

# REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

27 July 1944  
Date

29<sup>th</sup> **REBURIAL**

**Couch** **Alston** **P.** **Unknown**

Last Name First Initial Rank

**Unknown** **HQ** **501 PARA INF REGT**

Unit Organization

**France** **Unknown** **7 JUNE 1944** **KIA**

Place of Death Date of Death Cause of Death

**26 July 1944** **1600** **Blosville, France**

Time and Date of Burial Name of Cemetery Name or Coordinates of Location

**173** **9** **R** **Cross**

Grave Number Row Number Plot Number Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes  No  Attached to Marker Yes  No

If No Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

Re-interred from 300-923

What means of identification were buried with the body?

IDENTIFICATION ACCEPTED

Initial B

To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:

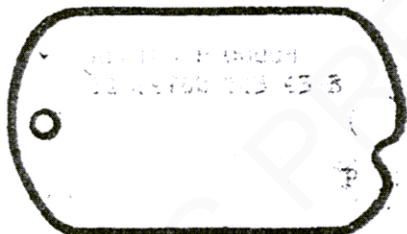
Deceased's Right: **Raul Pacheco** **39851376** **Pfc** **4th Arm. Div.** **174**

Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.

Deceased's Left: **Rufus Taylor** **33658103** **Unknown** **Unknown** **17E**

Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.



If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:

Emergency Addressee **Unknown** Name

**Unknown** Address

Religion **Protestant**

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

Souvenir Money  
\$1.45

# REBURIAL

Previously buried in isolated grave located at

*F. A. Greulich*  
Officer or other person reporting burial

F. A. GREULICH  
Capt., QMC

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

## IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

Take Fingerprints of Both Hands. If unable to obtain a complete set of Fingerprints, Take Those You Can, and fill in the following:

Height:	Laundry Marks:
Weight:	Number of Rifle:
Color of Eyes:	Wear Glasses?
Color of Hair:	Is Tooth Chart Attached?
Race:	

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below.) In space below, locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.:

Left Hand

2
3
4
5
6
7
8

Right Hand

2
3
4
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8

**TOOTH CHART**

		Decedent's Left							
		8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Upper	8								
Lower	8								

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by ⊙ (linking anchor teeth); replacements by artificial teeth X

Characteristics: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Data: \_\_\_\_\_

If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.

1 ✓ Interred 18 February 1949 G-1-36-USMC St. Laurent <i>H. H. HEMSTRA</i> C. H. HEMSTRA 1/LT Inf. interring Officer		DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE			
		SECTION A— NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED	DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3508 01010	DATE 15 06 48 DAY MONTH YEAR	
NAME COUCH ALSTON P 3		SERIAL NUMBER 11084762	RANK SGT	ARM 1	DATE OF DEATH DAY MONTH YEAR
CEMETERY BLOSVILLE - CARENTAN				DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 1 3505 80 CODE DIST. PT.	
PLOT R	ROW 9	GRAVE 173	COUNTRY FRANCE	CAUSE OF DEATH 1	
SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN					
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE ST. LAURENT, FRANCE			NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN PERLEY M. COUCH (FATHER) RURAL FREE DELIVERY 7 CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE Flag sent 30 MAR 1949		
SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION					
NAME COUCH, Alston P.		SERIAL NUMBER 11084762	RANK Utd	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED 15 Dec 47
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKER		ORGANIZATION USAGF	RELIGION Utd	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY R. W. GANSEL, 1st Lt., QMC NAME AND TITLE	
SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT					
NATURE OF BURIAL Uniform			CONDITION OF REMAINS Advanced decomposition		
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION None					
MINOR DISCREPANCIES / None					
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET					
DATE 23 Jan 48		BY H. A. GENTZEL			
CASKET SEALED BY H. A. GENTZEL		EMBALMER (Signature) <i>H. A. Gentzel</i>			
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED		SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY JOHN PALYOK, Jr., 1st Lt., FA			
DATE 23 Jan. 48 BY R.					
I hereby certify that the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.					
<i>John Palyok Jr</i> JOHN PALYOK, Jr., 1st Lt., FA SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR					
1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.					

## RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

### 1. SHIPPED

FROM USMC BLOSVILLE		TO CASKETING POINT A, CHERBOURG	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRUCK		NAME OF CONVOYER T/4 KOVALSKI	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>W. T. Dailey</i> W. T. DAILEY, CAPT., QMC	DATE 6Jan48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>E. N. Ciampo</i> E. N. CIAMPO, 1st Lt., FA	DATE 6Jan48

### 2. SHIPPED

FROM CASKETING POINT A, CHERBOURG		TO CASKETING POINT B, ST. LAURENT	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRUCK		NAME OF CONVOYER PVT FAGAN	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>E. N. Ciampo</i> E. N. CIAMPO, 1st Lt., FA	DATE 24Jan48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>D. A. MacKenzie</i> D. A. MAC KENZIE, CAPT., INF.	DATE 24Jan48

### 3. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

### 4. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

### 5. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER CONCORD MEM. HWY. 281	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER A. L. FORD	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER JONATHAN K. COUCH (FYLNEB)	DATE

### 6. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

### 7. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE



WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

141569

REPORT OF DEATH

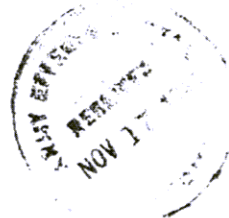
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FULL NAME <p style="text-align: center;">Couch, Alston P.</p>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <p style="text-align: center;">11084762</p>		GRADE <p style="text-align: center;">Sgt.</p>									
HOME ADDRESS <p style="text-align: center;">Concord, N. H.</p>		ARM OR SERVICE <p style="text-align: center;">Infantry</p>		DATE OF BIRTH <p style="text-align: center;">14 April 24</p>									
PLACE OF DEATH <p style="text-align: center;">European Area</p>		CAUSE OF DEATH <p style="text-align: center;">Killed in action.</p>		DATE OF DEATH <p style="text-align: center;">7 Jun 44</p>									
STATION OF DECEASED <p style="text-align: center;">European Area</p>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <p style="text-align: center;">23 Nov 42</p>		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>YEARS</td> <td>MONTHS</td> <td>DAYS</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS					
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EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs. Perl Allbee Couch, wife, #1 Valley Road, Concord, N. H.</p>													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <p style="text-align: center;">Perl Allbee Couch, wife, Same as above. Alice B. Couch, mother, RFD #7, Concord, N. H.</p>													
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
												X	*X

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

\*Parachute jump pay.

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Dept. to have been in a missing in action status from 7 Jun 44, ~~at~~ until such absence was terminated on 7 Nov 44, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from the Commanding General, European Area.



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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

James Reinhardt

ADJUTANT GENERAL

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
 THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

141569

NAME <b>COUCH ALSTON P</b>			SERIAL NO. <b>11084762</b>			GRADE <b>SGT</b>	ARM OR SERVICE <b>INF</b>	REPORTING THEATRE <b>ETO</b>
PLACE OF CASUALTY <b>FRANCE</b>		DATE OF CASUALTY DAY MONTH YEAR <b>07 JUN 44</b>		FLYING OR JUMPING STAT. <b>U</b>	TYPE OF CASUALTY <b>MIA</b>	SHIPMENT NUMBER <b>108</b>		

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED ABOVE DESIGNATED THE FOLLOWING PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH.

MR.-MRS.-MISS <b>MRS</b>	FIRST NAME <b>PERL</b>	MIDDLE INITIAL <b>ALLBEE</b>	LAST NAME <b>COUCH</b>	RELATIONSHIP <b>WIFE</b>
NO. AND NAME OF STREET <b>NUMBER ONE VALLEY ROAD</b>		CITY <b>CONCORD</b>	COUNTY <b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	STATE

REMARKS:

CORRECTED COPY

29 JUNE 44

ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED  FORM 43  AG 201 REG

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED  OR CHARGED TO  DATE

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO  YES  (AS INDICATED BELOW):

FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA	E. A. NOTIFIED

REPORT NOT VERIFIED  NO FORM 43  NO CAS. BR. FILE  CHECKED BY  REVIEWED BY

THIS SPACE FOR USE OF MACHINE RECORDS BRANCH, A.G.O.

ACCT. AREA	CASUALTY STATUS	ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			MESSAGE NO.	LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA	DIV. POL.	RESIDENCE		COMP.	RACF											
		DAY	MO.	YR.		DAY	MO.	YR.			STATE	COUNTY													
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59

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											X	X	*X

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**FILE**

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*James W. Reinhardt*  
 ADJUTANT GENERAL



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## TEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

L 2/3/48

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE:

Sgt Alston Couch, 11 084 762 (APC)  
 Plot R, Row 9, Grave 173,  
 United States Military Cemetery  
 Bloisville, France

22 March 1948

A		C	
B		D	

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose.

If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

## PART I

I, Perley M. Couch

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

(Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

- WIDOW       WIDOWER       SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD       DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- FATHER       MOTHER       BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD       SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) father

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)

1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS.
2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY
- (NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)
3. BE RETURNED TO \_\_\_\_\_ THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_
- (FOREIGN COUNTRY)      (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)
4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_
- (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)
- (Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)
- YES       NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)

correct

*Codes 1/2/48*  
*M. L. L. L.*

*W. H. H. H.*

24 MAY 1948



**PART I (Continued)**

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired, at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE
STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NO.
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)		

OR  
I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NO.	

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (For additional space use page 4.)\*

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Perley M. Couch (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)      RED 7 (STREET AND NUMBER)  
Perley M. Couch (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)      Concord, New Hampshire (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this eighth day of April, 1948, at city (or town) of Concord, county of Merrimack, and State (or Territory or District) of New Hampshire

\*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation. my commission expires 5 Dec. 1949

Francis M. George (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)  
Notary Public (OFFICIAL TITLE)

**PART I—RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY**

If you are the next of kin and you desire to relinquish your disposition authority, please fill in PART II of this form.

I, THE \_\_\_\_\_, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED  
(PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP)  
 NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.  
 THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEDENT'S SURVIVORS IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.

	(DATE)
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(CITY AND STATE)

**PART III**

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of remains, please fill in PART III of this form.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE FOLLOWING PERSON, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS THE NEXT OF KIN TO WHOM THIS FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

	(DATE)
(SIGNATURE)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(CITY AND STATE)

AMERICAN RED CROSS

FORM 2270

NORTH ATLANTIC AREA  
Repatriation Records Branch  
Disinterment Locator Sect. Date: April 12, 1948  
Office of the Quartermaster General  
Department of the Army

*Att*

From: (Miss) Mildred Jenkins

Subject: QMGMR 293  
*593* COUCH, Alston P., Sgt. *cs*  
II 084 762

Plot R, Row 9, Grave 173  
United States Military Cemetery  
Bosville, France

Please refer to our memorandum of April 8. The Concord, New Hampshire Chapter now states that the father of the serviceman has completed Form 345 and submitted it to your office. We believe that there is a statement from Mrs. Couch accompanying the form, relinquishing her rights to make the decision.

If it is necessary to make further contact with these relatives and if no statement has been received from Mrs. Couch, we shall be glad to ask our chapter to talk with her again at your request.

(Miss) Mildred Jenkins  
Director, Home Service

Written by: *Harriet C Jones*  
(Miss) Harriet C. Jones  
Home Service Correspondent

*Miss  
Jenkins #1*

**FILE**  
MAY 17 1948

*138-1000-1  
Jenkins (10-10-48)  
per C. J. G.*

## AMERICAN RED CROSS

FORM 227B

Repatriation Records Branch NORTH ATLANTIC AREA  
 Disinterment Locator Section

*Att*

To: Office of the Quartermaster General Date: April 8, 1948  
 Department of the Army  
 Washington 25, D. C.

From: Miss Mildred Jenkins

Subject: ~~QAGMR 293~~  
~~Couch, Alston P., Sgt., 11 084 762~~  
 Plot R, Row 9, Grave 173  
 United States Military Cemetery  
 Elosville, France

This is in reply to your letter of March 22 in which you asked that the wife of the above deceased serviceman be assisted in completing Form 545. The Concord, New Hampshire Chapter reports that on the thirty-first of March, Mrs. Couch came to the office and stated that she had signed a War Department form relinquishing any rights as to the burial of the serviceman, to his parents. The chapter worker, therefore, has written to the serviceman's father, Perley Couch, with regard to completion of the form. May we assume that your office is in receipt of statement from Mrs. Couch, so relinquishing her rights.

(Miss) Mildred Jenkins  
 Director, Home Service

by:

*Harriet C. Jones*  
 (Miss) Harriet C. Jones  
 Home Service Correspondent

*File - 7-1-48*



# RECEIPT OF REMAINS

DISTRIBUTION CENTER

AGR DISTRIBUTION CENTER, PHILA QM DEPOT

HOLLOWAY AND CO.  
520 EAST CHURCH ST.  
SALISBURY, MD.

~~ESTIME~~

DAY LETTER

O.I. 4230

REMAINS CONSIGNED TO:

REMAINS OF THE LATE PFC HERBERT L RUARK JR 33731565 BEING SHIPPED TO YOU ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT ON TRAIN NUMBER FOUR FIFTY FIVE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD LEAVING PHILADELPHIA NINE FIFTY A.M. FOURTEEN MAY AND DUE TO ARRIVE SALISBURY MD RAILROAD TIME ONE THIRTY THREE P.M. FOURTEEN MAY. REQUEST YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT STATION UPON ARRIVAL. REQUEST YOU NOTIFY NEXT OF KIN.

FRANK M. GREEN, JR.  
MAJOR, QMC.

RECEIVED  
PHILA QM DEPOT BRANCH  
JUN 3 1 12 PM '48  
QMC DIVISION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE REMAINS OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DECEASED

THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May 1948 MONTH

M/ Sgt. Anthony F. Truff  
WITNESS (Escort)

Holloway & Co.  
Walter R. Holloway  
CONSIGNEE

FILE # 747  
338 annotated  
8 June 1948  
W. R. Holloway  
K-1

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## ROUTING SLIP

TO	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS	DATE
IDENTIFICATION			
SPECIAL CHECKERS			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CORRESPONDENCE SECTION <i>MC</i>	<i>NAT</i>		<i>9/12/47</i>
CORRESPONDENCE SUB-SECTION			
CONTROL (In)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A-2 & 333 (For Recheck)	<i>NAT</i>	<i>MBB</i>	<i>12/1/47</i>
PLOT MAP			
	<b>E.O. 1 SENT</b> JAN 9 1948		
ACTION REQUIRED	<i>243</i>	REMARKS	
NAME	<i>Couch, Alston P.</i>		
RANK			
ASN			
ORGANIZATION			
ITEM #1			
ITEM #2			
ITEM #4			
ITEM #5 AND 6			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ITEM #7	<i>Change of Address</i>		
ITEM #8			
ITEM #9			
SUSPENSE	<i>Fib NAT 1-9-48</i>		

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

10 OCT 1947

In Reply Refer To: QMGHM 293  
Couch, Alston P. SN 11 084 762

Date of Birth 14 April 1924

SUBJECT: Request for information re next of kin of above named  
deceased serviceman of World War II. *XC 3744 466*

TO: Director, Dependents and Beneficiaries Claims Service  
Veterans Administration  
Washington 25, D.C. *10-14-47*  
*SLB*

For use in determination of final disposition of remains of the  
above identified deceased serviceman, it is requested that appropriate infor-  
mation be entered on the lower portion of this letter and that one copy of the  
completed letter be returned to this office.

*Mark J. Gill*

MARK J. GILL  
Major, QMC  
Memorial Division

① Incl:  
Envelope */ECF*

Date DEC 1 1947

Veteran's  
Name COUCH, Alston P.

BOSS:MDMcLma

XC 3,744,466

Information in the VA case file indicates that the deceased service-  
man was survived by the relatives listed below.

NOTE - A. Identify two persons in the following order or preference:

1. Widow
2. Male children over 21 years
3. Female children over 21 years
4. Father

B. If parent is listed, state whether natural, step-, adoptive or  
foster parent.

C. If no information is available concerning any surviving rela-  
tives, state "None".

Relationship	Name	Address
WIDOW	Pearl A. Couch	1 Valley Rd., Concord, N.H.
(If none, state "None")		
Father	Parley M. Couch	Route #7, Concord, N.H.

Has she remarried? no If so, is proof of remarriage on file?

*Neil J. Cronin*  
NEIL J. CRONIN

DIRECTOR  
CLAIMS SERVICE

(Address) Branch Office #1

E.C.L SENT JAN 9 1948

55 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

*7-12-47*

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply Refer To: QMGM 293  
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10 OCT 1947

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Envelope

MARK J. GILL  
Major, QMC  
Memorial Division

cdb

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Veteran's Name \_\_\_\_\_

XC \_\_\_\_\_

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NOV 10 3 36 PM '47  
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH  
U.S. ARMY  
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WIDOW :  
(If none, :  
state "None" :  
: Has she remarried? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, is \_\_\_\_\_ of record on file? \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTOR  
CLAIMS SERVICE  
(Address) \_\_\_\_\_



MJC  
MJK



Summary Court-Martial  
ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

JRM:JB:vw

Case No. 141569

Date 24 May 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of

Alton P. Couch, 11084762 later  
(Name of decedent) (Army Serial Number)  
Sergeant, Infantry who died  
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)  
on the 7 day of June, 1944, at European Area

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City Mo. Pursuant to S.O., 228 Hq. QCM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

a. No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedent's camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate none, of which the sum of \$ none was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. \_\_\_\_\_)

c. Decedent owed unliquidated local creditors the sum of \$ none which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt \_\_\_\_\_, Incl. \_\_\_\_\_)

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below)

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 22 May 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Hq. Quarters QCM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Pearl A. Couch for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Mrs. Pearl A. Couch of (Name of person found entitled)

1 Valley Road, Concord State of (Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)

New Hampshire, is the widow of the (Relationship or Capacity)

above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, Q.M.C.

(Name, Rank, Organization)  
SUMMARY COURT-MARTIAL

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

23 November 1946

In Reply Refer To  
OMGMR 31406  
Graves Registration *W.S. Mice*  
(European)

SUBJECT: Burial Records *- Corr*

TO Commanding Officer  
American Cem. Registration Command  
European Theater Area  
APO 357, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

Cemetery: U. S. Military Cemetery Elmesville, France

1. Request the burial reports and grave markers for the following decedents be changed to read as indicated:

NAME	RANK/ GRADE	SERIAL NO.	DATE OF DEATH	ORGAN.	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
Gally, Louis L.	Pfc	<u>11 357 198</u>	<u>20 Jul 44</u>	<u>Co C</u> <u>1st Inf</u> <u>4th Div</u>	L	9	166
<i>21</i> Conner, Alton F.	Sgt	11 054 762	7 Jan 44	<u>5th SQ</u> <u>Front Inf</u> <u>Act</u>	R	9	173
Grouch, Maurice	Pvt	33 628 251	1 Jul 44	<u>Co K</u> <u>1st Inf</u> <u>7th Div</u>	O	5	96

2. The records of this office have been reverified with the records of The Adjutant General, War Department, and have been found to be correct as indicated above.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

MARTIN G. RILEY  
Major, OMC  
Assistant

VD

REP: TRANSITION RECORDS BRANCH

DATE 14 NOV 46

NAME COUCH, ALSTON P.

SERIAL NO 11084 762

COUNTRY BLOSVILLE, FRANCE

FLOT R

RO. 9

GRADE 1703

LETTER FIELD

Correct Records to Read

RANK - SGT

OR G.  
NON.

7 JUN 44

Trace  
1 daughter  
22 Nov 46  
NAT

*J. Brown*

SPECIAL CHECKER

SHEET 1 OF 14 SHEETS ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY DECEASED  MISSING  P.O.W.  ABANDONED

BOX NUMBER 7 ORIGINAL NUMBER OF PACKAGES 1

TALLY NUMBER 5811 INVENTORY DATE 27 Feb 45 CASE NUMBER 141569 D

EFFECTS OF AIST on P. Couch RANK unk.

A.S.N. 11084762 ORGANIZATION 101st Airborne

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION: # 1 Envelope

CLOTHING	PERSONAL ITEMS	CONTAINERS
BELT	BRACELET, IDENTIFICATION	BAGS, CLOTH
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	BRUSHES	BAGS, TRAVEL
CLOTH, WASH	CAMERAS	BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)
COATS	GLASSES	CASE,
FOOTWEAR, PR.	KNIVES	FOOTLOCKER
GLOVES, PR.	LIGHTERS	KIT, SEWING
HANDKERCHIEFS	MISC. INSIGNIA	KIT, TOILET
HEADWEAR	MISC. ITEMS	KIT, WRITING
JACKETS	PEN, FOUNTAIN	PAPERS AND MISC.
OVERCOATS	PENCIL, MECHANICAL	BOOKS
SCARFS	PIPES	BOOKS, ADDRESS
SHIRTS	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	BOOKS, NOTE
SOCKS, PR.	RIBBONS, DECORATION	BOOKS, PILOT LOG
TIES	RINGS	DIARY (REMOVED FOR DURATION)
TOWELS	TOBACCO	FILMS
TROUSERS, PR.	TOILET ARTICLES	LETTERS
TRUNKS, PR.	WATCH	PAPERS, PERSONAL
UNDERWEAR	WINGS	PHOTOS
		SHOE SHINE ARTICLES
		SHORT SNOOTER
		SOUVENIRS
		SOUVENIR MONEY
		STATIONERY
		TESTAMENTS
		U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

*file*

*MC*

*1.75*

REMARKS: *no information Request*

ATTACHMENTS: FORM #54 FORM #100

*1 Inventory*

*1 Gr. Label*

C.A.T. *none*

WAREHOUSE SPACE *8X* STORED BY *JW*

INVENTORIED BY *R. Anderson* DATE SHIPPED *MAY 30 1945*

PACKED BY *Ende* CHECKED BY *E*

WEIGHT	GI REMOVED
	SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
	IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
	DIARY REMOVED
	LOCKED STORAGE
	LAUNDRY REMOVED
ANS OR ADDITIONAL	FILM REMOVED

*MC*

*27 1945*

*M.L.*



ADDITIONAL REMARKS

SHORTAGES

U. S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

I certify that the above listed items were not in the containers inventoried by me:

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G.I. REMOVED

HEADQUARTERS  
501st Parachute Infantry  
APO #472 United States Army

141,560  
PS  
4 August 1944  
(Date)

SUBJECT: Disposition of Effects.

TO: Effects Quartermaster, ETOUSA, APO #507, G-14, United States Army.

1. Disposal of effects made on the following individual:  
Name: Alston P. Couch  
Rank: Sergeant  
ASN: 11084762  
Organization: Co B, 501st Prgnt Inf  
Status: MIA 7 June 1944

2. Personal effects of above individual transported by motor vehicle on AUG 21 1944 to Effects Quartermaster, ETOUSA, Warehouse Division, Stanley Warehouse, United States Forces, Liverpool.

3. Following items transmitted herewith:  
**None**

4. Private debtors and creditors known to be as follows:  
**None**



-Incls.

1 WDAGO Form No. 54

*Kenneth K. Kerhnes*  
KENNETH K. KERHNES,  
2d Lt., Infantry  
Asst Pers Officer.

EP  
ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mrs. Pearl A. Couch

1 Valley Road

Concord, New Hampshire

SHIP TO:  
Sgt. Elston P. Couch

1108476E

Effects of:  
Name

141569 D

ASN

Case No.

Wt.

DATE 24 May 1945

CHG:IB:vw

*B. Taylor*

FCR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

         Inclose Bureau Check  
          Acct. No.           
          Amount           
         Inclose "Valuables" item  
         Ship "Valuables" item(s)

         Remove G.I.  
         Note discrepancy in           
         Films removed  
         Dirty removed  
         Laundry removed

ROUTING:

         Accounting Branch  
  11   Warehouse Division  
    2   Files Branch, Adm. Div.

*1 Encl inv 2-21-45*  
*1 pkg inv 5-9-45*

REMARKS:

*Send damaged item.*

\*\*\*\*\*  
Freight           
Est. Exp. Chgs.          **MAY 30 1945**  
Est. Frt Chgs.           
No. of packages     2    

*MC*

Shipping Clerk

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

#17 kg

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY

141,569  
DS

DECEASED	
MISSING	X
P.O.W.	
ABANDONED	
TALLY NO.	7609
INV. DATE	9 May 45
ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	1
BOX NO.	11
SHEET OF	1 SHEETS
ORGANIZATION	Co B, 501st PRC HT INF

NAME ALSTON P. Couch ✓  
A.S.N. 11084762 ✓ RANK Sgt ✓

Belt	<u>TOWELS &amp; WASHCLOTHS</u>	<u>WINGS</u>
<u>BELT MONEY (NO MONEY)</u>	<u>CLOTHING</u>	<u>BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL</u>
Cloth, wash	<u>BRACELET IDEE.</u>	<u>BILLFOLD. (NO MONEY)</u>
Coats	Brushes	Case
Footwear, Pr.	<u>CAMERAS</u>	Footlocker
Gloves, Pr.	Glasses	<u>KIT, SEW, TLP. OR WRITING</u>
Handkerchiefs	Knives	<u>BOOKS</u> ✓
Headwear	Lighters	Books, Address
Jackets	<u>MISC. INSTRUM.</u>	Books, Pilot Log
Overcoats	Pen, Fountain	<u>DIARY (REMOVED FOR DDR)</u>
Scarfs	Pencil, Mechanical	<u>PIGMS</u>
Shirts	Pipes	Letters
Socks, Pr.	<u>RELIGIOUS ARTICLES</u>	Papers, Personal
Ties	<u>RIBBONS, DECORATION</u>	Photos
Towels	Rings	Shoe Shine Articles
Trousers, Pr.	Tobacco	<u>SHOP SHOOPER</u>
Trunks, Pr.	Toilet Articles	<u>SOUVENIRS</u>
Underwear	<u>HATCP</u>	<u>SOUVENIR MONEY</u>
		Stationery
		<u>PROPHETS - Bible</u>
		<u>U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)</u>

REMARKS Miss Perley Couch  
Rt. 1, 7 Concord  
New Hampshire  
Mrs. Perley Couch  
1 Valley Road  
Concord, N.H.  
appear to be damaged from moisture  
C.A.T. none

ATTACHMENTS FORM #54 FORM #100  
1 inventory of Effects

DAMAGED

WAREHOUSE SPACE	STORER BY	WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED
	<u>2208</u>		SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
INVENTORIED BY	<u>JLM</u>	DATE SHIPPED	IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
<u>Larson</u>	<u>Justel</u>	<u>MAY 20 1945</u>	DIARY REMOVED
PACKED BY	CHECKED BY	X #43 OR ADDITIONAL	LOCKED STORAGE
<u>Larson</u>	<u>JMS</u>		LAUNDRY REMOVED
			FILM REMOVED



ADDITIONAL REMARKS

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NAME

COUCH, ALSTON . . 4762

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
62	37	11	7609

TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE SPACE	INVENTORIED
CTE		

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

Couch, Alston P. 11084762  
a Sgt., Co B, 501st Prcht Inf  
MIA on the 7 June 1944

CLASS I

1 Bible ✓  
3 folder, picture & snapshots ✓  
1 book, moth refresher ✓  
1 notebook ✓  
letters ✓

Specie...\$.....  
Money  
Notes...\$.....

I certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all the effects of the above named and that the effects were delivered to the Effects Quartermaster, ETOUSA, Warehouse Division, Stanley Warehouse, US Forces, Liverpool, Eng.

*Philip E. Evans*  
PHILIP E. EVANS,  
2d Lt., Infantry

APO 472 c/o Pm NY NY  
3 August 1944

ALSTON P COUCH  
11084762.T43 43-B

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

COUCH ALSTON P. 11084762

(Last Name) (First) (Middle Init) (ASN)

Late a Unknown Unknown  
(Grade) (Orgn or arm or service)

who died on the Unk. day of July 1944

Souvenir money:

\$1.45 U. S. ✓

I certify that the effects of Class  
I and those of Class II have been deliv-  
ered to the

*F. A. Greulich*

F. A. GREULICH  
Capt., QMC

Blosville Cemetery  
27 July 1944



R-9-973

Serial No. 11084762 Name Couch, Alston P.

Grade Rank

Organization 101st Airborne

Address

Nearest Relative

Address

Killed in Action Yes Died of Disease

Date 7/26/44 Hospital

Battle Area Information

Place of Burial Blonville Cemetery (France)

Point of Coordination 364-934

Description of Body

Members Missing

Signed Abraham S. By Pfc.

12 May 1949

Sgt. Alston P. Couch, ASN 11 084 762  
Plot G, Row 1, Grave 36  
Headstone: Cross  
St. Laurent (France) U. S. Military Cemetery

Mr. Perley M. Couch  
Rural Free Delivery 7  
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Couch:

This is to inform you that the remains of your loved one have been permanently interred, as recorded above, side by side with comrades who also gave their lives for their country. Customary military funeral services were conducted over the grave at the time of burial.

After the Department of the Army has completed all final interments, the cemetery will be transferred, as authorized by the Congress, to the care and supervision of the American Battle Monuments Commission. The Commission also will have the responsibility for permanent construction and beautification of the cemetery, including erection of the permanent headstone. The headstone will be inscribed with the name exactly as recorded above, the rank or rating where appropriate, organization, State, and date of death. Any inquiries relative to the type of headstone or the spelling of the name to be inscribed thereon, should be addressed to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Your letter should include the full name, rank, serial number, grave location, and name of the cemetery.

While interments are in progress, the cemetery will not be open to visitors. You may rest assured that this final interment was conducted with fitting dignity and solemnity and that the grave-site will be carefully and conscientiously maintained in perpetuity by the United States Government.

Sincerely yours,

H. FELDMAN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply Refer To RR Br: OQMGR 293 Couch, Alston P., Sgt., 11 034 762  
Plot R, Row 9, Grave 173  
United States Military Cemetery  
Bloisville, France

22 March 1948

P R I O R I T Y

Miss Mildred Jenkins, Home Service Director  
North Atlantic Area, American Red Cross  
300 Fourth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Jenkins:

The Next of Kin of the above captioned deceased wife

(relationship)

Mrs. Pearl A. Couch, #1 Valley Road, Concord, New Hampshire  
(name) (address)

has failed to return a Form 345 indicating disposition instructions for the remains.

It is respectfully requested that the attached OQM Form 345 be properly accomplished by the Next of Kin and legal documents obtained through assistance of your representative if appropriate, be furnished this office. In the event you are unable to secure disposition instructions from the Next of Kin, it is further requested that a statement of the action taken by your representative be furnished this office for use as a basis for final disposition of remains of the decedent.

It is recommended that in contact with the Next of Kin mentioned above, they first be queried as to whether or not they have submitted the appropriate form, as it may have been mailed to this office since receipt by you of this request.

Sincerely yours,

Incls.

JOHN O. HYATT  
Colonel, OMC  
Memorial Division

amt

Lt. Alton P. Couch, II 004 762  
Plot R, Row 9, Grave 173,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Blosville, France

9 January 1948

Mrs. Pearl A. Couch  
1 Valley Road  
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Mrs. Couch:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

Incls.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO BURIAL OF

~~Sgt. Alston P. Couch, 11 084 762~~  
PIOT R, Row 9, Grave 173,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Blosville, France

15 September 1947

Sl/c Pearl A. Couch  
Wave Quarters "D" 34-120, Massachusetts and  
Nebraska Avenues N. W. Washington 16, D. C.

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Sincerely,

*Thomas B. Larkin*

THOMAS B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

Incls.

*file  
1-084-762  
47  
64  
7/11/47  
T.B.*

Sgt. Alston P. Couch, 11 084 762  
Plot R, Row 9, Grave 173,  
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Dear S1/c Couch:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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SPQYG 293  
Couch, Alston P.  
S. N. 11084762

16 January 1946

Address Reply To  
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
Attention: Memorial Division

Seaman First Class Pearl A. Couch  
Wave Quarters "D" 34-120  
Massachusetts and Nebraska Avenues N. W.  
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Seaman Couch:

Your letter to The Adjutant General concerning your husband, the late Sergeant Alston P. Couch, has been referred to this office.

A notation has been made on the official records of this office that it is your desire to have the remains of your husband rest in a United States Military Cemetery overseas.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN  
Major, QMC  
Assistant

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WER  
DSL  
JLP

Wave Qtrs. RM 34-120  
Mass. & Neb. Aves. N.W.  
Washington 16, D. C.



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4 January 1946

The Adjutant General  
War Department  
Washington 25, D. C.

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RE: Sgt. Alston P. Couch  
Ser. No. 11084762

Gentlemen:

Sometime ago I wrote from Concord, New Hampshire, requesting the shipment of my husband's body to this country to his parents for re-burial after the war was over, if such shipment became possible. Since that time his parents have decided they would rather he remain where he is buried in Blosville Cemetery, France. Therefore, would you please forward this letter to the correct office so that his body will remain in France and not be sent to this country.

If any further information is needed, please write me at the above address.

Very truly yours,

*Pearl A. Couch*

Pearl A. Couch SI/c

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SPQYG 293  
Couch, Alston P.  
S.N. 11 084 762

4 June 1945.

Mrs. Pearl A. Couch,  
1 Valley Road,  
Concord, New Hampshire.

Dear Mrs. Couch:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter concerning your husband, the late Sergeant Alston P. Couch.

A notation has been made on the official records of this office that it is your desire to have the remains of your husband returned to Concord, New Hampshire for final interment, if possible, after the war.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

MAYO A. DARLING  
Lt Colonel, QMC  
Assistant

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1 Valley Road  
Concord, N. H.  
March 19, 1945

Memorials Division  
Quartermaster Corps  
United States Army  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

273 This is to request shipment of my husband's body to his parents Mr. & Mrs. Perley M. Couch, R. F. D. #7, Concord, New Hampshire, after the war and when transportation facilities are available. His name, rank, and serial number are Sergeant Alston Perley Couch, 11084762. He was killed in France on 7 June 1944.

Very truly yours,

*Pearl A. Couch*

(Mrs.) Pearl A. Couch

SP4YG 293  
Couch, Alston P.  
S.N. 11 084 762

2 April 1945

Mrs. Pearl A. Couch  
1 Valley Road  
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Mrs. Couch:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter requesting information concerning the burial of your husband, the late Sergeant Alston P. Couch.

An official report has been received in this office, showing that the remains of your husband were interred in the American Military Cemetery, Bloisville, France, Plot R, Row 9, Grave 173.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your husband.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours

MAYO A. DARLING  
Lt Colonel, QMC  
Assistant

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ACPD-C 201 Couch, Alston P.  
(28 Dec 44)

20 January 1945.

Mrs. Pearl A. Couch,  
1 Valley Road,  
Concord, N. H.

Dear Madam:

I refer to your letter of 28 December 1944, in which you request further information regarding the death of your husband, Sergeant Alston P. Couch, Army serial number 11 084 762.

I regret that, up to the present time, no additional details regarding his death have been received in the War Department. The original casualty message received from the Commanding General of the European Theater of Operations did not give the evidence on which the report of his death was based, however, we must accept the reports received from this source as correct. Let me assure you that in submitting these vital reports our theater commanders consider all existing factors and no messages of this nature are forwarded unless there is conclusive evidence to justify such action.

The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, 25, D. C., has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the burial of our military personnel who die overseas. A copy of your letter has accordingly been forwarded to that officer for necessary action relative thereto.

I wish to extend my heartfelt sympathy in the loss you have sustained.

Very truly yours,

COPY FOR:

The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, 25, D. C.

E. C. GAULT,  
Colonel, AGO,  
Chief of Branch.  
A. Greenberg

1 Incl  
Copy ltr 28 Dec 44

EXTRACT COPY

1 Valley Road  
Concord, N. H.  
December 28, 1944

The Adjutant General  
War Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:                      Re: Alston P. Couch, 11084762

On June 29 the War Department reported my husband missing in action as of June 7. Three months later I received a report that no further information had been received. Two months later, you office stated in a telegram and confirmed by letter that my husband had been killed on June 7.

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I realize that the reports you get probably contain little information, but I would like to know the circumstances establishing proof of his death, and where he is buried.

Very truly yours,

Pearl A. Couch

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DEC 29 1944  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



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GHC: IB:vw ✓  
May 24, 1945 ✓

Mrs. Pearl A. Couch ✓  
1 Valley Road ✓  
Concord, New Hampshire ✓

Dear Mrs. Couch:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from  
overseas some property of your husband, Sergeant Alston  
P. Couch ✓

This property, consisting of a few small items,  
is being sent you. ✓

If, for some reason, it has not been received ✓  
at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please  
notify me so that tracer may be instituted. ✓

I regret the circumstances prompting this  
letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of  
your husband. ✓

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB ✓  
End Lt. Q.M.C. ✓  
Officer-in-Charge ✓  
SJ Unit ✓



ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
501 HARDESTY AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

JHM:HA:ba  
February 19, 1945

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IN REPLY REFER TO \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Pearl A. Couch  
1 Valley Road  
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Mrs. Couch:

This acknowledges your letter of February 7, inquiring about the personal effects of your husband, Sergeant Alston P. Couch.

I regret to say the Army Effects Bureau has not yet received any property belonging to Sergeant Couch, nor information pertaining thereto.

Because of transportation difficulties, overseas "holding" periods and other delays encountered in the return of personal effects to the U.S.A., the time of arrival at this Bureau is quite uncertain.

Please be assured that upon receipt of any of Sergeant Couch's possessions prompt disposition will be made.

Yours very truly,

F. A. ECKHARDT  
Captain Q.M.C.  
Assistant

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1 Valley Road  
Concord, N. H.  
February 7, 1945

Personal Effects  
Kansas City  
Quartermaster , U. S. Army  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sirs:

This is in regard to my husband, Sgt. Alston P. Couch, serial number 11084762, 501st Parachute Infantry, who was reported killed in action in France on June 7, 1944. As yet, no personal effects of his have been received by me or his parents, and I was advised to contact your office for information. Can you tell me if I may expect to receive any of his personal effects, and if so, when?

Very truly yours,

*Pearl A. Couch*

(Mrs. ) Pearl A. Couch

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