

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
~~WASHINGTON~~
Hoboken, N.J.

FEB 16 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.
To: Mr. H.M.Lay, ^{420 East Main St., Batavia N.Y.} ~~4107 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa.~~
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Harold T. Lay, Ser. No. 1208298, Co. I, 106 Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier remain in Europe. ECS

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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	✓			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 ✓			
	2 ✓			
	3 ✓			
Father	Harry H. Lay	420 East Main	Batavia	New York
Mother	Hennietta C. Lay	" "	" "	" "
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1	Donald H. Lay	Belleport	L.I. New York
	2	George H. Lay	420 East Main	Batavia
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1	Margaret Lay	Batavia	New York
	2			
	3			

Date February 23rd, 1921

Signature H. H. Lay

Address 420 East Main, Batavia N.Y.
formerly 4107 Pine St. Philadelphia, Pa.

Relationship Father

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

February 23rd, 1921

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

- 1. ~~As stated on first page of this sheet.~~
- 2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____ (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 H. H. Lay

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.

CORRECTION
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