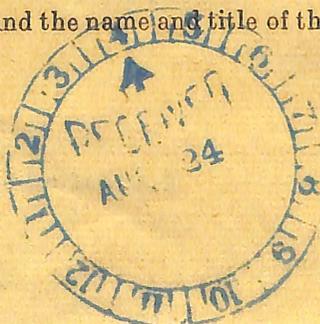
1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and ~~by~~ whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial 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.

<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><b>CROWNED TEETH</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	
<p><b>BRIDGE WORK</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	
<p><b>FILLINGS</b>.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	
<p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	
<p><b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>.....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."</p>	

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 Dec 29 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

Time.

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

- 1. Name COWGILL, Walter W.
- 2. No. 1462077
- 3. Rank Pvt.
- 4. Org. Co.L. 140th Inf.
- 5. D.D. 9-28
- 6. C.D. KIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 147 Sec. 20
- 8. Plot 3 Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_

- 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. \_\_\_\_\_ None

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

- 19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon,
- 21. Country France.

- 23. Disinterred (Date) Dec 29 1921
- 24. Inscription on grave marker:

By J L Haky

Name Walter W Cowgill  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 1462077  
 Organization Co L 140th Inf

- 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes peg On body? Yes

C T Brown  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

C T Brown

- 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).

~~xBad~~ xxx None

- 27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

- 28. Nature of burial Pine box burlap and uniform

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

- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec 29 1921 By J L Haky

- 31. Casket sealed by J L Haky

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor J L Haky)

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-22302.

32. Designation of body:

Name Walter W. GOWGILL Serial No. 1462077

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.L. 140th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne American, 1232, Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec 29 1921 By J L Haky

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

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
F Overheiser, Capt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec 29 1921 CC

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne

Convoyer W. J. Royed Signature Shipping Officer *[Handwritten Signature]*  
F Overheiser, Capt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer (Name)

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred, Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232, Dec. 29, 1921

(Date)

42. Grave No. 19 Section

BLOCK

43. RIKAK Row 25



G.R.S. Representative

*[Handwritten Signature]*

James W. Younger  
Captain QMC.

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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 192

APR 28 1921

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 192

MATERIAL DIVISION

Cemetery Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

VIII. FINAL ACTION:



Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter on APR 8 1921, 192

Sec 20 -  
APR 16 1921

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

(EW)

Cowgill, Walter

IX.

REMARKS

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

*Fetterly*

*3-31-21*

A.G.O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies

Name ✓

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

*8 WALKER  
4-1-21*

*Checked  
4/1/21  
H.H.*

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(4-6-21) c

File #33432

(a) Name COWGILL, Walter W. Ser. No. 1462077  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. L, 140th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 9/28/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

} als  
TYP. ....  
} B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 147 Row -- Plot 3 Sec. 20 TYP. als  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Beulah Cowgill, (Wife) 3419 Smart Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ..... CKR. B. J.

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 APR 8 1921, 192

Sec. 20 - Par. 2 Not to be returned. (EW)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., APR 16 1921, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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COUNTRY ..... CEMETERY No. .... SHEET No. ....

*AP. 4-14-21*

Dup.

Cowgill,

Walter ~~William~~,

1,462,077

(Surname.)

(Christian name in

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. ~~1~~, 140th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Wife

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

no.

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Beulah Mary Cowgill

3427 St John ave

Kansas City

Mo.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.



Place NEUFCHATEAUDate June 7, 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: COWGILL, WNumber: 1462077Rank: UNKNOrganization: UNKN

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

May 2, 1919Grave 21 Plot A Exermont ardennes35SE 278.51N 302.46E

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

May 2, 1919Grave 147 Sec 20 Plot 3ARGONNE AMERICAN CEM. 1232ROMAGNE, MEUSEReport as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
BURIAL GOOD. BURIED IN UNIFORM. BODY BADELY DECOMPOSED.Was one identification tag found upon the body? YesWhat other means of identification were found on the body? None

Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt Casewell

R. H. ROSENTHAL  
C.O. Group 2nd Lieut. Unit 2nd C.I.S.A.

Date June 1, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: GOWDILL, W. Number: 148307

Rank: UNKNOWN Organization: UNKNOWN

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group Unit

Disinterred (Date) May 3, 1919 From: (Give complete location) Graveyard Lot A Experiment Arkansas

3828 278.511 3.2.408

Reported (Date) May 3, 1919 in: (Give complete location) Grave Lot 20 Plot 3

ARGONNE AMERICAN GEN. 1238

WAGNER, LEWIS

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: BURIAL GOOD. BURIED 1 UNKNOWN. BODY BARELY RECOGNIZED.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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



Note: If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bones, they should be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G. O. 118. After being carefully examined for clues to identity in detail, those, notation thereof will be made and reported to Chief, G. R. S.

Supervised by: E. H. ROBERTSON U.S. Army

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

## LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Cowgill ..... W.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. "I" 140th. Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL ..... Oct. 7, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL ..... Chaudron Farm

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

278.5 - 302.25

Map Vouziers

GRAVE NUMBER ..... 68

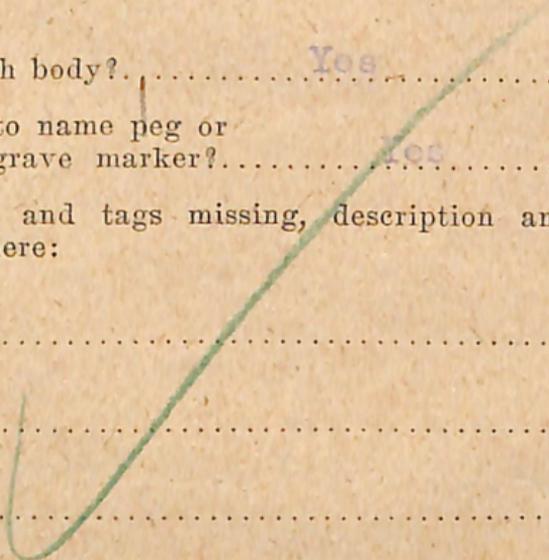
HOW MARKED: Name Peg? ..... Cross? .....  
Headboard? ..... Bottle? .....

### 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:

Chaplain King

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

GOWGILL, 1462077 Walter W.  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

~~1st Lt.~~ 1st Lt. Co L, 140th Inf.  
(Rank). (Organization).

FILE

PLACE OF DEATH: *between Cheppy & Esmermont*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *high explosive*

DATE OF BURIAL: *not known*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *not known*

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

GRAVE NUMBER: *not known*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? *not known* Cross? *not known*

Headboard? ..... Bottle? .....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *not known*

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? *not known*

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: *not known*

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY:  
*Harvey S. Whitthorne, Capt, 140<sup>th</sup> Inf*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.  
TO : C. O., Co L, 140th Inf.  
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

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

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis  
Adjutant General.

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Note:



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

Nearest relative of deceased:

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Relationship:

Address:

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DATE 7/19

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CASE OF COWGILL, 1462077 Walter W

TAKEN BY IDENTIFICATION.

Sgt.

*Christensen*  
Signature

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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## LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

.....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

.....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... Oct 24 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL.....

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

.....  
Cemetery, Chaudron Farm  
79.6 - 02.4  
# 88

GRAVE NUMBER..... 160

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:

REPORTED BY:

.....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



1 G.R.S. FORM NO. 1

33432

2 #1462077

3 NAME COWGILL W.

4 RANK X X X

5 X

6 X BATTLE AREA CEMETERY

7 2 KILO.E.OF APREMONT. MEUSE

8 GRAVE NO.21 PLOT A.

9 CROSS

Sketch 41

RBSH

160

10 TAG ATTACHED TO CROSS

11 X

12 302.4 E. 278.4 N. VERDUN S.E. 35  
200yds.S.of road.

13 X

SIGNED.....*Orville Hamilton*.....

GROUPN 2

G.R.S. 305

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OSPSS, CtY. NO. 1262

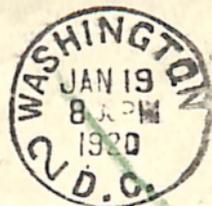
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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Mrs. Beulah Cawgill,  
3419 Smart Ave.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

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FROM: O. Q. M. G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

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

Date 4-1-21

Information requested of A.G.O.

File No. **33432** Requisition

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division) **(SPECIAL)**

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 COWGILL,
- b. Christian name Walter W. Walter  
or (Walter William)
- c. Serial Number 1462077 *O.K.*
- d. Organization Co. L, 140th Inf. *O.K.*
- e. Rank Pvt. *O.K.*
- f. Date of death 9/28/18 *O.K.*
- g. Cause of death K/A *O.K.*
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- ~~i. Emergency address~~
- ~~j. Relationship Cousin~~  
*Savana Mo,*

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 |   |

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DATE 4/1/21

*Dannelly, G. M.  
Emt on Dec  
4/1/21*

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

BY: *[Signature]*

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

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CEMETERY NO: 1232-Sec.20

SHEET NO: 43

TYPED BY: VH.

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Washington

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Information requested of A.A.O.

File No.

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

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 COWDILL
- b. Christian name (or) (Walter William)
- c. Serial Number 142207
- d. Organization Co. 1, 140th Inf.
- e. Rank Pvt.
- f. Relationship
- g. Emergency address
- h. Authority (C.O. #)
- i. Cause of death K/A
- j. Date of death 2/28/18

FILED BELOW

BODY DESCRIPTION  
(See page 2 of the Service Record)

- 1. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)
- 2. Height 5 7 8 5 4 3 2 1 1 3 4 5 6 7 8
- 3. Color of hair upper right 5 7 8 5 4 3 2 1 1 3 4 5 6 7 8
- 4. Color of eyes upper left 5 7 8 5 4 3 2 1 1 3 4 5 6 7 8
- 5. Age of enlistment
- 6. Strikes out teeth missing

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

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

M. L. GUNN,  
Adj. Gen., D.C.

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