

CODE SLIP

293

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bartel</i>	<i>Bau</i>	3	<i>218°</i>
<i>Otto G. A</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>19</i>	2	<i>19</i>
	ROW <i>44</i>	2	<i>44</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>Minn</i>	2	<i>27</i>
RANK	<i>Port</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>28</i>	2	<i>28</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>109</i>	3	<i>109</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bartel</i>	<i>Bau</i>	3	<i>218°</i>
<i>Mrs. Mennie</i>	STATE <i>Minn</i>	2	<i>27</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Stearns</i>	2	<i>73</i>
	CITY <i>Fair Haven</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Family</i>	1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>Yes</i>	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>

**AUDITED**  
MAR 10 1932  
*24*

ACCEPTANCE  
29/514

*Age*

*54*

*750*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bartel Otto G A (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Minnie Bartel  
Fair Haven Minn

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? No

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Minnie Bartel

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bartel, Otto G. A. (M-A) M

September 29, 1931 ed

Mrs. Minnie Bartel,  
Fair Haven, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bartel, Otto G. A. Pvt. (M-A) M-

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Minnie Bartel,  
Fair Haven, Minn.

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,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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

Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bartel, Otto G. A. - 1232 M

June 6, 1930.

Mrs. Minnie Bartel,  
Fair Haven, Minn.

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)

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(Sign here)

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bartel, Otto G. A. 1232--M

March 3, 1930

Mrs. Minnie Bartel,  
Fair Haven, Stearns Co., Minn.

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. 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) <i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No</i>
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) <i>No</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>54</i> (Years)	Health <i>Good</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) ( <del>No</del> )	Other language <i>German</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*Minnie Bartel.*

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bartel, Otto G. A. 1232

February 19, 1930

Mrs. Minnie Bartel,  
Fair Haven, Minnesota.

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 Private Otto G. A. Bartel, Co. F, 109th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

*Not married*

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

*Mrs Minnie Bartel  
Fair Haven Minn  
mother of  
Otto G A Bartel*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE January 17, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Bartel, Otto G.A.	Pvt.	3130891	Co. F. 109th Inf.	Sept. 28, 1918

STATE	CTY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK	
Minnesota	1232	19		44	B

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
MOTHER	: ✓ :	: : :	© 84644 1/21 W
STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	: : :	Mrs. Mennie Bartel Fair Haven Menn-
NAME	: : :	: : :	
AND	: : :	: : :	
ADDRESS	: : :	: : :	
MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	: : :	
WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	: : :	: : :	
no widow - vet - single man	: : :	: : :	

Veterans Bureau Claim Number \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bartel, Otto G. A.

June 27, 1929.

Mr. Herman Bartel,  
Fairhaven, Minn.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Otto G. A. Bartel, Co. F, 109th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.  
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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bartel Otto G A (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Minnie Bartel  
Fair Haven Minn

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.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bartel, Otto G. A. (M-A) M

September 29, 1931 ed

Mrs. Minnie Bartel,  
Fair Haven, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bartel, Otto G. A. Pvt. (M-A) M-

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Minnie Bartel,  
Fair Haven, Minn.

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,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932?

Write answer here

Sign here

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bartel, Otto G. A. Pvt 1232-M

April 2, 1931.

Mrs. Minnie Bartel,  
Fair Haven, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the <sup>mother</sup> of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age  
Condition of Health

For the Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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October 10, 1930

Bartel, Otto G. A. Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. Mimie Bartel  
Fair Haven  
Minnesota

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bartel, Otto G. A. - 1232 M

June 6, 1930.

Mrs. Minnie Bartel,  
Fair Haven, Minn.

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

March 3, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bartel, Otto G. A. 1232--H

Mrs. Minnie Bartel,  
Fair Haven, Stearns Co., Minn.

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. 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.

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U.S. Q. M. G. OFFICE  
MAR 10 1930

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bartel, Otto G. A. 1232

February 19, 1930

Mrs. Minnie Bartel,  
Fair Haven, Minnesota.

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 Private Otto G. A. Bartel, Co. F, 109th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bartel, Otto G. A.  
1232

August 30, 1929.

Mr. Herman Bartel,  
Fairhaven, Minn.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 27, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother, and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bartel, Otto G. A.

June 27, 1929.

Mr. Herman Bartel,  
Fairhaven, Minn.

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

In reply refer to:  
QM - 293 C-R

July 25, 1923.

Mr. Herman Bartel,  
Fairhaven,  
Minn.

Dear Sir: The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of

Private Otto G.A. Bartel, Company F, 109th Infantry, is Grave 19, Row 44, Block B, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

O.Q.M.G.  
Central Mail & Files B.

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.



JUL 25 1923

H. B.

RD

23/494/WTV

Co. F. 109th Inf.  
28th Division.

BARTEL, Otto G.A. - Pvt. 3130391

On or about Sept. 26, 18, while in the Argonne at noon I was on one side of him while laying on the ground to shield ourselves from ennemy fire. We then started to go forward again and then I called for Bartel to go, he did not answer me and then I shook his body to see what had happened. I then found out that he was killed instantly by a machine gun bullet, I think around the chest. He did not say anything when he died. I di not know where he was buried but I beleive he was buried near the ARGONNE FOREST.

Informant: Diehl, Orval H. - Pvt. #61587

Co. F. 109th Inf.

Home: R.F.D. N° 2 Nescopeck, Pa. USA.

Searcher: Edward Hitzeroth - 1st. Lt.

109th Inf.

18th Feb. 1919.

**FILE**

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

SUBJECT: Investigation.

TO: The Adjutant General,  
Washington, D. C.

1. To assist this office in an investigation being instituted to locate the grave of the soldier named above, it is requested that you furnish as much of the following information, as possible:

- (a) Local Board and Mobilization dental charts,
- (b) Any comrades statements on file as to the death and burial place.
- (c) Places of death and burial, if of record,
- (d) Chaplain's burial report.
- (e) Names and addresses of

For The Quartermaster General:

Date JUNE 9 1919.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BARTEL, Otto G

Number: 3130891

Rank: Unkn Pvt

Organization: Unkn Co. 7, 109th Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

7 MAY 1919,

Grave # 9 Plot A B/A/CTY APREMONT ARDENNES

35 SE E 300.31 N 277,89

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

7 MAY 1919,

Grave # 36 Sec #43 Plot # 1

1232

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY? #1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE.

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

Body buried in Uniform, Body in fair condition, Burial good,

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

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Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt Lewis

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

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD: *(4-20-21) c*

File # 35928

(a) Name BARTELL, Otto G.A. Ser. No. 5130891  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F. 109th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 9-28-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP: hmp  
 CKR: B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 36 Row ----- Plot 1 Sec. 43 TYP. hmp  
 (b) Emerg. Address Herman Bartel (Father) Fairhaven, Minn. *over*

III. Files of soldiers *dying from contagious diseases* 19. 0. 9. 10. (4-20-21) c CKR. B. J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt Report in files (S.D. 4/13/21)

(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 F.L. Date 4-13-21, 1920.

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

*No request for disposition.*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes

Examiner's Initials F.L. Date 4-13-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 43 SHEET No. 9

*H.S. 4-9-21*

*Handwritten notes and stamps in bottom right corner, including '4-13-21' and other illegible markings.*

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 4/25, 1920

See 43  
Par 2 not to be returned R1W  
Bartel, Otto, G.A.

IX.

**CORRECTIONS**

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

U.P.E.A. - Mr. Herman Bartel, (Father)  
5-7-21,  
w.  
Fair Haven,  
Minnesota.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 11-21

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

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BARTELL, Otto G.A.

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. No. 3130891

11. No. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

4. Org. Co. F. 109th Inf.

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

5. D.D. 9-28-14

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 36 Sec. 43

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot 1 Row \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

17. No discop

18. Cemetery Meuse Argonne American

19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse.

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232, Sec. 43

23. Disinterred (Date) 11-11-21

By W.G. Durisoe

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Otto G. A. Bartell

Serial No. 3130891

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. F. 109th Inf.

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

W.G. Durisoe  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

None

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial US Uniform, burlap and pinebox.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 11-11--21 By W. G. Durisoe

31. Casket sealed by W.G. Durisoe

AUDITED BY

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) W.G. Durisoe



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-16266.

32. Designation of body

Name Otto G.A. BARTELL Serial No. 3130891

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F. 109th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 11-11-21 By W. G. Durisoe

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 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ R.C. Worthington 1st Lieut. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) 11-11-21

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne

Convoyer W. J. Royed Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole Captain, C. A. C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232, Nov. 15th, 1921.

42. Grave No. 19 Section

43. Plot B Row 44

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger James W. Younger, Captain Q.M.C.

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# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BARTELL, Otto G.A. SERIAL NUMBER 3130891  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. F. 109th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov 11, 1921 From (give complete location): gr 56, sec 43, plot 1  
 By: Group Drusieo. Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Nov. 15th, 1921, Grave 19, Row 44, Block B, Cemetery 1232. In (give complete location):  
 By: Group Reburial S Unit Unit Nature of reburial Unlined Gasket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
wooden box and burlap and uniform. badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? no

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

body tag reads Otto G. Bartell

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.

(b) Weigh, (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color no

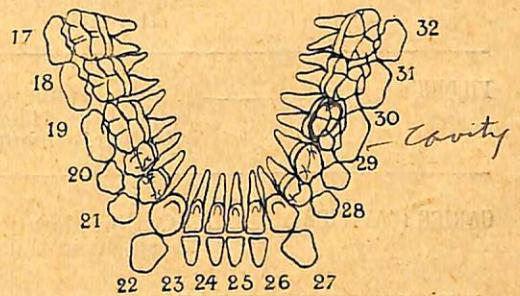
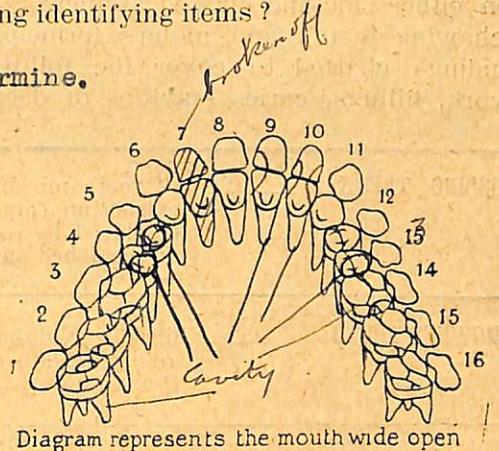
Location do

Quantity do

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

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

none visible.



7. Disinterment supervised by W.G. Durisoe

W.G. Durisoe.

Approved: R. C. Worthington

R. C. Worthington, 1st Lt. U.S.M.C.  
(Title)

8. Reburial

Supervised by A. U. Dufault

A. U. Dufault,

Approved: James W. Younger

James W. Younger,  
(Title) Captain U.S.M.C.

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD: (4-20-21)C File # 35928

(a) Name <u>BARTHEL, Otto G.A.</u>	Ser. No. <u>3150891</u>	TYPED  <span style="color: blue;">B. J.</span>
(b) Rank <u>Pvt</u>	Organization <u>Co. F. 109th Inf.</u>	
(c) Date of death <u>9-28-18</u>	(d) Cause of death <u>K/A</u>	

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

(a) Grave No. 36 Row      Plot 1 Sec. 43 TYP. hmp

(b) Emerg. Address Herman Bartel (Father) Fairhaven, Minn.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases (4-20-21)C CKR. B. J.

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on ....., 192  
see 43 letter of transmittal on 4/25, 192 /

Par 2 not to be returned LPO  
 Bartel, Otto G.A.

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. ...., 192

COUNTRY

CEMETERY No. ....

SHEET No. ....

OSP-SS  
Form No. 1009

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

*Orange*

Harlow C.W.  
NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER  
*Bartel, Otto Gustaf Albert*  
CEMETERY NO. DATE  
Bartel, Otto G.A., Pvt. 1232-Sec.43 - 9 4/15/21.  
SERIAL NUMBER ORGANIZATION DATE OF DEATH  
3130891 Co. F. 109th Inf. 9/28/18.

Copy forwarded to  
Adjustment Department  
Date 5/7/21. n.w.  
WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION  
DATE April 27, 1921. *C-84644*

Mr. Herman Bartel, Father  
PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE RELATIONSHIP

Fair Haven, Minnesota.  
ADDRESS

PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION RELATIONSHIP

*No record*  
*mas*

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Bartel, 3130891, Otto G.*  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

*Private*  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Apremont*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Killed in action*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Oct 1, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Apremont*

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

*In orchard on hillside across street from church on hill.*

GRAVE NUMBER: *C.O. 00.12 - 47.9 Map Fort D'Argonne Scale 1:20000*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes*

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? *yes*

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

*CMME. Apremont (Ardennes)*

NEAREST RELATIVE: *(CR93) SHT. 355E OGORD (E300. IN 277.9)*

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: *E. Tetreau 1st Lt & Chaplain*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

RECEIVED  
OCT 21 1918

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NO. 3130891 SKETCH NO. 26

NAME BARTEL OTTO J.

RANK X CO X (CORP) X (REGT) X

DATE OF DEATH SEPT 30, 1918

PLACE APREMONT MEUSE

CAUSE KILLED IN ACTION

DATE OF BURIAL SEPT. 30 1918

GRAVE NO. 9 PLOT 1

CEMETERY

IDENTIFIED BY TAGS ✓

MAP REF. IN ORCHARD N.E. SLOPE OF HILL 75 YDS S. OF ROAD.

S.E. VERDEN 35,300, 4 EX 277.4 N

FIELD RECORD MADE BY Paul J. Fox GM. Sgt. S. C.

GROUP 3 - UNIT 305 G. R. S.

RBH  
8-24

FOR ADDITIONAL DATA USE REVERSE SIDE

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

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

Date 4/15/21.

**FILE**

Adjustment Made  
MAY 5 1921

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File No. Requisition

From: ~~File No.~~ Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cometarial Division) **(SPECIAL)**

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

NOTED FORM 118  
DATE 4-20-21

- a. Surname ~~Bartoll~~ Bartel
- b. Christian name Otto G.A.
- c. Serial Number 3130891
- d. Organization Co. F, 109th Inf.
- e. Rank Pvt.
- f. Date of death 9/28/18.
- g. Cause of death K/A.
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address Herman Bartel, Fairhaven, Minn.
- j. Relationship Father

BODY DESCRIPTION  
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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

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

a. Strike out teeth missing

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
								upper right					upper left		
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
								lower right					lower left		

Donnelly - ADC - a P5 - W 8 - 4 - 16 - 21

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

CEMETERY NO: C.W. 1232-Sec. 45.

BY: H. J. CONNER  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

SHEET NO: 9  
TYPED BY: I.W.

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date. APR. 16. 1921

Rec'd S & S Div., A.G.O.

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