

Mr. Raymond P. Cox  
210 North East Street  
Tipton, Indiana 46072

(42A) 611-01  
COX, Ralph H.  
DOD 6-21-1918 *ed*

Dear Mr. Cox:

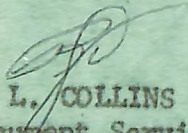
Reference is made to your application for a Government flat bronze marker to be placed in Sharpville Cemetery, Sharpville, Indiana, in memory of your brother, Ralph H. Cox.

Memorial markers are furnished to commemorate those members of the Armed Forces dying in the service whose remains were lost, buried at sea or were declared non-recoverable.

The official records indicate the remains of your brother were recovered and permanently interred in Block A, Row 1, Grave 41, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery #1764, Belleau, Aisne, France.

Inasmuch as there is an actual grave, a Government marker may not be furnished as a memorial.

Sincerely yours,

  
R. L. COLLINS  
Monument Service

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DISPATCHED

C. Fleming/cw 10/29/73

ROYAL OAK



Born October 30<sup>th</sup> 1894

Enlisted at "Disrupter" or "Infantry" April 11<sup>th</sup> 1915

Company "C" 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Army Field Artillery

Action at Belleau Wood France June 21<sup>st</sup> 1918

"To make The World safe for Democracy" *Woodrow Wilson*

G.R.S. Form #114-B

CAUSE OF DEATH

*Killed in action*

FULL NAME..... COX, Ralph H. *OK*

RANK..... Sgt. *OK*

SERIAL..... 540599 *OK*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... Company A, 7th Inf. *OK 3 Div.*

DATE OF DEATH..... 6-21-1918 *OK*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *Indiana*

EDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... *no rec*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... 11-8-22 ..... 41 ..... 1 ..... A  
Date Grave Row Block

**MAY 9 1927**  
**WORLD WAR DIV.**

Aisne-Marne American Cemetery # 1764

Cemetery ✓

*US*

Date June 6, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Cox, Ralph H. Number: 540599

Rank: Organization: Co. A, 7th Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group Unit "B"

Disinterred (Date) From: (Give complete location)

June 6, 1919 Plot-65 Myers, near Belleau Aisne.

Coord. 266.5N - - 176.15E

Grave 33.

Reburied (Date) in: (Give complete location)

June 6, 1919 National Cemetery at Belleau Woods, Aisne.

Coord. 262.60N - - 176.04E

Plot-4, Sec. F, Grave 181.

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

Body in poor condition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? yes

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

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Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found 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, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Sgt J.C. Turner C.O. Group Unit

Prov. Unit B. G.R.S.

*Handwritten:* 4/8/27

*Handwritten:* 1764

*Stamps:* CONFIRMED, RECEIVED

Date June 6, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Number: B48899

Name: Cox, Ralph H.

Rank:

Organization: Co. A, 7th Inf.

Rank:

Unit "B"

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

From: (Give complete location)

Disinterred (Date)

Plot 68 Evers, near Belleme Mine.

June 6, 1919

Coord. 286.5N - 176.15E

Grave 23.

To: (Give complete location)

Reburied (Date)

National Cemetery at Belleme Woods, Minn.

June 6, 1919

Coord. 282.60N - 176.04E

Plot 4, Sec. 7, Grave 181.

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

Body in poor condition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

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Supervised by:

C.O. Group

Prov. Enl. B. G.R.S.



Place Belleau, Aisne

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date July 8/21

1. REMAINS OF COX, RALPH H.

SERIAL NUMBER 540599

RANK Sgt.

ORGANIZATION

Co. A, 7th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date):

From (give complete location):

July 8/21. Belleau, Aisne, Amer. Cty. #1764 Gr. 181-F-4

By: Group Bowes

Unit

Sect. 6

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

July 8/21. Belleau, Aisne, Amer. Cty. #1764 Gr. 181-F-4

By: Group Bowes

Unit

Sect. 6

Nature of reburial Burlap & box

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

5 ft. earthen grave, burlap, uniform. Net in box.

Badly decomposed, unrecognizable

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

On grave marker? Yes

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

"US" collar ornaments and Sgt. chevrons on sleeve. Name on identification card

"Ralph H. Cox"

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to determine

(c) Hair—Color None on skull

Quantity Impossible to determine

Characteristics Impossible to determine

(d) Hair on face—Color Impossible to determine

Location Impossible to determine

Quantity Impossible to determine

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

missing parts) Impossible to determine

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

Head shattered and both jaws missing.

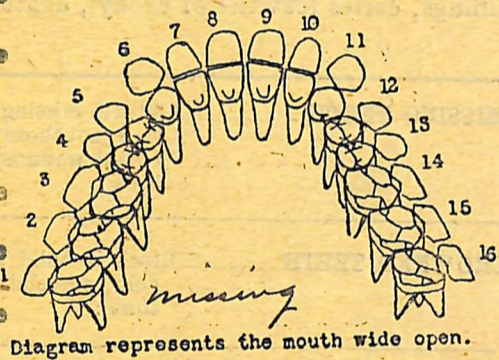
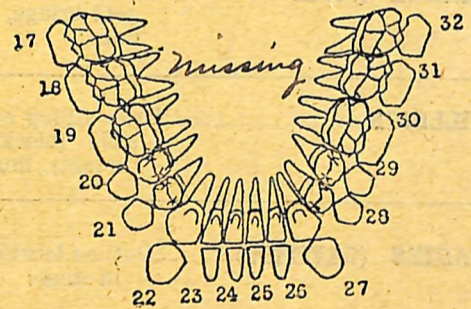


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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7. Disinterment

supervised by John G. Bowes S.E.

Approved: H. Shaler, 1st Lt. P.A.

(Title)

8. Reburial

supervised by John G. Bowes S.E.

Approved: H. Shaler, 1st Lt. P.A.

(Title)

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

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

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

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



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



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



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



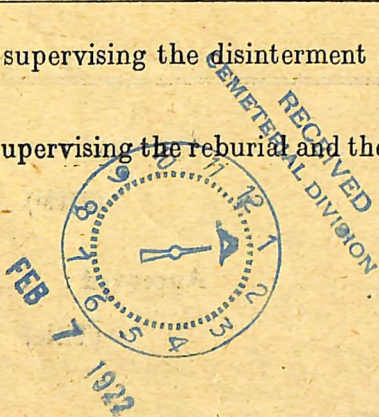
**CARIES (CAVITIES)**.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



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

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

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



France Entered on list  
C O X, Ralph H.

Sergeant, Co. A, 7th Inf.

Died between June 15 and 22nd/18,  
in France, killed in action.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Cox, Ralph	COX	3 5 7
BURIED	A	CEMETERY 1764	4
		GRAVE 41	41
		ROW 1	01
		BLOCK A	1
STATE		Ind	15
RANK		Sgt	2
DIVISION		30	03
ORGANIZATION		7th	007
ARM		Inf	1
MARITAL	(Father)	NO	2
NAME	Cox, John M.		3 5 7
RESIDENCE	Sharpville, Ind.	STATE	15
		COUNTY	72
		CITY	888
RELATION	no fm	Mother	1
OTHER	no low	Father	1
ELIGIBILITY		Dead 1-18-18	6 2a
NATIVITY			1
RACE			1
ENGLISH			1
ATTENDANT			1
HEALTH			1
NO. OF SONS			1
DATE OF TRIP		MO.	1
ACCEPTANCE		YR.	1
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**AUDITED**

AUG 18 1992

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29/514/EAB

Dead

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Cox, Ralph H. 1764 F

July 8, 1930.

Mr. John M. Cox,  
Sharpsville, Ind.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

*Mother died*  
*Jan: 18 - 1918*

*Has no Widow*  
*never was married*

*None*

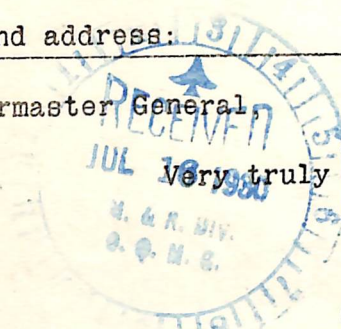
*No Name*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment



Sharpville Ind

July 16<sup>th</sup> - 1929

Kind Sir In regard to

Q M 293 a-c

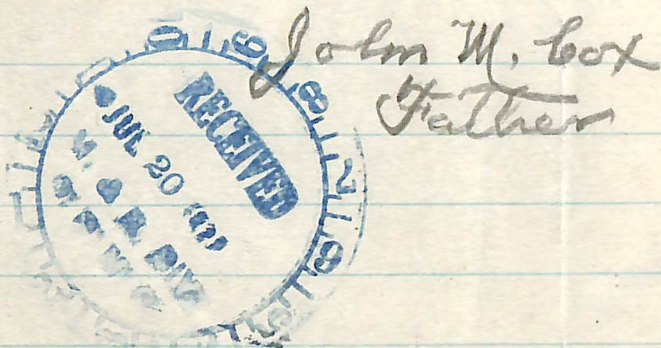
~~Box Ralph, H Sergeant Co. A. 7<sup>th</sup> Inf.~~

~~Mother deceased. died before he son~~  
was killed

Mother's death on Jan: 18<sup>th</sup> 1918

My son Pvt Ralph, H lost his life  
on June 21<sup>st</sup> 1918

Single Man. No Widow.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Cox, Ralph H.

June 12, 1929.

Mr. John H. Cox,  
Sharpsville, Ind.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Sergeant Ralph H. Cox, Co. A, 87th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, Marne.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

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

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Cox, Ralph H.

540599 ✓

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Sgt

Co A 7 Inf

C. 24002

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

(over)

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

NO Yes  
(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:

John M. Cox American Sharperville

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

Sharperville  
(City or town.)

Ind.  
(State.)

(Sign here)

John M. Cox

(over)

(Number and street or rural route.)

Sharperville Ind.  
(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

(over)

drawn 247. 221. 21  
1764-471.

*Handwritten notes in green ink, partially illegible.*

Letter Sent to:

Mr John N. Cox.  
Sharpville, Ind.

*changed to affirmative per letter  
dated Nov. 25-19 signed by parent,  
John M. Cox. See 293.8 Files.*



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QM 293 A-C

April 6, 1927.

COX, Ralph H., Sgt.,  
Co. A, 7th Inf.,

Mr. John M. Cox,  
Sharpville,  
Indiana.

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,

K. J. Hampton,  
Lt.Col. Q.M.G.  
Assistant.

1 Incl.  
Record card.



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Co A 7th Infantry?  
3rd Division.

COX Ralph H Sgt 540599  
Home: Sharpsville Ind.,

Killed in action 21, June 1918 in BELLEAU WOODS.

Informant; Company Records.,

X

Not signed/

Emergency address:  
John N Cox (Father)  
Sharpsville Ind.,

YS

*file  
R.H. Cox  
4878*

*8685  
8684  
4878*

S.S.

FR.

Eleanor Jacobs, Searcher.

Handwritten initials/signature

Handwritten initials/signature

XS

SHARPSVILLE IND.  
JOHN H COX (Father)  
EMERGENCY address:

not signed

Informant: Company Records

KILLED IN SECTION SI' TIME 1918 IN BELLEAU WOODS

COX Ralph H Sgt 540599  
Home: Sharpsville Ind.

Co. A, 7th Infantry

COX, Ralph H., Sgt. 540599

Killed between June 15th-22nd, 1918

Killed in Belleau Woods. Lived about five hours after being wounded. I saw him killed. Couldn't get him back, though tried to. Died on the field. Place known as "Suicide Lane", near Hill 204. Land was held by heavy Machine Gun fire for about a week. No advance could be made and at the time bodies could not be buried.

Informant: Fisher, Monroe  
Camp 1 - St Nazaire  
Co. A, 7th Inf

Home address: 558 West 181st St, New York City  
Jan. 16th, 1919

Edith E. Metcalf, Searcher

DW  
Enq: Wash

February 8, 1919

Eleanor Jacobs, Searcher.

Handwritten number 44878

Home address: 228 West 181st St, New York City  
Co. V, 4th Inf  
Camp 1 - St Maxime

Informant: Daniel Monroe

He was made and at the time bodies could not be buried.  
He was killed by a hand grenade on the 15th of June 1918.  
The field was known as "the field" near Hill 304. He was  
I saw him killed. He was killed by a hand grenade on the 15th of June 1918.  
Killed in Belleau Woods. He was killed by a hand grenade on the 15th of June 1918.

Killed between June 15-22nd 1918

Co. A, 7th Inf.

COX Ralph H. - Sgt. 540.599.

Killed June 15-22nd 1918.

His left leg was blown off by hand grenade. He died on the field in Belleau Woods.

He was short, light complexion, dark hair. I had known him a year and a half. I do not think he was buried. He came from Kentucky.

Informant: TUCKER John - Corp. 540781.  
Le Mans, Am. Emb. Gen.

Home : Merkil, Tex.  
Feb. 13, 1919.

M.C.

V Coppinger - Searcher -

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Handwritten text, mostly illegible and upside down. Includes words like "HOME", "CO.", "KILLED", "MACHINE GUN", "ATTACK", "MORNING", "22ND", "BELLEAU WOODS", "MACHINE GUN POSITION", "HOTTEST PLACE", "COULDN'T GET IN", "TO BURY THEM", "DIDN'T TAKE THE PLACE".

KILLED IN ACTION  
IP-33

Co. A. 7th INFANTRY!

COX, Ralph H. Sgt. 340599.

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Killed June 15-22 . 1918.

"He was killed by machine gun bullet at Belleau Woods during the attack made on the morning of the 22nd. We were attacking a machine gun position. It was the hottest place I ever got into. We couldn't get in to bury them. We didn't take the place in the end."

Informant: Fallon, John, Pvt. 540687.  
Base Hospital 216.  
Co. A. 7th Infantry,  
Home: 900 Douglas St., McKeesport, Pa.  
February 8, 1919.

Very good.

FR.

Eleanor Jacobs, Searcher.

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE November 8, 1922.

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 COX, Ralph, H.
- 2. No. 540599,
- 3. Rank Sgt.
- 4. Org. Co A, 7th Inf,
- 5. D.D. June 21, 1918. ~~June 15th and 22nd, 1918.~~
- 6. C.D. K.I.A.

- 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) D.B. no discrepancy

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 181 Sec. F.
- 8. Plot 4 Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_

- 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. no discrepancy

- 18. Cemetery Aisne Marne Amer Cty,
- 20. Dept. or County Aisne
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 23. Disinterred (Date) November 8, 1922.

- 19. Commune or town Belleau,
- 21. Country France,
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1764,
- By C.W. Dodge

- 24. Inscription on grave marker:
- Name Ralph H. Cox
- Rank Sgt.

- Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_
- Organization Co. A, 7 Inf.

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

Signature J.C. Annabel  
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).

Bottle record agrees. Sgt.'s chevrons. Identification card illegible.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and burlap

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 Nov. 8, 1922. By C.W. Dodge

31. Casket sealed by C.W. Dodge

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) C.W. Dodge

ADMITTED BY  
8/12  
5/8/26

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C- 31307.

32. Designation of body:

Name Ralph, H, Cox, Serial No 540599,

Rank Sgt, Organization Co A, 7th Inf,

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne Marne Amer Cty, 1764, Belleau, Aisne,

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) November 8, 1922. By C.W. Dodge

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 A.E. Dewey  
A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) November 8, 1922.

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 Aisne-Marne Amer. Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)  
(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred Nov. 8, 1922, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)  
(Date)

42. Grave No. 41 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot BLOCK A Row 1

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary  
W.D. Cleary  
Lt., Chaplain, USA.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Belleau (Aisne)

Date November 8, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF COX, Ralph H. SERIAL NUMBER 540599  
 RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. A, 7th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): November 8, 1922. From (give complete location): Grave 181, Plot 4, Sec. F, Cem. 1764.

By: Group 1 Unit F.S.1, Aisne-Marne Cem.

3. Reburied (date): Nov. 8, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 41, Block A, Row 1, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

By: Group re-burial group Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Reburial Lined casket

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

Wooden box and burlap

Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

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

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

Bottle record agrees. Sgt.'s chevrons. Identification card illegible.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(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) "

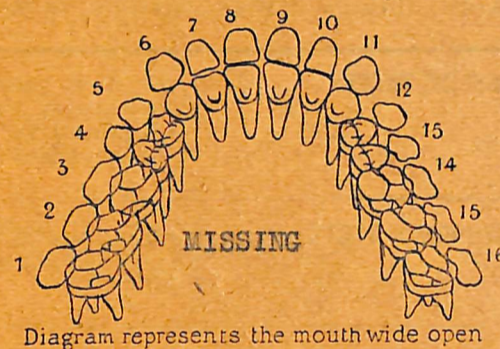
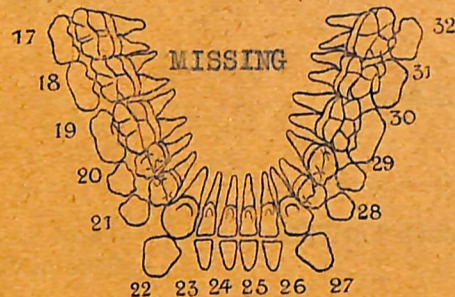


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



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

Fractures: Head shattered. Left femur.

Missing parts: Both jaws and one radius.

Checker: J.C. Annabel.

7. Disinterment supervised by C.W. Dodge  
C.W. DODGE, S.E.

Approved: A.E. Dewey  
A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. OMC.  
 (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by L.D. Hays  
L.D. HAYS

Approved: W.D. Cleary  
W.D. Cleary  
 (Title) Lt., Chaplain, USA.

## 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 teeth (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.

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #4878 ✓

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COX, Ralph H. Ser. No. <sup>OK 3/9/21 20</sup> 540599  
 (b) Rank Sgt. Organization Co. A, 7th Inf. TYP. evs  
 (c) Date of death 6/21/18 (d) Cause of death k/a CKR. AS

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

(a) Grave No. 181 Row - Plot 4 Sec. F TYP. evs  
 (b) Emerg. Address John Cox (Father) Sharpville, Ind.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases - CKR. AS

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

Date of receipt 1-28-

(a) Name John M. Cox (b) Relationship Father  
 (c) Address Sharpville Ind.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. John M. Cox  
Sharpville Ind. (Amer Exp) telg Sharpville

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

Examiner's Initials AM Date 2-21-, 1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from Father John M. Cox  
Sharpville Ind., dated 11/25/19  
 confirming request in Par. IV., item d, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials AM Date 2-21-, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: Father John Cox Sharpville  
Ind. 1-5-19 does not wish body returned

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes AM

Examiner's Initials AM Date 2-21-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1764 SHEET No. 471

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

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Checked 3/9/21 20

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made 2-26-21, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by JPR, 2-26-21, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on MAR 10 1921, 1920

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Commercial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

PARAGRAPH 1 - TO BE RETURNED.

4/28/21 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 281 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN 4/28/21  
att

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 4-12-21 (74#120) John M. Cox father nk  
Sharpsville, Ind requests that his son's body  
be left in Europe 74-19-21 CMS  
Form 129 to hold body Ind Wash 4/20/21 B.7  
5/25/21 - Letter from Europe states return  
has been cancelled as per cable. Cf. 6/30/21

Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Discrepancies

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

*AM* ..... *2-21-21* .....

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

*W cont*  
*2-21-21*  
*3-7*  
*checked*  
*2-21-21*  
*AM*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
HOBOKEN, N. J.

Recorder, com: Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 293,8-4878

April 20th, 1921.

From: Graves Registration Officer.  
To: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.  
Subject: Supplementary advice concerning:

Name Cox, Ralph H. Serial No. 540599  
Rank Sgt. Organization Co. A, 7th Infantry  
Cemetery No. 1764 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 471

Request shown below dated April 12, 1921 is latest in this case:

Name of Relative	Return to	Remain in	Special
		FRANCE	
Widow	None		
Children			
Guardian			
Father	John M. Cox, Sharpsville, Indiana.		
Mother			
Brother			
Sister			
Others			

Cox, Ralph H.

Body to be shipped to, or for interment in: a permanent American Cemetery.

1 incl.

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R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge. B.7.

Cable Letter.....1921, forwarding advice to Europe, dispatched.....1921.  
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Form No.

Date

Office

Rank

Name

Address

Street

City

State

Country

Remarks

Signature

Initials

Name of Relative

to

Service

in

Service

Reference should be made to Form No. 1001 in regard to this case:

Serial No.

1104

Name of Relative

111

Rank

1st Lt.

Organization

Co. 1, 100th Infantry

Name

1st Lt.

W. H. H.

100th Infantry

Subject: Subsequent service connection.

To: Quartermaster General, Quartermaster Division, War Department, D. C.

From: Chief Quartermaster Office.

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QUARTERMASTER SERVICE  
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QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
HOBOKEN, N. J.

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Name of Relative	Return	Remain	Special
	to	in	
		FRANCE	

Widow None  
Children .....  
Guardian .....  
Father John W. Cox, Sharpville, Indiana.  
Mother .....  
Brother .....  
Sister .....  
Others .....

Body to be shipped to, or for interment in: a permanent American Cemetery

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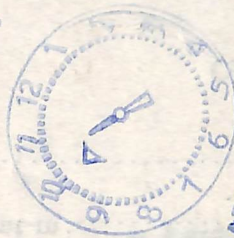
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Office

Street

Block

Room

City

State

Country

Name

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

Name of Relative

to

Relative

Address

Relative from whom dated

1921

Relative in this case

Cemetery No.

1209

Cemeterial Reference No. (Street No.)

1209

Name

1209

Organization

1209

Name

1209

Address

1209

Subject: Supplemental service connection.

To: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.

From: Graves Registration Office.

NOVEMBER 11, 1918  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
WAR DEPARTMENT

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON.

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.  
TO: Mr. John M. Cox, Sharpville, Ind.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Sgt. Ralph H. Cox, Ser. No. 540599, Co A, 7th Inf.

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**R**

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 shipped to you at Sharpville, Ind.~~

*Remain in Europe* **EGS**

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 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,

GEO. H. PENROSE,  
Colonel, Q. M. C.

APR 14 1921

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

NAME OF	NO. AND STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's widow			
1			
Soldier's children (Name oldest first)			
2			
3			
Father <i>John M. Cox</i>		<i>Sharpville</i>	<i>Ind.</i>
Mother <i>Deceased</i>			
1			
Brothers, (Name oldest first)			
2			
3			
1			
Sisters, (Name oldest first)			
2			
3			

*Noted still on CMS*

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Date 4-12-1921 Signature John M. Cox  
Address Sharpville Ind Relationship Father

Important - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper



I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living next of kin of  
(Relationship)  
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~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
(R.R. station) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and buried in~~ \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.
- 4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature John M. Cox

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 **COX, Ralph H.** 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. No. **540599** 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Rank **Sgt.** 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Org **Co. A, 7th Inf.** 13. Org \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. D. D. **6/21/18** 14. (a) D. D. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. C. D. **K/A** 15. (b) D. B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

- 7. Grave No. **181** Sec. **F** 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Plot **4** Row **--** 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. **-----** 17. \_\_\_\_\_

- 18. Cemetery **American Concentration**
- 19. Commune or town **Belleau**
- 20. Department or county **Aisne**
- 21. Country **France** 22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. **1764**
- 23. Disinterred \_\_\_\_\_ (Date.) By \_\_\_\_\_
- 24. Inscription on grave marker { Name \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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.)

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cable ref. no. 471

(OVER)

**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..... (Date.) By.....
- 31. Casket sealed by .....

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

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

- 32. Designation of body { Name COX, Ralph H. Serial No. 540599  
Rank Sgt. Organization Co. A, 7th Inf
- 33. CONSIGNEE—Name John M. Cox,  
Address Sharpville, Ind. (Amer. Exp. & Tel., Sharpville.)
- 34. Casket boxed and marked..... (Date.) By.....

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..... (Date.) To..... (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..... (Port.) Convoyer.....  
Signature Shipping Officer.....

40. Received European port..... (Date.)  
Signature of G. R. S. Representative.....

41. Shipped to..... (U. S. port.) On..... (Boat.)  
Date..... Convoyer..... (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received..... (Date.) By G. R. S. Representative..... (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination..... (Date.) { B/L or Express Order No. ....  
Convoyer..... { Shipping Officer.....

April 20, 1921.

File No. 295.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.  
(Cox, Ralph H.)

Mr. John M. Cox,  
Sharpville, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Receipt of Shipping Inquiry dated April 12, 1921,  
relative to the remains of the late Ralph H. Cox, Sergeant,  
Serial Number 540599, Company A, 7th Infantry, is  
acknowledged.

In accordance with your latest request, in-  
structions have been issued that the remains be left 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.

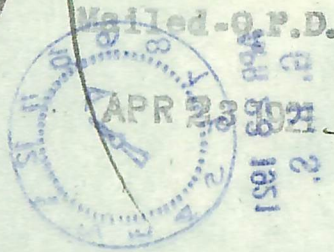
By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps.  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

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April 20, 1921

File No. 322.8 Gen. Div. Cor. Br.  
(Gen. Ralph H.)

Mr. John M. Cox,  
Sharpsville, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Receipt of Shipping Inquiry dated April 12, 1921, relative to the remains of the late Ralph H. Cox, Sergeant, Serial Number 540593, Company A, 7th Infantry, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your latest request, instructions have been issued that the remains be left 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 services.

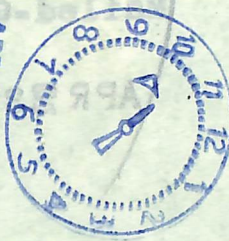
The Department wishes to convey to you renewed assurances of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, U.S. Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

F. G. PALMER,  
Chief of Section,  
Central Division

APR 28 1921  
G. H. S.



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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #4878

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name COX, Ralph H. Ser. No. 540599 a.R. 3/9/21/21

(b) Rank sgt. Organization Co. A, 7th Inf. } TYP evs

(c) Date of death 6/21/18 (d) Cause of death r/a } 3/1

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

(a) Grave No. 181 Row - Plot 4 Sec. F TYP. evs

(b) Emerg. Address John Cox (Father) Sharpville, Ind.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. 3/1

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

*a G.O. Card John M. Cox, Father Sharpville, Ind. desires body returned to U.S. and shipped to family at above address. H.S. 3-12-21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter of transmittal on MAR 10 1921, 192

**PARAGRAPH 1 - TO BE RETURNED**  
*4/28/21* **PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 281** *acw* **TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN** *4/28/21 att*  
**MAR 22 1921**

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
<i>5/25/21</i>	<i>Letter from Europe</i>	<i>states return</i>	<i>has been cancelled as per cable. EP. 6/30/21</i>

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. 4-25-21, 192

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Name ..... Cox, 540522, Ralph H .....

Rank ..... Co. A ..... { Corps } 7th Inf. { Regt. } .....

Date of Death .....

Place ..... <sup>Exhumed-</sup> Fr. N section Bois Belleau .....

Cause .....

Date of Burial .....

Grave No. 33 .....

Cemetery 65 I. O. MYERS .....

Identified by { Tag } tag { Papers } ..... { Clothing } .....

List of Effects .....

1550

Field Record Made by .....

GROUP N° 1 Company....., Graves Registration Service

Unit 303. G. R. S.

For additional data use reverse side

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For additional data see reverse of

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

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

Date 2/23/21

File No. Requisition.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname **Cox** ✓
- b. Christian name **Ralph H.** ✓
- c. Serial Number **540599** ✓  
(?)
- d. Organization **Co. A, 7th Inf.** ✓
- e. Rank **Sgt.** ✓
- f. Date of death **6/21/18** ✓
- g. Cause of death **K/A** ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address **John Cox (father)**
- j. Relationship **Sharpsville, Ind.**

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 physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |   |            |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|---|---|---|---|------------|---|
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**FILE**

Adjustment Made

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FEB 23 1921

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CW

CEMETERY NO: 1764  
SHEET NO: 471  
TYPED BY: JBC

S/713/LML

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

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

Rec'd World War Div.  
FEB. 24 1921

Rec'd S & S Div., A.G.O.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-3  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 2/23/21

File No. Registration

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Commerical 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 Cox
- b. Christian name Ralph H.
- c. Serial Number 540599
- d. Organization Co. A, 7th Inf.
- e. Rank Sgt.
- f. Relationship
- g. Emergency address
- h. Authority (G.O.#)
- i. Cause of death KIA
- j. Date of death 6/21/18

BODY DESCRIPTION (See page 1/2 of the Service Record)

1. Permanent marks physical defects (old fractures or breaks)

2. Weight

3. Height

4. Color of hair

5. Color of eyes

6. Age of enlistment

7. Strike out teeth missing

8. Dental charts (See physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

9. Upper right 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

10. Lower right 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

11. Upper left 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

12. Lower left 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

FILE

Adjustment Made  
MAR 24 1921

FEB 26 1921

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EXHIBIT NO: 1784  
SERIAL NO: 471  
TYPED BY: JEC

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

BY: [Signature]

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FEB 24 1921

8th Ind.

FILE

File No. 293.8 Gen. Div. -- 4878--(Hex, Ralph Hanley)  
From: O.Q.M.G., Cemeterial Division, April 13, 1921. To: The Adjutant  
General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D. C.

1. Returned. The records of this office do not afford  
any information relative to the name of the Chaplain who buried Sergeant  
Ralph Hanley Cox.

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

By:

THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,  
Captain, Q.M.G.

SS

  
FWW

Inv. & Adj.

MAILED  
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G.R.S.

(Cox, Ralph Hanley,

6th Ind.

Hq. 7th Inf., Camp Pike, Ark. 22 March 21 -To: The Adjutant General of  
the Army, Washington, D. C.

1. Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

O. B. Rosenbaum,  
Colonel, 7th Infantry  
Commanding.

201 (Cox, Ralph Hanley) WWD

7th Ind.

VJC/EG 2-207

War Department, A.G.O., April 1, 1921 - To Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D.C.

If practicable, this office will be advised of the name of Chaplain who buried  
Ralph Hanley Cox, #540599.

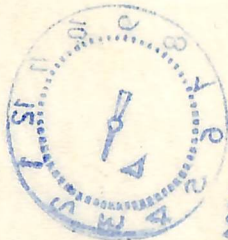
By order of the Secretary of War:

I. Erwid,

Adjutant General



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G. H. G.  
APR 1 1921

6th Ind.

(Box, Ralph Hanley)

Hq. 7th Inf., Camp Pike, Ark. 22 March 21 - To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C.

1. Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

O. B. Rosenbaum,  
Colonel, 7th Infantry  
Commanding.

430/EG 2-207

7th Ind.

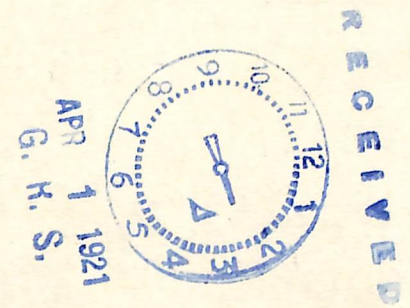
201 (Cox, Ralph Hanley) WWD

War Department, A.G.O., April 1, 1921 - To Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

If practicable, this office will be advised of the name of Captain who buried Ralph Hanley Cox, #240899.

By order of the Secretary of War:

I. E. WILKINSON  
Adjutant General



4th Ind.

(Cox, Ralph Hanley)

Hq. 7th Inf., Camp Pike, Ark. 20 March 21- To: C.O.Co. "A" 7th Inf.  
for compliance.

By order of Colonel Rosenbaum:

W. L. MAYS,  
Acting Adjutant.

5th Ind.

(Cox, Ralph Hanley)

Commanding Officer, Co. "A" 7th Infantry, Mar. 22nd, 1921. To: C.O. 7th Infantry  
Camp Pike, Ark. RETURNED:

1. The records of this organization have been carefully examined, and do not show any records of the effects of Sergeant Ralph Hanley Cox, 540599, Co. A, 7th Infantry.

2. There are no Officers or enlisted men now serving with this organization who was present at the time this casualty occurred.

H. B. AYRES,  
Captain, 7th Infantry  
Comdg. Co. A.

1st Ind.

201(Cox, Ralph Hanley)WWD

VJC/EG 2-207

War Department, A.G.O., March 3, 1921. - To Chief, Effects Bureau, Ft. Jay  
Governors Island, New York.

This office will be advised of any record of effects of Ralph Hanley Cox, 540599,  
who was killed in action June 21, 1918 while serving as Private, Company A,  
7th Infantry. No record of effects is found in this office.

By order of the Secretary of War.

Adjutant General.

2nd Ind.

201(Cox, Ralph Hanley)  
E.B. 56933

EB-EB  
mh/lz

HQ., A.T.S., Officer in Charge, Effects Bureau, Hoboken, N.J., March 8, 1921.  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. The records of this office which include those of the Effects  
Depot, Base Section #1, St. Nazaire, France, show no effects in the case of  
Ralph Hanley Cox, 540599, Private, Company A, 7th Infantry.

HENRY A. BOOTZ,  
Major, Infantry.

3rd Ind.

201(Cox, Ralph Hanley)

VJC/BG 2-207

War Department, A.G.O., March 17, 1921. - To Commanding Officer, 7th Infantry  
Camp Pike, Arkansas.

The records of this office show that at time of death, <sup>h</sup>Sergeant  
Ralph Hanley Cox, 540599, was a member of Company A, 7th Infantry. This of-  
fice will be advised of any record of effects of above named soldier as shown  
by the records of your organization. Officers and enlisted men on duty with  
organization at time of death will also be interviewed.

By order of the Secretary of War.

I. IRWIN

Adjutant General.

( CO PY)

Sharpville, Indiana.  
February 7, 1921.

The Adjutant General of the Army,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

My son, Sergeant Ralph Hanley Cox, 7th Inf., Co. A, 3rd Division, was killed in action in the battle of Belleau Wood, France.

I have been unable to secure any of his effects or any souvenir of any kind, and want to ask if, in the stored effects of soldiers in Washington or such place as they may be kept, there is anything belonging to my son. If so, I would appreciate any articles being sent to me.

I am particularly anxious to secure a copy of my son's Warrant as Sergeant and a statement of his service record.

I would also appreciate very much your sending me the names and home address of the Captain and Lieutenants of his Company at the time he was killed, so that I may write them.

I am sure you will appreciate my anxiety in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN M. COX,

Parent.

Classification

Adjustment

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
REGISTRATION SECTION

Date 5-10-20

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.  
Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files,

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORR.	ADD. DATA		CORR.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		
Rank			Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death 5 x 8	✓		Reburial White Card set up 3x5		✓
Casualty Cablegram Number			Remarks		

O.K. Alphabetical Files H.C.N. 5-12-20

~~O.K. Organization Files~~

~~O.K. State Files~~

Cemetery Audit Department  
Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By V.P. O'Brien

✓ Cards attached.

*J # 4878*

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON,

MD-100F  
H-102

May 4, 1920.

IN REPLY REFER TO 201(Cox, Ralph H.)WW

*copy made 5/11/20  
V.B.O.*

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

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

Subject: Date of death of Ralph H. Cox, Sergt.,  
#540,599, Co. A, 7th Inf.

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 June 21, 1918.

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted April 15, 1917, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: John Cox, father, Sharpville, Ind.

By order of the Secretary of War.

*P. C. Harris,*  
The Adjutant General.  
per.

*✓*  
*✓*  
*✓*

WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON

OFFICE

May 4, 1918

IN REPLY  
REFER TO  
Sol (Cox, Ralph H.)

From: The Adjutant General's Office

To: The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington, D. C.

Subject: State of North Carolina, Gen. ...  
... Co., Va. Im.



1. The Adjutant General's Office has been advised that the date of issue of the above mentioned ...  
you, is ...  
is ...

2. For your information, it is noted that the ...  
and the ...  
given ...

By order of the Adjutant General, ...

*R. E. Hoover*  
The Adjutant General  
per

G.R.S. #106  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

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

**October 13, 1919.**

For information of:

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

Case of:

**Sergeant Ralph Cox  
Co. A., 7th Infantry.**

Grave Location:

Request for action checked below:

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

has been made by:

**Mr. John M. Cox,  
Sharpsville,  
Indiana.**

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.  
NS-2992/L

CJW/mbm

G. R. S. MAILED

OCT 14 1919



G.R.S. FORM #105 - Reply to Casualty Div., A.G.O.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Office of Director Purchase & Storage.  
Washington, D.C. Sept. 24, 1919. *File*

MEMORANDUM TO: Casualty Division, Adjutant General's Office  
6th & B Streets, n.w., Washington, D.C.

Attached papers are returned with the information that the files of the Graves Registration Service show that: Cox, Ralph H. Sgt., #540599, Co. A. 7th Infantry.

~~is buried~~ was disinterred and reburied in Grave #181, Sec. F. Plot #4, National Cemetery at Belleau, Woods (Aisne) #1764)

By authority of the Quartermaster General,  
Director of Purchase and Storage.

Charles C. Pierce,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

G.R.S. FILE NO.  
CCP/  
NS-2849-ad  
alg.

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SYNOPSIS OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND INDORSED OUT.

DATED: May 15, 1919.

DATE RECEIVED IN Sept. 24, 1919.

FROM: John M. Cox, Sharpsville, Ind.

TO: P. C. March.

Information of the effects of Sergeant Ralph H. Cox, also  
the commission as Sergeant as a token for the family's Deceased

21 JUN 1919

NAME Cox, Ralph, H.

FILE NUMBER

RANK Sergt.

ORGANIZATION Co.A. 7th  
Inf.

SERIAL NUMBER

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	
2.	Date of death?	
3.	Cause and place of death?	
4.	Has this been reported on Casualty Cablegram, if so, give reference.	
5.	Date of burial?	
6.	Grave Location:	
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	How is grave marked?	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Emergency address:	
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	

## ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags, etc. (Par. #5, Bul. 10-B)	Effects (G.R.S. Form No. 7&7-A)
Monuments (Par. #6, Bul. 10-B)	Accrued Pay (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 15 & 22)
Disinterments (Par. #8, Bul. 10-B)	Liberty Bonds (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 21 & 22)
Circumstances of death (G.R.S. Form No. 6)	War Risk Insurance (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 20 & 22)
Photographs requested (File 004.5)	Disposition of Remains (a) Return to U.S. (Form 25)
Grave Location	(b) Remain in France (Form 24)
	(c) Miscellaneous (Letter)

Remarks:

Two burial reports

Sharpville end

June 2 - 1919

to Chief Graves Reg: Service A. S. H.

Kind Sir, enclosed you will find two 2 Reports I have Rec: from you in regard to the burial place of my dear son Sergeant Ralph H. Cox Co. "A" 7<sup>th</sup> Drift; of course you can imagine or know what stress or worry we are in at present not knowing where he is buried. but hope to hear from you soon as to the Real for sure burial place of our blessed boy Dear Chief we know that you are sincere in your work but these two 2 Reports does not tell us anything for we were living satisfied that he was buried in Vernewil Cem;

Now the Report Comes that he is buried  
In American battle area Cemetery  
Belleau (Aisne) France

Your Dec; Report stated that he was  
killed on June 16<sup>th</sup> 1918 and his  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut.,<sup>S</sup> also 2 of his  
Comrads say that he was killed on  
21<sup>st</sup> of June 1918. Kind sir I feel  
that you are doing your utmost and  
that you have the largest proposition  
on hand that the World ever knew  
and in gods good time that you will  
let me know the exact place of my  
sons burial and send me a  
photograph of his Grave

Believe me I am sincerely your friend  
John W Cox Parent  
Sharpville end

9<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1918

First Report of burial

From: Chief Graves Reg; Service A. E. F.  
to: John M. Cox Sharpville Ind;  
Subject: place of burial

Sergeant Ralph H. Cox, Co. "A" 7<sup>th</sup> Inf;  
Died June 16, 1918

American Cemetery Verneuil Nievre.  
(France)

May 13<sup>th</sup> 1919

Second Report of burial

From: Chief Graves Reg; Service A. E. F.  
to: John M. Cox Sharpville Ind;  
Subject: Place of burial

Sergeant Ralph H. Cox Co. "A" 7<sup>th</sup> Inf;  
Buried in American battle area Cemetery  
Bellevue. (Aisne) France



201 (Cox, Ralph H.) Enl. 1st Ind. 4878 amc/mo/63  
War Dept., A.G.O. May 26th, 1919. To: Commanding General, American  
Expeditionary Forces.

1. It is requested that information be forwarded to this office concerning the exact date of death in the case of Ralph H. Cox, Sergeant, Co. A, 7th Infantry.

2. The records of this office show that the above named soldier was killed in action between June 15th and 22nd.

3. Report is also desired as to the disposition of Sergeant Cox's personal effects.

By order of the Secretary of War.

Received  
A. G. O.

JUN 14 1919

H. Q. A. E. P.

Walter S. Fulton

Adjutant General.

Synopsis made.

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

May 26, 1919.

From: Chief, G.R.S., S.O.S., American E.F.  
To: Mr. John H. Cox, Sharpville, Ind.  
Subject: Sgt. Ralph H. Cox, (540599), Co. A., 7th Inf.

1. In reply to your letter of January 5, 1919, you are advised that the records in this office do not give any definite date when your son was killed in action, but this occurred some time between the 15th and 22nd of June, 1918. He is buried in grave #33 in the American Military Cemetery at Belleau, (Aisne), and this grave is marked with a regulation cross.

2. With regard to your request that his body be left in France, you are assured that note will be made of the fact and your desire will be complied with.

3. Enclosed herewith is a leaflet giving full particulars how to obtain a photograph of your son's grave by applying to Washington.

4. Permit me to express to you my sympathy in the loss which you have sustained in the cause of our country.

ANC/

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

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

FILE NUMBER

4878

FROM:-

DATE:

5/23/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME COX, RALPH, H

NUMBER

540599

RANK SGN ORGANIZATION

CO A 7 INF

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① yes
2.	Date of Death.	② 6, BETWEEN 15, BETWEEN, 22, -18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ KIA
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	④ CC# 190
5.	Date buried.	⑤ NO DATE
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ CTY# 550 GR# 33-AM. BIACTY-BELLEAU-COMM OF BELLEAU, (AISNE)
7.	Who reported burial.	⑦ G.R.S. office
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑧ yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑨ cross
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑩ NO INFO
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑪ JOHN, N. COX (FR)
12.	Has M/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑫ SHARPSVILLE, IND.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑬ yes 12-11-18
14.	What is the Photograph No. ?	⑭ NO PHOTO NO.

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

5/23/19

PPB

30 AVRIL 1919

G.R.S. FORM NO. 23.

NAME **Ralph H Cox**

FILE NUMBER **4878**

RANK **Sgt** ORGANIZATION **Co. A 7th Inf**

SERIAL NUMBER

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	<b>Yes</b>
2.	Date of Death	<b>26 between 15 AND 22-1918</b>
3.	Grave Location:	<b>3 CTY #550, GR #33 - AMER. B/A CTY. BELLEAUVAISNE</b>
4.	Who reported burial?	
5.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
6.	How is grave marked?	<b>NO INFO</b>
7.	Identification Tags:	<b>CC# 190</b>
	(a) Buried with Body?	<b>NO</b>
	(b) Attached to grave Marker?	<b>Yes</b>
8.	Emergency address:	
9.	Has above been notified? (Give Date)	
10.		<b>RFB</b>

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

<input type="checkbox"/> Flowers, flags, etc. (Par. #5, Bul. 10-B)	<input type="checkbox"/> Effects (G.R.S. Form Nos. 7&7-A)
<input type="checkbox"/> Monuments (Par. #6, Bul. 10-B)	<input type="checkbox"/> Accrued pay (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 19&22)
<input type="checkbox"/> Disinterments (Par. #8, Bul. 10-B)	<input type="checkbox"/> Liberty Bonds (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 21&22)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Circumstances of death (G.R.S. Form No. 6)	<input type="checkbox"/> War Risk Insurance (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 20&22)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photograph requested (File OG4.5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Disposition of Remains
<input type="checkbox"/> Grave Location	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (a) Return to U.S. (Form 23)
	<input type="checkbox"/> (b) Remain in France (Form 24)
	<input type="checkbox"/> (c) Miscellaneous (Letter)

Remarks: **Confirm date of death Casket**

C. G. TADY

FILE

Brain 7 30 am

# 4878  
Recorded, Cemeterial Div., U. S. War Dept.  
File #

Sharpville Ind

Secretary of War

Dear Sir

You no doubt realize how we parents feel about our dear sons that are burried in france it is my greatest wish and desire that the body of my son Ralph Hanley Cox Seargt. Co. A. 7<sup>th</sup> Inf 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. be brought back to the U.S. and burried in my home Cemetery fathers from all parts of the Country will meet in Washington D.C. Jan: 12<sup>th</sup> Called to gather by the Bring home the Soldier Head League and Representing 80,000 Next of Kin WE urge to use all your influence

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text on lined paper, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side.]*



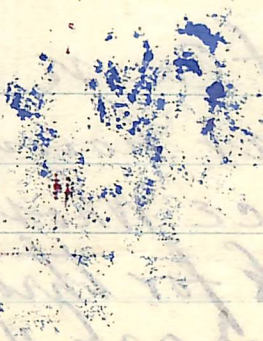
(Sgt. Cox was killed while in action  
at Battle Belleau Wood France  
June 21-1918)

In this great Cause to bring  
the dead soldier home from  
France at once whose Remains  
have been ask for through  
the War Dept; I ask you  
with all my heart to do your  
utmost, that America keep  
her sacred promise to our  
dead in France and to us,  
your personal support is needed now  
We want our loved one entombed  
where we can honor his memory  
and where coming generations  
may venerate the last resting  
place of an American  
Soldier who died on foreign  
Soil. Sincerely yours  
John M Cox Parent

ASSISTANT AND CHIEF CLERK  
JAN 1 9 1921  
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Set for two filled  
6 with letters and figures  
June 11 - 1919



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Sharpville Ed 1-5-1919

To Chief Graves A.P.O. 717 A.E.F. France

Dear Mr Graves Rec: your grand and glorious letter of DEC. 9<sup>th</sup> and what a sweet Relief to ME and MY family. I Realize that yours is a great task a Mammoth burdon and Wonderful Responsibility and no doubt over ridden with a multitude of questions, but as I sit here this Sabeth Evening penning you these lines with my dear beloved Sons picture before me dressed in his Kiaki uniform taken at Camp Green Charlotte N.C. I must I have to ask you my dear friend two or three questions Not knowing that I will get an answer but hope and pray that I will some time

I had a letter from my Sons Leut, stating that Sergeant Ralph H Cox of 7<sup>th</sup> Inf. Co. A. Was killed in action on June 21<sup>st</sup> your letter states that he lost his life June 16<sup>th</sup> I have withheld entering his death on our family record until I know positively my telegram from Washington D.C. stated that it happened between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> days of June. I would sacrifice anything I have to know how my son was killed and to know whether he was killed instantly or had to suffer with his awful wounds before he died I may look at it wrong but I think and believe that we who loose our dear sons should know these things I believe that it would have a tendancy to lengthen the lives of the fathers and Mothers of their soldier boys I would like very much indeed to have a photograph of his grave and I make applications to you for a photo; if it be possible in any way for you to get it

(Over)

I have located the burial place on the Map and oh how I thank you for your information I was greatly surprised to learn that Vernewil is so far back of the battle line. Scale of Miles on my Atlas Shows to be about 45 Miles, so glad to know you are taking such great Care and Interest in the burial of the dead and Marking and Registering each Grave how I wish I could be with <sup>you</sup> and help do the Work God being my Helper and he lets Me live I expect to visit my sons grave some day. I had a letter from Agt: M<sup>c</sup> Laine stating that all the dead would be brought back home after the War was over

I will just say for my part that where the oak falls there let it lie I could not think of my boy being shipped 4600 Miles after being buried 2 or 3 years. It would be useless for me to ask you how my boy was put a way whether laid a way on the cold dirt or placed in a box or a Casket possibly it is best for me not to know Pardon me for being so foolish but oh I am so much concerned about these things I am asking you

and at the same time I think you are forbidden to reveal these things, but I keep on hoping and trusting that some day I will know and understand Good by and god bless you and your good Work

With the assurance of my esteem and my ever thought of you

I Remain Yours sincerely

John M Cox

Parent



Sharpville Indiana

Surname Cox, Number Sgt. 540599  
Christian Name Ralph H.  
Regiment Co. A, 7th Inf.

C. C. 190, killed in action between June 15th & 22nd

Photo. of Grave.

*by Nash.*

*Washington  
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B.C. 1278

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

File Number: 4878

From: - A. R. C. SEC.

Date: 12/17/18.

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:-

NAME COX, Ralph H.

NUMBER 540599

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. A, 7th Inf.

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No.	Question	Reply
✓ 1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	N.B. all proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS
✓ 2	Date of Death	
3	Cause and place of death	1. Yes
✓ 4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	2. June, between 15th & 22nd
5	Date buried	
✓ 6	Grave location (a) complete record required (b) name of cemetery or commune only required.	4. 190  6. Grave #33, Amer. Cty. Verneuil (Nievre)
7	Who reported burial?	
8	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	
9	Report as to grave marker.	
10	Report as to identification tags.	
11	Who is nearest relative?	
12	Has N/R 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 No.?	

RANK 12/27/18

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checked  
2-21-21  
MFM

drawn Att. 2.21.21

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My Son was Ralph H. Cox  
Sargeant Co. A. 7<sup>th</sup> Inf. 3<sup>rd</sup> Div.  
Killed at Belleau Wood June 21-1918

Sharpsville Ind  
Nov 25-19

Some Months ago I Rec:  
a Card from the War Dept:  
Asking Me whether I wished my  
Sons body be Returned to the  
U.S. or Remain in France. My  
Ans: to you was to let the body  
Remain in France where it fell  
but Now I wish for his body to  
be Returned home as I see  
Reports in the papers where 40,000  
Requests have been made for the  
Ret: of their beloved sons  
Please see that this change is  
Made in my behalf

Sincerely yours

John M. Cox, Parent

ASSISTANT AND CHIEF CLERK  
NOV 29 1919  
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December 4, 1919.

Mr. John M. Cox, DATES ON WHICH THIS FILE IS CHARGED OUT

Sharpville, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of November 25, 1919, in which you state that you now desire the remains of your son, Ralph H. Cox, Sgt., Company A, 7th Infantry, brought to this country, I beg leave to inclose herewith a new card, with the request that it be filled out in accordance with your present wishes, and returned to this office in the attached envelope, which requires no postage.

Very respectfully,

P. C. Harris

The Adjutant General

Per

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