

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Abt. Bernard L. (Som)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. J. B. Abt.  
448 99th Street,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

<sup>IN REPLY REFER TO</sup> QM-293-AM  
Abt, Bernard L. Bugler (Som.) M

June 15, 1931

Mrs. J. B. Abt,  
448 99th St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

Q. As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

Q. This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? \_\_\_\_\_  
Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Abt, Bernard L. -2636 M

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. J. B. Abt,  
448 99th Street,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931?

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Abt, Bernard L 636 -M

October , 1929.

Mrs. J. B. Abt,  
448- 99th Street,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Abt, Bernard L.

May 15, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Abt,  
448 98th St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Bernard L. Abt, Bugler, Company A, 108th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

DISPATCHED

2 incs.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

March 15th, 1927.

ABT, Bernard L., Bugler,  
Co. A, 106th Infantry,

Mr. Joseph B. Abt,  
448 99th St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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.C.  
Assistant.

1 Incl.  
Record card.

25/560/EYS



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 18, 1921

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

## DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body  
Disc on body shows:

1. Name ABT, Bernard L.

10. Name B. L. Abt

2. No. 1206611

11. No.

3. Rank Bugler

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. A, 106th Inf.

13. Org. Co. A. 14th, N.Y. Inf.

5. D.D. Sept. 30th. 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Wounds. 1918

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 8 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 3 Row B

16. Plot Row

9. 17. no discrepancy

18. Cemetery British Military Cemetery 19. Commune or town DOINGT

20. Dept. or County Somme 21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 721

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 18, 1921 By N.K. Tabler

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Bernard L. Abt.

Serial No. -

Rank Bugler

Organization Co. A. 106th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? yes (2)

Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
Bernard J. Black

## 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).

Body previously reburied by Field Section. Reburial metal strips agree with form 114-A no bottle record found. Disc on body shows: "B.L.Abt. 1206611, Co.A.14th.N.Y. Inf."

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecog.

28. Nature of burial Wrapped in blanket and in wooden box.

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 Oct. 18, 1921 By N.K. Tabler

31. Casket sealed by N.K. Tabler

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) N.K. Tabler

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1/222  
1/222  
1/222

N.K. Tabler

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. G-1296

32. Designation of body:

Name ABT, Bernard L.

Serial No. 1206611

Rank Bugler

Organization Co.A, 106th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery American Cemetery # 636, Bony, Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 18, 1921 By N.K.Tahler

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 R.S. Williams, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 18, 1921

To point of Concentration Boiselle, Somme

(Name)

Convoyer Frank Atwell

Signature Shipping Officer

R.S. Williams, 1st Lt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 18, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative Hubert W. Beyette

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 18, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery No. 636, Bony, Aisne

(Name)

Convoyer Frank Atwell

Signature Shipping Officer

H.W. Beyette, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date 18 OCT 1921

G.R.S. Representative S.R. Dice

41. Reinterred Date Oct. 10, 1922

(Date)

42. Grave No. 3

Section

43. ~~Exact~~ Block C

Row 5

G.R.S. Representative

D.E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC

Place Doingt (Somme)

Date Oct. 18, 1921.

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF ABT, Bernard L.

SERIAL NUMBER 1206611

RANK Bugler

ORGANIZATION

Co.A, 106th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date):

From (give complete location):

Oct. 18, 1921, Gr. 8, Pl. 5, Row B, Brit. Mil. Cem. 721, Doingt, France.

By : Group

1

Unit

T.S.8

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 10/1922

In (give complete location):

Grave 3 Row 5 Block C, Somme Cemetery, #636, Bony (Aisne)

By : Group

Reburial

Unit

Reg. Casket, Shipping Case

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

Wooden box &amp; blanket. Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes, 2. On grave marker? No.

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

Body previously reburied by Field Section. Reburial metal strips agree with form 114-A. No bottle record found.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weigh, (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location

Quantity

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

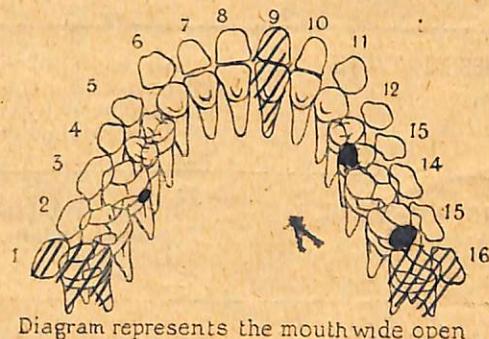
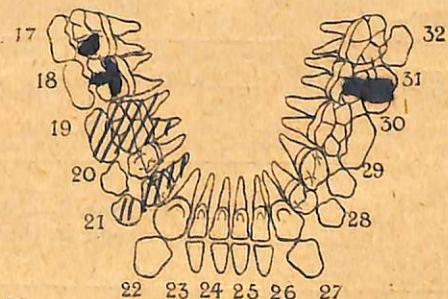


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) (1&amp;16 NE, 3 SF, 9 MAD, 13 SF, (15 SF, 17, 18 SF, 19 MBD, 21 MAD, (31 SF None visible.)

7. Disinterment supervised by

N.K. Tabler

B.J. Black Checker.

Approved: R.S. Williams

R.S. Williams,

(Title) 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

8. Reburial

Supervised by

B.A. Bradford, S.E.

Approved:

D.E. Lowry, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

(Title)

5328  
COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #71441

6-20-22  
Exhumed  
Concentrations  
Same # 636 March

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ABT, Bernard L. (12-28) Ser. No. 1206611  
 (b) Rank Cpt. Bugler (12-28) Organization Co. A. 106th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 9/30/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. DB  
CKR. M.C

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

(a) Grave No. 8 Row D Plot 4 Sec. — TYP. DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address — (12-28)

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

NO CARD

CKR. M.C

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

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

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

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from

, dated

confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that

✓ no correspondence

Examiner's Initials 1206611 Date 8-24-20, 1920.

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

2nd amendment for despatch

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? 1206611 2nd

Examiner's Initials 1206611 Date 8-24-20, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 721

SHEET No. 1-117

G. R. S. Form No. 115  
Amended April 6, 1920

8-7729

Make Form No. 114

FORM 115-A COMPLETED

CARDED

182-7-21

Received. Rec. 3-21-22

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 115 made ~~CEMETE~~ - DIVISION, 1920.

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

RECEIVED.

, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by 6 { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920

FCB 9 1921

MAR 14 1921

8 CEMETE  
PROJECT 1920

Par #2 Not to be returned. (EGS)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*1/1/R-B.A. (GRS-2-3-21)*  
*Mrs. Mary Abt - (Mother)*  
*448-99<sup>th</sup> St. Brooklyn, New York,*  
*B-448-99<sup>th</sup> St., Brooklyn, N. Y.,*  
*2/17/21, Form # 120, Mr. Joseph B. Abt, father and next of kin, wishes body*  
*remain in Europe. H-2/25/21/ap*

*3/7/21 Hoffken advises Zattum wishes*  
*will be complied with acw - 3-21-21*

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOFFKEN BODY  
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.**

*3-14-21*

*(W)*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

March 10, 1921.

FILE NO. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch.  
(ABT, Bernard L.)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeteryal Division, O.Q.M.G.,  
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #721.  
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 1928.

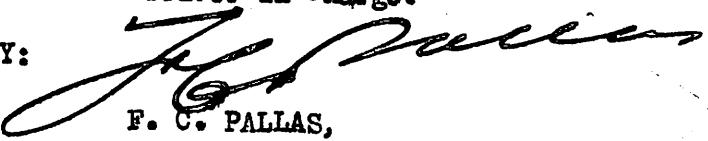
1. The records pertaining to the following case are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

1 Abt, Bernard L., Bugler, Serial Number 1206611, Company A, 106th Infantry.

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

BY:

  
F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

1 Incl.

Received 3-17-21  
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

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*Plainside*  
*Plainside*

Harlow.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

C 71319

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Abt, Bernard L., Bugler.

721 - 1-117

1/21/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

1206611

Co. A, 106th Inf.

Date of death - 9/30/18.

*W.M. 21*  
Abt M 21 WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Mary Abt

Mother

Address

448 - 99th St., Brooklyn, New York

*DMC8-2-3-21/*  
S/709/LML

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
8, AVENUE D'IENA, PARIS

FILE

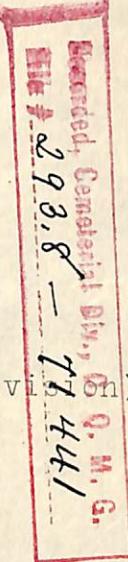
January 7, 1921

File No.

From: Chief,

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

Subject: Acknowledgment of Correspondence.



Receipt this date is acknowledged of the following correspondence from your office:

Letter ) dated: December 14, 1920.

~~EXPLANATION~~ )

File No. 71441 Registration (Form 122)

Subject: Change of Inscription on Grave Marker

Name: Bugler Bernard L. Abt

H. F. RETHERS,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.

DMK.

Bernard, L. Bugler.

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

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February 15th, 1921.

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

To: *Mrs. Joseph B. Abt.* Mrs. Mary Abt, 448-99th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

SUBJECT: Remains of Bugler Bernard L. Abt, Co. A, 106th Inf., Ser. No. 1206611.

The records of this office show that you have ~~requested that the body of the above-named not be returned to the United States~~ expressed your wishes regarding the disposition of the remains of the above-named. *Return Remain in Europe*

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*

*Noted 2/17/21*

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<i>  </i>	<i>  </i>	<i>  </i>
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>  </i> 2 <i>  </i> 3 <i>  </i>	<i>  </i>	<i>  </i>
Father	<i>Joseph B. Abt</i>	<i>448. 99. St</i>	<i>Brooklyn N.Y.</i>
Mother	<i>Mary Abt</i>	<i>  </i>	<i>  </i>
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>John W. Abt</i> 2 <i>Joseph H. Abt</i> 3 <i>  </i>	<i>  </i>	<i>  </i>
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>Mary Abt</i> 2 <i>  </i> 3 <i>  </i>	<i>  </i>	<i>  </i>

Date *Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 1921*

Signature *Joseph B. Abt*

Address *448. 99. St*

Relationship *Father*

Feb 17, 1921

I, the undersigned, am the Father  
(Relationship.) 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

*Joseph B. Hob*

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.

March 7th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Branch.  
(ABT, Bernard L.)

Mr. Joseph B. Abt,  
448 - 99th Street,  
Brooklyn, New York.

Record No. 115

Dear Sir:

Date Rec 3-21-21

Receipt of Shipping Inquiry Form dated February 17th, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Bernard L. Abt, Bugler, Serial Number 1206611, Company A, 106th Infantry, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your desire, the remains will 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. L. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

EE/tlm

W. D. C.

9/1

March 7th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Com.Div., Cor.Branch.  
(ABT, Bernard L.)

Mr. Joseph B. Abt,  
448 - 99th Street,  
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

Receipt of Shipping Inquiry Form dated February 17th, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Bernard L. Abt, Bugler, Serial Number 1206611, Company A, 106th Infantry, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your desire, the remains will 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, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

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Executive Assistant.

PP/tlm

PP Mailed-O.P.D.  
MAR 12 1921

# COMPILED OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #71441

(a) Name <u>ABT, Bernard L</u>	(12-28-G)	Ser. No. 1206611	TYP. JDB
(b) Rank <u>Cpl. Rucker</u>	(12-28-G)	Organization Co. A, 106th Inf.	JMC
(c) Date of death <u>9-30-18</u>	(d) Cause of death <u>DWRIA</u>	H.W.L.	

See Form 115  
March

6-20-22

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

(a) Grave No. <u>8</u>	Row <u>D</u>	Plot <u>4</u>	Sec. <u>-</u>	TYP. <u>DB</u>
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(b) Emerg. Address <u>---</u>	<u>Mr. B.A. - Mrs. Mary ABT, (mother) 448-99th St, Brooklyn, N.Y.</u>
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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases	NO CARD
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CKR. JCW
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## IV. Information on which advice to Europe in letter of transmittal was based:

No card in file 8/24/20. No request for disposition.

-AP 2-7-21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by	cable on _____, 192
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letter of transmittal on <u>8-27-</u>	, 192 0.
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Par. #2. Not to be returned (EGS)

FEB 8- 1921

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J.,	, 192
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## VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.

Relationship and name.

Desires.

Action taken.

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J.	3 - 15 - , 192
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British numbering  
shows grave 8, plot  
2, row D.

American re-numbering  
shows grave 8, plot 4,  
row D

4/22/25  
sab

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRAR SECTION

December 7,

1920

## MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

## CASE OF:

Co. A, 106th Infantry.

ORGANIZATION (old)

ABT, 1206611, Bernard Cpl.

(Name)

FILE

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

## ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO. 71441

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS Bernard L.RANK Bugler

DATE OF DEATH

File # previous reported as 42675.

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new data and data correcting previous information)

BY: S. NelsonInv. & Adj. Dept.  
(Department)5 x 8 card was sent to file.Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:By mga

S/1105/LML

FILE

OPTION OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-DIVISION

Harlow

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

SERIAL NUMBER

## ORGANIZATION

721 • J-117

1/21/21

1206612

Co. A, 106th Inf.

Date of death - 9/30/18.

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

## RELATIONSHIPS

Mrs. Mary Abt.

## Mother

**Address**

448 99th St., Brooklyn, New York.

S/709/LML

#### VALUABLE INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE

Adjustment Made  
7 1921

1921  
FEB 7 1921

10 NO. . . .

10 NO. 1

293. Abt, Bernard L.

3rd Ind.

Hqrs. American G.R.S., QMC in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, Jan. 18, 1921.  
To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington D.C.

W.M.C.  
HH. bc.

1. Returned accomplished.

2. The Photographic Section, these Headquarters, have been notified of the change in order that another photograph of the grave may be taken with the corrected inscription.

Edgar A. F. M.  
H. F. RETHERS,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Chief.

FILE

Abt. Bernard L.

293. Abt, Bernard L.

3rd Ind.

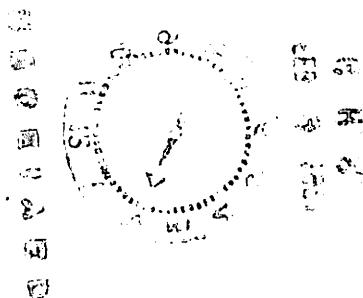
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To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington D.C.

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H. F. RETHERS,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Chief.



12/14/20.

EE/mt.

1st Ind.

293. Abt, Bernard L.  
Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, January 7, 1921  
To: Supervisor, Area #3, Amiens (Somme).

1. Forwarded. You are directed to prepare new Aluminum Strips, correct your Directory and change the inscription on the Cross to agree with information contained in basic communication and report by indorsement hereon when completed.

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By direction:

*W. A. Mastenau*

EDGAR A. FRY,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Chief, Operations Division

Doingt. Somme.

2nd Ind.

jtl:jgj

Hqrs., Area #3, American GRS., Amiens, Somme. January 11, 1921. To: Chief, American GRS., QMC. in E., Paris.

1. Returned. Complied with.

*John T. Lewis*  
JOHN T. LEWIS  
1st Lieut.CAC.  
Supervisor.

Abt.1206611, Bernard L. Bugler. Co.A.106 Inf.  
date of death. 9/30/18.

RECORDED



G.R.S. Form No. 122.  
Change of Inscription.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON  
December 14, 1920.

File No. 71441 Registration,



From: Office of the Quartermaster General, Chief Cemetery Division, (GRS)  
Munitions Building, 19th & B Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C.

To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe,  
8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

Subject: Change of Inscription on Grave Marker.

1. It is requested that the inscription on the marker erected  
over grave # 8, plot 4, ~~row~~ Row D, Cty. # 721,  
British Military Cemetery, Duingt, Somme.

be corrected to correspond with the records of this office which show  
Bugler, Bernard L. Abt, #1206611, Company A, 106th Infantry.

Date of death September 30, 1918.

2. When this has been done, advise the Red Cross Photographic  
Section in order that another photograph may be taken of the grave with  
the correct inscription.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel U.S. Army,  
Chief, Cemetery Division.

CMN/ms  
Inv.S.S.  
Inv. & Adj. Dept.  
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G.R.S. Form No. 122.  
Change of Inscription.

FILES.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON December 14, 1920.

File No. 71441

Registration.

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Munitions Building, 19th & B Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C.

To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe,  
8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

Subject: Change of Inscription on Grave Marker.

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over grave # 8, plot 4, ~~Row D~~ section           , Cty. # 721,  
British Military Cemetery, Doingt, Somme.

be corrected to correspond with the records of this office which show  
Bugler Bernard L. Abt., #1206611, Company A, 106th Infantry.

September 30, 1918.  
Date of death

2. When this has been done, advise the Red Cross Photographic  
Section in order that another photograph may be taken of the grave with  
the correct inscription.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED  
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G.R.S.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U.S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

CMN/ms  
Inv. S.S.  
Inv. & Adj. Dept.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

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

File No. 42675 Registration.

Date November 30, 1920.

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.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Surname ABT <i>OK-</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Date of death 9/30/18 <i>OK-</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Christian name Bernard L. <i>OK</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Cause of death DWRIA <i>OK-</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Serial number 1206611 <i>OK -</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Authority (C.C.#) 280 <i>OK -</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d. Organization Co. A, 106th Inf. <i>OK</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> i. Emergency address Mrs. Abt <i>448-99th St. Brooklyn, N.Y.</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Rank CPL. <i>Bugler (ago)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> j. Relationship <i>mother</i>

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age at enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
	upper right	upper left
	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
	lower right	lower left

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

MTA

BY:

1st Lieut.

H. J. CONNER,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

Rec'd World War Div.

Date 12.2.20

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7-17-20

Date-----

From: Graves Photography Bureau, A.R.C.

To: Graves Registration Service, War Department.

Subject: Correction in Stenciling on Grave Marker.

Kindly make the following correction of error in stenciling on grave marker and see that retake on grave photograph is ordered:

File No.----- **71441**

B-13429

Photograph No.-----

Cty. 721

Name of City-----

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Grave No.-----

Particulars on Cross

1. Name Biengard, L.
2. Rank-----
3. Number-----
4. Organization 105 Inf.
5. Date of Death-----

Correct Particulars

1. Abt., Bernard L. ✓
2. -----
3. -----
4. Co. A, 106 Inf. ✓
5. -----

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Bernard L

~~BEINGARD~~

L.

7/44/1206611

Bugler C.A.O.

Cpl. 106th INF. REG. U.S.A.

CROSS ERECTED.

GRAVE NO. 8.

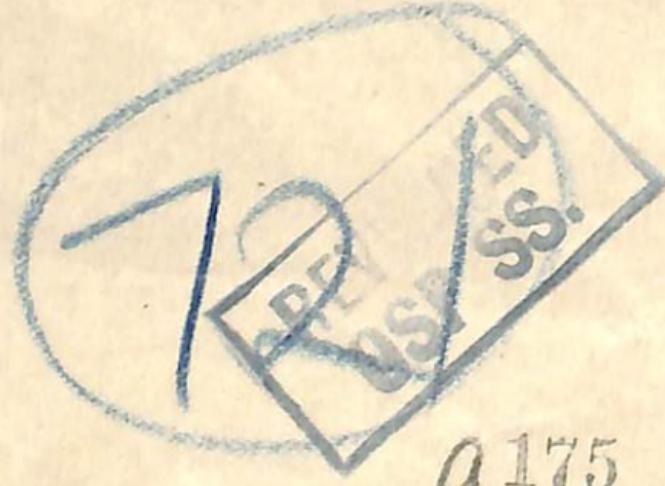
PLOT 2 ROW "D"

Doing Communal Cemetery Ext.

Sheet 62c.I.30.c.8.0.

American Grave.

BURIED 30/9/18



abt

BEINARD, 1206611, A  
Cpl 106 Inf

Bernard L.

71441

Bugler, Co A, 106 Inf.

CEMETERY: Doingt Communal Cemetery.

Map Ref. none

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Alt. Bernard L.

~~Beingard~~, I. #1206611

~~Baylor, Co A 106th Inf~~

Cpl. 106/Inf. Regt. U.S.A.

D.D. 30.918

Buried Doingt Communal Cemetery ext.  
62c.I.30.c.8.0. Pl.2.Row D. Gr. 8

721



File No. 293 Abt. Bernard

2nd. Ind.

Suspended -

Hq. Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E., 7, rue Quentin Bauchart, Paris, 19th August 1920 - To: Supervisor Area #3, A.G.R.S. Amiens, Somme.

**FILE**

HW/gge

1. Forwarded for compliance and report by indorsment hereon with the least practicable delay.

By direction:

*I. G. Myers*

I. G. MYERS,  
Capt. Q.M.C.

Executive Assistant.

3rd Ind.

Hqrs. Area #3, American GRS., Amiens, Somme. August 31st 1920.  
To: Chief, American GRS., QMC. in Europe, Paris.

1. Returned. Jewish marker previously over the grave of Cpl. Bernard Abt, #1206611, Co.A, 106th Inf. has been re-placed by regulation American cross.

**RECORDED**



*John T. Lewis*  
JOHN T. LEWIS  
1st Lieut. CA.  
Supervisor.

293. Abt, Bernard

4th Ind.

*RHR/nwa.*

Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. Sept. 4, 1920.  
To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Returned.

2. The Photographic Section, these headquarters, have been notified of this change in order that another photograph may be taken of the grave with the correct marker.

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*Rethers*

H. F. RETHERS  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Chief.

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**OSP SS.**



293. Abt, Bernard

4th Ind.

RHR/nwa.

Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. Sept. 4, 1920.  
To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Returned.

2. The Photographic Section, these headquarters, have been notified  
of this change in order that another photograph may be taken of the grave with the  
correct marker.

H. F. RETHERS  
Colonel, G.M.C.  
Chief.

OSP SS.

1st Ind.

RHR/mt. S

✓293. Abt, Bernard

Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, August 17, 1920.  
To: Commanding Officer, Zone of France.

1. Referred for compliance and report by indorsement hereon when completed.

By direction:

*Rothsenshal*  
CHARLES A. MORROW,  
Captain, Q.M.C.  
Executive Officer.



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

July 24, 1920.



293.8 - Cem. Div. - #71441 - Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).  
To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, #8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.  
Subject: Case of Cpl. Bernard Abt. #1206611, Co. A, 106th Inf.

1. The records of this office show the above named soldier to be buried in grave #8, plot 4, row D, British Military Cemetery, #721, Doingt, Somme, and the photograph forwarded to the emergency address of this soldier shows a regulation Jewish headboard erected as a marker over this grave. Upon investigation it is found that this soldier's name does not appear on any of the lists of certified Jewish dead forwarded to your office. Therefore, it is requested that the Jewish marker erected over grave #8, plot 4, row D, British Military Cemetery #721, Doingt, Somme, be replaced by the regulation cross.

2. When this has been done, advise the American Red Cross Photographic section in order that another photograph may be taken of the grave with the correct marker erected over the grave.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By:

*E. E. Davis*  
E. E. DAVIS,  
Executive Assistant.



RECORDED, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
FILE NO 293 Abt, Bernard

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
6 AVENUE D'IEA, PARIS

File No.

August 10, 1920

FILE

From: Chief,

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

Subject: Acknowledgment of Correspondence.

Receipt this date is acknowledged of the following correspondence from your office:

Letter ) dated: July 24, 1920

Endorsement )

File No. 293.8 Gem. Div. # 71441 Registration

Subject: Case of Cpl. Bernard Abt. # 1206611, Co.A, 106th Inf.

Name: Cpl. Bernard Abt. # 1206611, Co.A., 106th Inf.

H. F. RETHERS,  
Lt. Colonel, Q.M. Corps.

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QSP SS.

Recorded, Cemetery Div., Q.M.C.  
File # 293.8 Cem. 71441  
Abt, Bernard.

July 24, 1920.

FILE

293.8 - Cem. Div. - #71441 - Registration.

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

To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, #8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

Subject: Case of Cpl. Bernard Abt. #1206611, Co. A, 106th Inf.

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2. When this has been done, advise the American Red Cross Photographic section in order that another photograph may be taken of the grave with the correct marker erected over the grave.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

FW

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

DRG

By:

E. E. DAVIS,  
Executive Assistant.

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Inv. S.S.  
Inv. & Adj.

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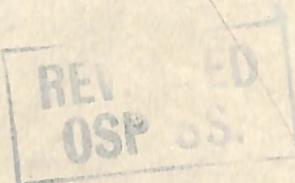
Address reply to

Division  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE  
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT  
PURCHASE, STORAGE, AND TRAFFIC DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

No:  
From:  
To:  
Subject:

Man's name does not appear  
on any of the Cert. Jewish dead lists.  
No notation on card relative to  
having been certified Jewish



REGISTRATION SECTION  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

TO

LIEUTENANT NOETZEL

LIEUTENANT ANNIS

~~MR. G. M. PECK~~

CARD DEPT. (RFSS)

CITY. AUDIT DEPT. (ISS)

CLASS. DEPT. (RFSS)

INV. & ADJ. DEPT. (ISS)

PREP. OF DATA DEPT. (ISS)

COMP. DEPT. (OSPES)

RECORD DEPT. (OSPES)

FILES DEPT. (ADMIN. BR.)

RETURN TO

FROM

NS-8537/JC

NECESSARY ADJUSTMENT  
INVESTIGATION

SUSPENSION

NOTE AND RETURN

INFORMATION - 101 - A

ACTION AS NOTED

DATE

7/25

PREPARATION OF LETTER  
SIGNATURE

FILE

RECORDING

CODING

FILE PAPERS

REPORT TO

MEMO -

For letter to France  
and forward  
and return to Inquiry

for reply  
Check against J. W. B. list  
to ascertain if the name

name is carried on same. If  
so remove it. Write usual  
letter to Europe on case and return to Eng.  
for reply.

Open

Open

Open

448 - 99th Street,  
Brooklyn, New York.  
July 19, 1920.

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

Dear Sir:-

My son, Cpl. Bernard L. Abt (1206611) Company "A" 106th Infantry, died of wounds received in action, September 30th 1918, at Guillement Farms and is buried in Deingt British Military Cemetery, Section 62 C 136 A 57, American Plot 4, Row D Grave #8.

A picture of the grave shows a Jewish insignia on it instead of a cross. My son is a Christian and I request that a cross be placed there in place of this insignia.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Respectfully yours

Joseph B. Abt  
Joseph B. Abt.

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243.8 Case 71441

Abt, Bernard L



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CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

File No.

71441

FILE  
192<sup>2</sup>

January 27

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. A. 106th Infantry

ORGANIZATION (Old)

ABT. 1206611 Bernard., L., Bugler  
(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.	1/22/21	721	D- 30088
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

BY: Miss LannonCard.,  
(Department)5 x 8 card was sent to file.Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:By N.B.  
S/3324/LML

To The A. G. O.

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1. NAME ABT, Bernard L. DATE

SERIAL No. 1206611

RANK Bugler ORGANIZATION Co. A, 106th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION British Military Cemetery, Doingt (Somme) # 721

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

8 GRAVE

B ROW

3 PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 8, Row D, Plot 4, B.M.Cty. Doingt, (Somme)

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES 13 S.W. E.158.1. N.358.

CONCENTRATED TO Jan. 22, 1921 8 B 3

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

British Military Cemetery, Doingt, (Somme)

# 721

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Identified by two good tags found on body - Form 16-A dated 1/22/21

DATE OF DEATH Sept. 30, '18 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME New York ✓

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

LOUIS R. DICE, Major, CAC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 10, 1922 2 5 Block A

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Somme American Cemetery #635, Bony (Aisne)

CEMETERY

A.G.O.  
FEB 10 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

Rec'd World War Div.

3 MAR 24 1928

AUDITED BY  
K.M. 13 ADL

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 1/22/21

1. REMAINS OF ABT. Bernard L. SERIAL NUMBER 1206611

RANK Cpl ORGANIZATION Co.A. 106th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : 1/22/21 From (give complete location) : Grave 8 Plot 4 Row D

By : Group One Unit Section Seven

3. Reburied (date) : 1/22/21 In (give complete location) : Grave 8 Row B Plot 3 Wooden box

By : Group One Unit Seven Nature of reburial &amp; blanket

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

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? Yes (2) On grave marker ? No

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

Identified by two good tags found on body

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) None

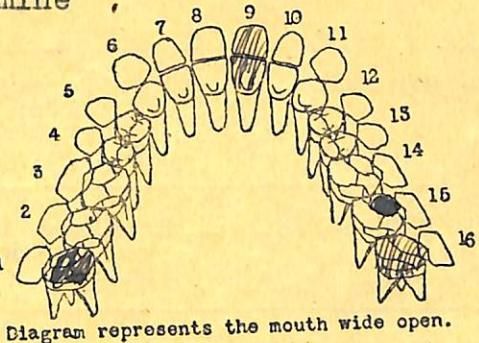
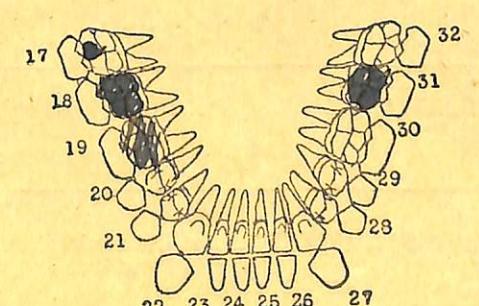


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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

None

- 1 Extracted
- 9 Missing after death
- 15 Alloy
- 16 extracted
- 17 Alloy
- 18 and 31 Cement
- 19 Extracted

7. Disinterment supervised by R.F.O'Leary 2nd Lt. Q.M.C. Approved : E.W.Austin

(Title) Major F.A.

8. Reburial supervised by R.F.O'Leary 2nd Lt. Q.M.C. Approved : E.W.Austin

(Title) Major F.A.

## CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	ABT, Bernard L	3	12 12
	ABT	3	
CEMETERY	636	1	5
BURIED	GRAVE	2	02
	ROW	2	05
	BLOCK	1	3
STATE	N.Y.	2	37
RANK	Private	1	2
DIVISION	27	2	27
ORGANIZATION	106	3	106
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	ABT	3	12 12
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	37
448-99 1/2 St	COUNTY	2	24
	CITY	3	101
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No	1	2
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Approved  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Abt, Bernard L. (Som)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. J. B. Abt,  
448 99th Street,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

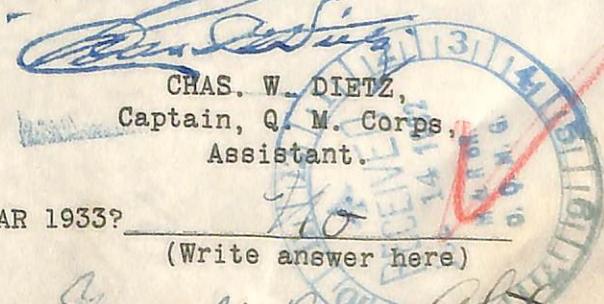
IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*Chas. W. Dietz*  
CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.  
  
(Write answer here)  
(Sign here) *Mrs J B Abt*

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARtermaster GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Abt, Bernard L. Bugler (Som.) M

June 15, 1931

Mrs. J. B. Abt,  
448 99th St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? No

Write answer here

*Mrs J. B. Abt*  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Abt, Bernard L. --636 M

June 7, 1930.

Mrs. J. B. Abt,  
448 99th Street,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? No

(Write answer here)

*Mrs J B Abt*  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Abt, Bernard L 636 -M

Mrs. J. B. Abt,  
448- 99th Street,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	( <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">        </span> )	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	( <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">        </span> )	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	( <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">        </span> )	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	RECEIVED OCT 11 1929 M. T. Harris	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*  
JOHN T. HARRIS,

Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

May 17, 1929.  
448-99 St.  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen: —

In answer to your notice of May 15, 1929, inviting the mothers and wives of soldiers on a pilgrimage to the French cemeteries. Bernard L. Abt was not married, and I would not be able to take the trip.

Thanking you very kindly, I am, Very truly yours,   
Mrs. J. B. Abt.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO OM 293 A-C

Abt, Bernard L.

May 15, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Abt,  
448 99th St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Bernard L. Abt, Bugler, Company A, 108th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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