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To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

AUG 30 1926

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FULL NAME..... ~~UNKNOWN U-3655~~ BASS, John F.

RANK..... ~~Sgt.~~ SERIAL..... 279209

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... ~~Company C, 126th Infantry~~ *32 Div*

DATE OF DEATH..... 10/9/1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *Mich*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... *None*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery # 1232

Robert C. Davis.
Major General
The Adjutant General
By *[Signature]*

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AUG 31 1926
WAR DIV.

SEP 2 1926

CODE SLIP

| HEADING | SUB-HEADING | NO. OF COLS | CODE |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|------|
| NAME | Bass | 3 | 219 |
| BURIED | John 7 | 1 | 1 |
| | CEMETERY 1232 | 1 | |
| | GRAVE 22 | 2 | 22 |
| | ROW 5 | 2 | 05 |
| | BLOCK G | 1 | 7 |
| STATE | Mich | 2 | 26 |
| RANK | Sgt | 1 | 2 |
| DIVISION | 32 | 2 | 32 |
| ORGANIZATION | 126 | 3 | 126 |
| ARM | Inf | 1 | 1 |
| MARTIAL | no | 1 | 2 |
| NAME | Hamilton | 3 | |
| Mrs Margaret | | 2 | |
| RESIDENCE | Route # 20 | 2 | |
| Kalamazoo, Mich | | 3 | |
| RELATION | Mother | 1 | 1 |
| OTHER | | 1 | |
| ELIGIBILITY | Dead (1924) | 1 | 6 |
| NATIVITY | | 1 | |
| RACE | | 1 | |
| ENGLISH | | 1 | |
| ATTENDANT | | 1 | |
| HEALTH | | 1 | |
| NO. OF SONS | | 1 | |
| DATE OF | MO. | 1 | |
| TRIP | YR. | 1 | |
| ACCEPTANCE | | 1 | |

(sister)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bass, John F. 1232-S

July 3, 1930.

Mrs. Margaret Hamilton,
Route 18, X 2.
Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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.

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

no

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

If so, give her name and address:

no

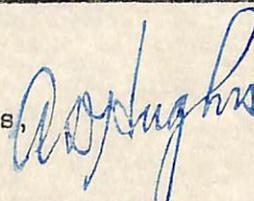
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If so, give her name and address:

no

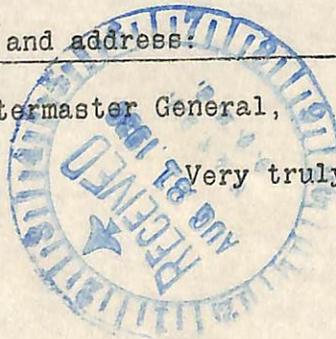
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bass, John F.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Hamilton,
Route #10,
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 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:

*The Deceased Soldier
Was never married.*

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.

*His one and only
mother passed away.*

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

Aug. 13, 1924.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
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The records of this office show that you are the **sister of the late Sergeant John F. Bass, Co.C, 126th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, 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.

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

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FILE UNDER NO.

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

John BAAS

Grave 11, map Verdun "A" Aug. 15, 1918
coord. 7.9 1.4 (#307.9--- N281.4)

has been identified as

Sgt. John F. Bass - 279209-
Company C, 126th Infantry.

John F. Bass

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see memo te-Europe-- of 2/20/26 on file of John F, BASS.

*file
2nd
10/18/20*

E. Kensett Vail
2/20/26

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CROSS INDEX

O. Q. M. G.

Serials by Valderf Lindstrom, 1st Lt. and Chaplain (126th Inf.)

On October 12, 1918 at
Nap--- Verdun "B" Aug. 18, 1918
coord. 7.9-1.6 (207.9--261.4)

- 1. Theodore P. Czeszka--2082274
- 2. Charles Haley-----1247424
- 3. William T. Elder-----2168485
- 4. R. Thompson-----1680757 (Robert Thompson, C 76th P.A. 1550757)
- 5. Ralph M. Casaday-----2007322
- 6. James W. BASH-----1947617
- 7. Nikita Troymuk----- 564060
- 8. Joseph Davis..... 1725162
- 9. Lester J. Smith----- 3635124
- 10. E.J. Guster----- 1951120
- 11 John BASH----- 279209 (John BASH 279209- Sgt. Co. C 126th Inf.)
- 12 Joseph Powers-----3262005 (Joe L. Powers 3262005)
- 13 F. Cipinski-----2027165
- 14 Harry M. Taylor-----5165094
- 15 Wendell A. Lindberg 2nd Lt. 1st Bn. 126th Infantry

Above serials confirmed on G.R.S. Form 1-A City 903, Clerges House
1908---2261.25
however grave 11 on this form is listed as being that of an Unidentified
American.

REV
2/16/26

FILE UNDER NO. Unknown Files, Cty. 903, Gr. 11, Plot 1, Cierges, Meuse.

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

See Case of Baas, John, Alph. Files who has been discharged.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE.
20 RUE MOLITOR

IN REPLYING
PLEASE ADDRESS:
CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES
REGISTRATION SERVICE.

FILE NO. 332.5 General.
X-293 Bass, John F.

PARIS, FRANCE.
June 19, 1926.

Subject: Personal Effects.

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

1. Further to paragraph 2 of letter from this office dated April 21, 1926, in connection with your 1st indorsement of March 2, 1926 (file QM 293 A-C, Bass, John F.), report is made that all miscellaneous personal effects have now been forwarded to your office and the pen point #2A "Toledo, Ohio" could not be found.

JUL 12 1926

Received
JUL 10 1926
M. & R. BRANCH
Q. M. C.

Wm. O. Smith

Wm. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

Q.M.C.
293 - Bass, John F.

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IN REPLYING
PLEASE ADDRESS:
CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES
REGISTRATION SERVICE.

FILE NO. 293 Bass, John F.

PARIS FRANCE
April 21, 1926.

Subject: Identification of Remains.

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

1. In compliance with paragraph 1 of your 1st indorsement of March 2, 1926 (file QM 293 A-C, Bass, John F.), on letter of this office dated January 26, 1926, inscription on marker and all records have been corrected to show Sgt. John F. Bass, 279209, Co.C, 126th Inf., to be buried in grave 22, row 5, block G, Cemetery 1232. G.R.S. Forms on file here have been changed accordingly and it is requested that corresponding change be made in your office. Extract of Form 1-A showing this change is herewith enclosed in compliance with paragraph 2 of above mentioned indorsement.

2. Co-ordinates mentioned in paragraph 6 should read 307.9 instead of 207.9. The fountain pen point #2A "Toledo, Ohio," has been searched for so far without success. It is possible that so small an article as this was not sent to these Headquarters in 1920. There is no record of such transmittal. Further report will be made when the miscellaneous personal effects now being worked on here are forwarded to your office.

1 encl.
Extract of Form 1-A.



W. O. Smith
Wm. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief.



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293 Bass, John F.

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Wm. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

2 QM 293 A-C

(Bass, John, F. Sgt.)

March 2, 1926.

Mrs. Margaret Hamilton,
Route 10,
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the body of your brother, the late Sergeant John F. Bass, Company C, 126th Infantry, now rests in Grave 32, Row 5, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Here repose the bodies of thousands of your brother's comrades, whose graves will be perpetually cared for by this Government in a reverent manner. Beautiful white stone crosses (or the Star of David for the Hebrews), bearing the soldier's name, rank, organization, State and date of death will mark each grave.

Inclosed herewith is a card giving the permanent grave location.

Very truly yours,

L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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Record Card.



QM 293 A-C

(Bass, John, F.Sgt.) 1st Ind. Mch. 2, 1926 to Europe, cont'd.

Grave 11 was reburied into Section 90, Cty. 1232. Section 90 as well as 89 of this cemetery (1232) was that used for the reburial section of unidentified Americans regardless of the date of disinterment and reburial, or of the location from which the bodies were taken. Chaplain Lindstrom was Chaplain of the 126th Infantry during October, 1918; this as well as the 126th Infantry was a part of the 32nd Division. About Oct. 9th the 126th seemed to be in the vicinity of Clerges, Meuse, wending or rather working their way northward.

6. Attention is invited to coordinates given in letter of Jan. 26th, 1926. It will be noted that Map Verdun "A" fails to show coordinates 207; therefore, it is thought this should have been 307. Inclosed herewith is a copy of G.R.S. Form 16 of Sept. (?) 1920, body in Grave 20, Sec. 90, Plot 1, disinterred Sept. 30, 1920 and reburied same date in same grave, Cty. 1232. (See remarks at the bottom of this sheet.) Information is desired as to the disposition made of this fountain pen. If same is located in your office, it will be forwarded here for transmittal to the next of kin of Sgt. John F. Bass.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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c/Form



QM 293 A-C

Bass, John, F. Sgt.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., March 2, 1926--To the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, G.M.C., in Europe.

1. Unknown U.S. Soldier, U-3655, reburied from Grave 11, Battle Area Cemetery Cierges, Meuse, 35 NE, E308-N281.25, to Grave 20, Section 90, Plot 1, Cty. 1232, then concentrated to Grave 22, Row 5, Block G, Cty. 1232, has been identified as the late Sergeant John F. Bass, 279209, Co. C, 126th Inf. The body is to remain buried in France.

2. Your records will be changed accordingly and G.R.S. Forms reporting this correction will also be forwarded.

3. For your information you are advised that the following are reported to have been buried by Chaplain Lindstrom on Oct. 12th, 1918, Map Verdun "A", Aug. 15, 1918, coordinates 7.9-1.4 (307.9 E--281.4 N):

- Grave 1, Theodore F. Cesefske, 2053274, Co. C, 337th Inf. (Co. E, 7th Inf.)
- Grave 2, Charles Haley, 1347416..... (Co. M, 38th Inf.)
- Grave 3, William W. Elder, 3168486, (Co. M, 128th Inf.)
- Grave 4, R. Thompson, 1550757, Bty. C, 76th F.A. (Robert Thompson)
- Grave 5, Ralph M. Cassaday, 2007332 (Co. A, 7th Inf.)
- Grave 6, James W. Dease, 1347617, (Co. M, 38th Inf.)
- Grave 7, Nikita Troychuk, 554060, Co. C, 8th M.G.Bn.
- Grave 8, Joseph Davis, 1723162, Co. B, 121st M.G.Bn.
- Grave 9, Lester J. Smith, 3633124, (Co. F, 126th Inf.)
- Grave 10, E.J. Custer, 1951120, Co. B, 121st M.G.Bn. (Earl J. Custer)
- Grave 11, John Bass, 279209 (John F. Bass, 279209, Sgt. Co. C, 126th Inf.)
- Grave 12, Joseph Powers, 3262005, (Joe L. Powers, 3262005, Co. C, 126th Inf.)
- Grave 13, F. Cipinski, 2827185 (Frank Cipinski, Pvt. Co. H, 7th Inf.)
- Grave 14, Harry M. Taylor, 3165094, Pvt. Med. Dept. (Pvt. Co. C, 126th Inf.)
- Grave 15, Wendell A. Lindberg, 2nd Lt. 1st Bn. 126th Inf.

4. The information furnished in parenthesis is additional data and not furnished on Grave Location Blanks. All of the above men are reported by the Chaplain to have been buried with tag on body except John Bass and Lt. Lindberg. All are reported to have had tag on grave marker except Bass, Lindberg and Cipinski. Grave Location Blank for burial of John Bass, 279209, into Grave 11, states the man's body shot to pieces - see note book turned in with effects.

5. These burials are shown on sketch 74, McClure Map 35NE, 281N, 308E, 300 meters N. of Cierges, 100 meters E. Cierges-Romagne road. By German Cemetery. Group 3, Unit 304. (Form 1 has name of Pvt. Peter Camp thereon at bottom before the Group & Unit #). Form 1 lists burial for Grave 11 as that of unidentified American (Probably John Bass), Form 1-A lists burial for Grave 11 as that of unidentified American. This form is of Feb. 22, 1919, Cierges, Meuse, Battle Area Cemetery, 35 NE, E308, N281.25, coded as Cty. 903. Reburials from this cemetery are shown on Forms 16 to have been made June 9, 1919; 13 of the men are reported to have been buried in Section 47, Lt. Lindberg in Section 55, while the body from Grave

295 Bass, John F.

January 26, 1926.

Subject: Case of Sgt. John F. Bass, Co.C, 126th Inf. (Grave Unlocated).

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

1. Based on copy of Grave Location Blank, physical search was made for the remains of the above named soldier. Report of Investigator who made the search is as follows:

"An investigation of the burial of Sgt. Bass at co-ordinates Map Verdun A, E-207.9, N-281.4, in Grave 11, failed to confirm same.

"It is suggested that this burial report be submitted to Chaplain Lindstrom or records looked up of burials made by him on same date as Sgt. Bass, in an endeavor to find who were buried in adjoining graves, so that it may be possible to dig up the Battle Area Cemetery where burial was made or trace remains into cemetery as Unknown, as Chaplain reports no tags found."

2. It is recommended that an effort be made, as above indicated, to obtain the information desired, so that further search can be made for the remains. There is no body description or dental information here on this soldier and it is requested that any on file in Washington be transmitted to this office for use in investigating Unknowns.



Wm. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

FEB 15 1926

2-20-26

Case of Sgt. John F. Bass- 279209- Co. C, 126th Inf. KIA 10-9-18

Actions Requested.

- 1.... Letter to Mrs. ~~Inez Bass- 711 Denner St., Kalamazoo, Mich.~~ ^{Margaret Hamilton, Route # 10, Kalamazoo, Mich.} advising her that the remains of her ~~brother~~ ^{Sgt. John F. Bass-#279209- Company C, 126th Infantry} are now resting in Grave 22, Row 5, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery # 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse., etc.

It may be of some comfort to you to know that your son was evidently killed instantly. ('see letter from mother of 1919')

- 2.... Indorsement to Europe, replying to their letter of Jan. 26, 1926, file 293 Bass, John F.; Subject-Case of Sgt. John F. Bass, Co. C, 126th Inf. (Grave unlocated); advising them
Unidentified American Soldier U-3655
Grave 22, Row 5, Block G, Cty 1232 concentrated
from Grave 20, Section 90, Plot 1 Cty 1232, reburied from--
from Grave 11, Battle Area Cemetery Cierges, Meuse 35NE E308-N281.25
HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS

Sgt. John F. BASS- 279209- Co. C, 126th Inf.

Body to Remain.

Your records should be changed accordingly and GRS Forms advising of this correction be forwarded this office.

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Grave 12 JOSEPH POWERS- 3262005 (Joe L. Powers-3262005- Co. C 126th Inf.)
Grave 13 F. CIPINSKI- 2827165 (Frank Cipinski- Pvt. Co. H 7th Inf.)
Grave 14 HARRY M. TAYLOR- 3165094-Pvt. Med. Dept. (Pvt. Co. C 126th Inf.)
Grave 15 WENDELL A LINDBERG 2nd Lt. 1st Bn. 126th Inf.

Case of Sgt. John F. Bass- 279209- Co. C, 126th Inf. KIA 10-9-18

Red items are additional data and not on G.I.B. originally.

All of the above men listed are reported by the Chaplain to have been buried with Tag on body except BAAS and Lt. LINDBERG.

All of the men are reported to have had tag on the Grave marker except BASS; LINDBERG; CIPINSKI.

GLB. for burial of John BAAS 279209- into grave 11-- states Man body shot to pieces. See note book turned in with effects.

These burials are shown on sketch 74-McClure Map 35NE 281 N 308 E
300 meters N. of Cierges, 100 meters E. Cierges-Romagne road. By German
Cemetery. Group 3 Unit 304

(Form 1 has name of Pvt. Peter Camp thereon at bottom before the Group & Unit #)

F-1 lists burial for Grave 11 as that of Unidentified ^{Bass} Amer. (Probably John Bass)
F-1A list burial for Grave 11 as that of Unidentified American.
this form is of Feb. 22, 1919, Cierges, Meuse. Battle Area Cemetery 35NE
E 308 N281.25 coded as Cty #903.

Reburials from this Cty are shown on forms 16 to have been made June 9, 1919
13 of the men are reported to have been buried into Sec. 47, Lt. Lingberg
into Section 55, while the body from Grave 11 was reburied into Sec. 90
Cty 1232.

Section 90 as well as 89 of this Cty (#1232) was that used for the reburial
section of Unknown- Unidentified Americans regardless of the date of disinter-
ment and reburial or of the location from which the bodies were taken.

Chaplain Lindstrom was Chaplain of the 126th Infantry during October 1918.
this as well as the 126th Infantry was a part of the 32nd Division.
About Oct 9 the 126th seemed to be in the vicinity of Cierges, Meuse,
wending on rather working their way northward.

Attention is called to coord. given in letter of Ja. 26, 1926, it will be
noted that Map Verdun "A" fails to show coord. 207 therefore it is thought
this should have been 308.

Enclosed find copy of GRS Form 16 of Sept. 30, 1920 Grave 20, Sec. 90
Pl. 1. disinterred Sept. 30, 1920 and reburied same date into same grave,
Cty 1232. attention is called to remarks at the bottom of this sheet,
information is desired as to disposition of this pen, if same is located
in your office it will be forwarded to this office so that it may be
sent thru proper channels to the E/A of this soldier (Sgt. John F. Bass.

E. Kensett Vail
Investigator.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 40164

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD: ~~UNKNOWN SOLDIER~~ *John J. Bass* *279209*
 (a) Name ~~UNKNOWN AMERICAN SOLDIER~~ Ser. No. ~~U-3655~~
 (b) Rank ~~unknown~~ *Sgt.* Organization ~~unknown~~ *Co. 6 - 126 Inf* } TYP. *b*
 (c) Date of death *-- 10/9/18* (d) Cause of death *-- 19* } *CP*

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

(a) Grave No. *20* Row *-* Plot *1* Sec. *90* TYP. *b*

(b) Emerg. Address *Mrs. Margaret Hamilton (sister) Route # 10*

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases *||||| Kalamazoo, Mich.* CKR.

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
Section - 90 { letter of transmittal on *4-29-*, 192
Par. 3. Unknown dead (JEN)

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. _____

H-8. 5-7-21

Feb. 24, 1926

Case of Sgt. John Bass- 279209- Co. C 126th Inf. KIA 10/9/18

No insurance or Compensation being paid for this soldier at present.
Mother is dead(Mrs. Lucy Bass.

Correspondence being carried on with the sister Mrs. Margaret Hamilton
Route #10, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Effort is being made by the Vet. Bur. to get the address of the father
as they have heard he was alive, however letter to Mrs. Hamilton, so far
has not been replied to giving the address of her father.

Phone advice Vet. Bur. 2-24-26


E. Kensett Vail

Investigator.

Per. G.L.B. burials made and reported by Walford Lindstrom 1st Lt. and Chaplain.

Burials at coord. 7.9- 1.4 On Oct. 12, 1918 Verdun A Aug. ;2, 18.

| | TOB | T ^U GM | Cross |
|---|-----|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. CESEFSKE- 2052274- Theodore F. Co. C 327 Inf. | Yes | Yes | YES(R) |
| 2 HALEY -1247416- Charles----- | YES | YES | Yes |
| 3. ELDER 3168465-Wil iam W. Pvt.----- | YES | YES | YES |
| 4. THOMPSON-1550757- R. Bty C 76 F.A. | YES | YES | YES |
| 5. CASSADAY-2007332- Ralph M.----- | YES | YES | YES.....(R) |
| 6. DEASE 1347617- James W.----- | YES | YES | YES.....(R) |
| 7. TROYCHUK- 554060- Nikita Co C 8th M.G.Bn.--- | YES | YES | YES |
| 8. DAVIS 1723162- Joseph Co.B 121 M.G.Bn.--- | YES | YES | YES |
| 9 SMITH 3633124- Lester J.----- | YES | YES | YES.1.....(R) |
| 10 CUSTER 1951120- E.J. Co.B 121 M.G.Bn.--- | YES | YES | YES.....(R) |
| 11 BAAS 279209 Hohn----- | NO | NO | YES |
| 12 POWERS 3262005- Jpseph----- | YES | YES | YES.....(R) |
| 13 CIPINSKI 2627165- F.----- | YES | NO | YES |
| 14 TAYLOR 3165094-Harry M Pvt. Med/ Dept.--- | YES | YES | YES.....(R) |
| 15 LONDBERG WENDELL A. 2nd Lt. 1st Bn. 126th Inf. | NO | NO | YES.....(R) |

These burials are confirmed on GBR Form 1-A for Cty 903, Cierges., 308 281.25

Identified as

- per 16A ed
- 1.. Theodore F. Cesevske was of Co. E 7th Inf, when killed. TOB all bones shattered
 - 2.. Charles C. Haley Pvt. Co. M 38th Inf. ----- TOB
 - 3.. William W. Elder- Pvt. Co. M-128 Inf.-----TOB
 - 4.. Robert Thompson- Bty C 76th F.A. Pvt.....TOB (R.Thompson, Waterloo, Iowa.
 - 5.. Ralph M. Casseday- Pvt. Co. A 7th Inf. TOB
 - 6.. James W. Dease- Pvt. Co. M 38th Inf..... TOB
 - 7.. Nikita Troychuk- Pvt. Co. C 8th M.G.Bn.... TOB (NIKITA TROYCHUCK6554060-U.S.A.)
 - 8.. Joseph Davis- Co. B 121 M.G.Bn. Pvt..... TOB
 - 9.. Lester J. Smith- Pvt. Co. F 126th Inf..... TOB
 - 10.. Earl J. Custer- Pvt. Co. B 121st M.G.Bn... TOB(also hospital plate with name & serial)
 - 11
 - 12..Joe L. Powers- - Pvt. Co. C 126th Inf.....TOB(Joseph Powell-3262005)*
 - 13..Frank Cipinski- Pvt. Co. H 7th Inf..... No (Tag on G.M. and plaque on body)**
 - 14..Harry M. Taylor- Pvt. Co. C 126th Inf.....TOB
 - 15..Wendell A. Lindberg- 2nd Lt. 126th Inf..... No (Officers uniform and cap and Lt. Bars.on cap, and Officer's belt).

* Tag on body reads and R.C.S.-report give Joseph Powell

GLB snd Cas. list for 126 give Powers-- GLB Joseph, C.L. Joe L. records had been changed to show Joe L. and body was so shipped-- it will be noted the serial is the same in both all reports).

*** GLB lists tag on body none on G.M. however on reburial evidently that on body was fastened to the cross or GM. thus on exh. during operation no tag was on body but one was on G.M.

ext.

DATE Nov. 15, 1921

1. NAME BASS: JOHN F. -
~~UNKNOWN AMERICAN~~ SERIAL No. ~~77-365-5~~ 279209

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. C, 126th Infantry. *2-20-26*

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne American, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon 1232 - Sec. 90
CTY. NAME NUMBER

20 - Sec. 90 1
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Cierges (Meuse)
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35NE, 281.25N, 308.0E *cty 903*

CONCENTRATED TO 6/9/19 20 90 1
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne 1232.
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

No effects.

Data from Form 1 & 16-A

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. Birdseye
M. B. BIRDSEYE
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Nov. 15, 1921 22 5 Block G
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne American Cty 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)
CEMETERY

SUB 11/12/23

Duplicate

CASE OF BASS; JOHN F. - 278209 - Sgt. Co. C, 126th Infantry KIA 10/9/18
 GRAVE Grave 20, Sec. 90, Pl. 1 Cty 1232, conc. into Grave 22, Row 5 Bl G Cty 1232.

DECISION That body in above grave IS THAT of Sgt. John F. Bass- Co. C 126th Inf.

DENTAL CHARTS AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS

| CAMP | LOCAL BOARD | FROM RELATIVES | OF BODY | A.D. |
|--------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------|------|
| 4:5:30 missing. | | | HEAD AND BOTH JAWS MISSING. | |
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| | | | | |
| HEIGHT | 5' 7 1/2" | | Undeterminable | |
| WEIGHT | | | " | |
| HAIR | Light | | NONE | |
| SHOE SIZE | | | #8 | |

REMARKS

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body
 NO

Found on Marker
 NO

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Head and both jaws missing. right humerus, ulna and radial, right and left Femurs fractured, left scapula missing.

F- 16 gives height as 5 ft 7 inc.

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Original burial of body Gr 11 Cty 903 Clerges, Meuse.
 Original burial of man Gr. 11 Verdun A Map Aug. 12, 18 coord. 7.9 1.4

E. Kensett Vail
 E. Kensett Vail

Investigator

Concur::

[Signature]

APPROVED: *2-19-26*
[Signature]

Officer in Charge.
 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

GLB.. gives JOHN BAAS perhaps 279209-- buried in Grave 11, No tags on body or Grave marker, Killed in action, buried 10/12/18, at Map Verdun A Aug. 12, 18 coord. 7.9-1.4 Man badly shot to pieces. See note book turned in with effects. signed Walford Lindstrom 1st Lt. & Chaplain.

R.C.S. report--- Sgt. John F. Bass was killed on October 9, 1918, near Romagne France, on the Argonne Front, by a direct hit from German 77 M.M. Sgt. Bass was leading his platoon when hit, he died instantly and was buried outside of Romagne.

Chaplain Lindstrom reports the burial of 15 men at the same coord. see list attached. Graves 12 and 14 were occupied by men of the same Co. and Org. Grave 15 was that of 2nd Lt. Lindberg who was of the 1st Bn. of the 126th Inf.

Note the Chaplain reports the man badly shot to pieces, and the R.C.S reports killed by direct hit, which would seem to seem to confirm the report given in by the Chaplain.

The Chaplain reports this burial as that of John BAAS probably 279209- Sgt. JOHN F. BASS's serial was 279209-- Chaplain Lindstrom was with the 128th Infantry Oct. 1918-- however the burials reported by this Chaplain at this place are of different Org. 3th from the 3rd Division- and 7 of the 32nd Division(1 76 F.A. 3 &th Inf. 2-38th Inf. 1 'th M.G.; 1-128th Inf. 4-126th Inf. 2-121 M.G.Bn.)

Search does not reveal the case of any soldier with surname BAAS as either confirmed or unconfirmed burial in 5/8 white cards, nor was this name listed on ~~any~~ casualties lists of 7th Inf., 38th Inf. 8th M.G. 121 M.G. 125, 126, 127 128 Inf. or 38th Inf.

Therefore

The investigator is of the opinion that the body reported as that of John BAAS probably 279209-- buried Oct, 12, 1918 coor 7.9 - 1.4(307.9-281.4) IS IN Reality that of Sgt. John F. BASS- 279209

Sgt. Bass is said to have been killed by direct hit 77 M.M.

John BAAS is said to have been badly shot to pieces.

Serial 279209 is that of Sgt. John F. BASS.

Both jaws being missing from remains taken from Grave 20-90-1 Cty 1232 and reburied into Grave 22-5-G Cty 1232, as U-3655- impossible to check on dental Chart.

E. Kensett Vail
Investigator.

AGO disposition card not located.

Letter on file does not ask for return but does request information as to whether killed instantly or lay on the field suffering.

EKV

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of :

PASS: JOHN F.

279209

2x.0
2420-26

NAME: ~~Unknown American Soldier~~

NUMBER: Unkn

RANK: ~~Unkn~~ **Sgt.**

ORGANIZATION: ~~Unkn~~ **Co. C, 126th Infantry.**

1232

DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL MADE BY GROUP:

UNIT:

DISINTERMENTED: (Date)

FROM: (Give complete location)

9th June, 1919

B/A Cty Grave # 11 CIERGES MEUSE

cty 903

T 35 NE E 308. N 281.25

*Known bones in grave
90145 = Identification number not sufficient for burial
Clean in the known site*

REBURIED (Date)

IN: (Give complete location)

9th June, 1919

Grave # 20 Sec 90 Plot 1

ARGONNE AMERICAN CTY # 1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Body badly decomposed, and shot to pieces; buried in uniform:

Burial good.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No

What other means of identification were found on the body?

Picture Wt. 140 lbs. Ht. 5' 7"

Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt. Hogson

JO'

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

2420

Place Romagnous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

Date September 30, 1920.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of: **BASS: JOHN F.**
 Name: ~~UNKNOWN~~ Number: **279209**
 Rank: **Sgt.** Organization: **Co. C, 126th Inf.**

Disinterment and Reburial made by: **CHAS. S. DENNY, 1st Lieut. C.A.C.**

EX.D.
2/20/26

Disinterred (Date) **September 30, 1920** From: (Give complete location)

Argonne American Cemetery #1232.
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)
Grave #20, Section #90, Plot #1.

Reburied (Date) _____ in: (Give complete location)

September 30, 1920.

Argonne American Cemetery #1232.
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)
Grave #20, Section #90, Plot #1.

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Dressed in uniform and overcoat - buried in coffin - body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No.

What other means of identification were found upon the body? None.

Remarks:

No head could be found - a small piece of skull was found which indicated that he had light brown hair. - Shapnel hole in top of right shoe - size of shoe about 8 $\frac{1}{2}$. - CONKLIN fountain pen point #2A - TOLEDO OHIO " No chevrons found.

CHAS S. DENNY,
 1st Lieut. C.A.C.

W. R. Mann
 W. R. MANN
 Capt., Inf.

Supervised by _____

Zone Commander

Place Romagne Sous Montfaucon,

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Aug. 25th, 1921.

BASS: JOHN F.

279209

1. REMAINS OF ~~UNIDENTIFIED U.S. SOLDIER,~~ SERIAL NUMBER ~~U 3655~~ **8K.D.**

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 126th Infantry **2/20/26**

2. Disinterred (date): Aug. 25th, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr. 20, Sec. 90, Pt. 1, Cemetary 1232.

By: Group Foster Unit Section one.

3. Reburied (date): Nov 15-21 In (give complete location): Grave 22, Row 5, Block G, Cem 1232

By: Group Reburial S. Unit Nature of reburial Unlined Casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Pine box, U.S. Uniform and Burlap,
Decomposed, Features Unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? No On grave marker ? No
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
Size of Shoes #8.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ?
estimated
(a) Height (actual measurement) Undertiminable

(b) Weight (estimated) Undertiminable

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity None

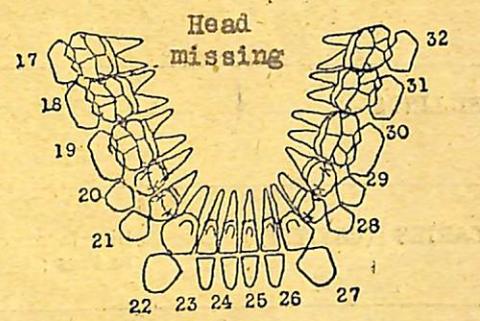
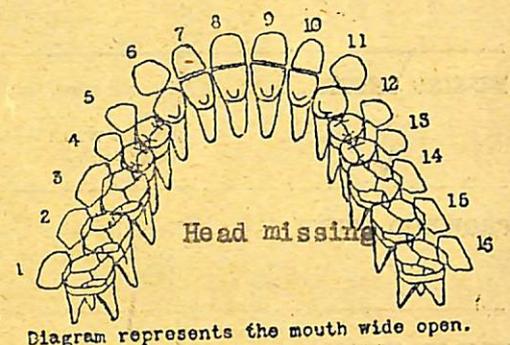
Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

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



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Head and both jaws missing right Humerus, Ulna and Radial, Right and left Femurs fractured, Left Scapula missing.

D-30832

7. Disinterment supervised by (Sgd) H.H.Foster, H.H.Foster, S.E. Approved: (Sgd) James W.Younger, James W.Younger, Capt.QMC.
(Title).....

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault Approved: James W. Younger, Captain, Q.M.C
A TRUE COPY Edw. J. Turgeon, Captain Q.M.C.

2-20-26

Case of

Sgt. John F. Bass- 279209- Co. C 126th Infantry. KIA 10/9/18

Claims Section, General Accounting Office(Mr. Robbins) advises per
phone,---- 2/19/26

Can find no effects for John BAAS, John BASS or U- 3655..

however inventory sheet advis

Inventory sheets lists

package of letters, cards, stationery and 3 ~~books~~.

2 books

2 housewives

1 glass

1 pipe

1 soap case

1 strap

sent out from Hoboken, N.J. bet. Jan 31 and Mar. 29, 1920

mothers signed for these.

(the above effects did not come to the office in Washington but were sent
direct from Hoboken)

E. Kensett Vail

E. Kensett Vail

Investigator.

7-3716

R.S. No. 270209
 BASS: JOHN F. 270209
 Name ~~Unidentified~~ ~~Probably~~ ~~BAAS~~ JOHN
 Rank Sgt. Co. C 126th Inf. 126th
 Date of Death 10-9-18 2-20-26
 Date of Burial 10/12/18
 Town CIERGES Dept. MEUSE
 Grave No. 11 Plot No. 1
 Cemetery A.E.F. Cem. No. 4 McClure
 Tags On Body? No. On Marker? No.
 Sketch No. 7 McClure 903
 Map 3th N.E. 281. N X 308 E.
500 M.N. Cierges. 100 M E. Cierges-Romagne
road. By German Cemetery.
near 1706 Pvt. Ector Camp
 Group 3 (Meuse) Unit 306
 (C-178) SHT. 35NE COORD (E-308 N-281.2)

83795 ~~Unknown~~

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

BASS 279209 John F
 LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF John
~~Unknown~~ John
 BASS (Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)
Sgt Sgt Co. C 128th Inf. 128th
 (Rank) (Organization)
 PLACE OF DEATH: Killed in action
 CAUSE OF DEATH: Oct 12 18
 DATE OF BURIAL: 10/12/18
 PLACE OF BURIAL: 500 M.N. Cierges-Romagne
 (Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.
Coordinates - 79
 GRAVE NUMBER: 11
 HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?
 Headboard? Bottle?
 IDENTIFICATION TAGS: NO
 Was one buried with body?
 Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?
 name unknown and tags missing, description and mark should be given here:
 NEAREST RELATIVE: John Cierges (Meuse)
 ADDRESS: (C-178) SHT. 35 N.E. COORD (E-308 N-281.2)
 RELATIONSHIP: See note
 REPORTED BY: William J. ...
 (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)
 Attention to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Ser

178-957

Communal List No. _____

Daily Report No. _____

mpd

G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

STATION Romagne sous Montfaucon,

To be prepared in triplicate

DATE Aug. 25, 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

2. K.V.
2/20/26

1. Name BASS: JOHN F.
~~UNKNOWN AMERICAN U-5655~~

2. No. 279209

3. Rank Sgt.

4. Org. Co. C, 126th Inf.

5. D.D. 10-9-18

6. C.D. KIA

10. Name _____

11. No. _____

12. Rank _____

13. Org. _____

14. (a) D.D. _____

(b) D.B. No discrepancies.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 20 Sec. 90

8. Plot 1 Row _____

9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

17. None.

18. Cemetery Argonne American

20. Dept. or County Meuse

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. Cty. #1252, Sec. 90

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Aug. 25, 1921.

By H.H. Foster.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name None.

Rank _____

Serial No. _____

Organization _____

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

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 Decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Pine box, U.S. Uniform and burlap.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Aug. 25, 1921. By H.H. Foster.

31. Casket sealed by H.H. Foster.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) _____

H.H. FOSTER.

AUDITED BY
2/20/26

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-6963

32. Designation of body:

Name UNKNOWN AMERICAN Serial No. U-3655.

Rank _____ Organization _____

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne American, #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Aug. 25, 1922. By H.H. Foster.

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

I hereby certify that the entries made under items 14b 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 34 35 36 have been secured from Forms 10-A executed at the time of disinterment and that it is impracticable to obtain signatures of the Sup. Insp. Inspector and checkers owing to the absence of that personnel from this station.

Date Aug. 25, 1922 *[Signature]*
A. H. Justice, 1st Lt. U.S.

TO point of concentration _____
Morgue, _____ (Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery _____ (Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Re-use Argonne Cemetery 1232 Nov 15-21
(Date)

42. Grave No. 22, Row 5, Block G. Section _____

43. Plot _____ Row _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

[Signature]
James W. Younger,
Captain, Q.M.C. gos

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) . Box No. 0-6963

32. Designation of body:

Name UNKNOWN AMERICAN Serial No. U-3655.

Rank _____ Organization _____

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne American, #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Aug. 25, 1921. By H.H. Foster.

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 _____

6. Remarks None. JAMES W. YOUNGER, Capt. QMG.

7. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Aug. 25, 1921.

To point of Concentration Morgue, Meuse Argonne Cemetery.
(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery _____
(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232 Nov 15-21
(Date)

42. Grave No. 22, Row 5, Block C. Section _____

43. Plot _____ Row _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

James W. Younger,
Captain, Q.M.C. gos

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

(Bass) *Perhaps JOHN F.*
BAAS (219269) **JOHN F.**

(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

- Sgt
(Rank).

Col-126 Inf
(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *-*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Killed in action*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Oct 12-18*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Inf. Verdun A Aug 12-18*

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

Coordinates 7.9-1.4

GRAVE NUMBER: *11*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross? *Yes.*

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *No.*

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? *No*

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

Man badly shot to pieces. See note book turned in with effects.

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Walfred Lindstrom 1st Lt. Inf.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

44116479107
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BASS 279209 John F.

(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Sgt. Co. C. 126th Infantry

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL:

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

See correspondence-Urbanski, Joseph
1784037

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross?.....

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs Lucy Bass,

ADDRESS: 2142-Portage St. Kalamazoo Michigan

RELATIONSHIP: mother

REPORTED BY:

No record
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : G.O., Co. "C", 126th Infantry

SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert G. Davis
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

2-18-26

Date _____

SUBJECT: Information required for Cemeterial Division.

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army, World War Division, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

- a. Surname BASS g. Date of death 10/8/18
- b. Christian name ~~JOHN~~ John F. h. Authority _____
- c. Serial number 279209 i. Cause of death KIA
- d. Organization Co. C 126th Inf. j. Place of death _____
- e. Rank Sgt. k. Place of burial _____
- f. Emergency Address Mrs. Lucy Bass- mother
711 Denner St. Kalamazoo, Mich,
add given Nov .1, 1918, l. Date of discharge _____

enl. at Kalamazoo, Mich

BODY DESCRIPTION

- a. Date of enlistment 6/29/16 d. Height 5' 7 1/2"
- b. Age at enlistment _____ c. Weight* _____

c. Color of hair LIGHT f. Fractures or breaks _____
res. at time of enl. 2142 Portage St. Kalamazoo, Mich.

this add. was also given for the mother at time of enl. but changed as above per adv.

DENTAL CHARTS

At Camp

By Local Board

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
Upper right Upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 ~~6~~ 7 8
Lower right Lower left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Lower right Lower left

per phone adv. AGO 2/18/26

For The Quartermaster General:

FILE UNDER NO.

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

Co. C. 126th Infantry.
32nd Division.

BASS John F. Sgt. 279204.
Home: 711 Denner St. Kalamazoo,
Mich.

Was killed on October 9th, 1918, near Roumagne, France, on the
~~arg~~ Argonne Front, by a direct hit from a German 77 M.M. Sgt. BASS was
leading his platoon when hit, he died instantly and was buried outside
of Roumange.

Informant: REESE Raymond W. Cpl. 2180982.
Co. C. 126th Infantry.
Home : Pleasant Town, Nebraska.

Signed: M. SPURGEON? Lt. 126th Infantry.
2/21/19.

Emergency address:
Mrs. Lucy BASS.
as above.

I.C.

40164

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

Reference-40164.

March 20, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.

TO: Mrs. Lucy Bass, 711 Denner Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

SUBJECT: Sergeant John F. Bass, Co. C, 126th Infantry,
American E.F.

1. In reply to your letter of inquiry, I am very sorry to have to inform you that my field force has not as yet succeeded in obtaining any definite burial information regarding this soldier. You may rest assured that every possible effort will be made to locate the grave, and, if necessary, a special search will be made of the area where he died and is, no doubt, buried.

2. Careful note is being made of your name and address, and immediately the burial information is received, you will be informed.

3. I am today requesting the chaplain of your boy's organization to communicate with you, giving, if possible, full particulars of death.

By direction

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

(Enclosures-C.R.S.): per
(10-B, 6, .004.5)

MBD-dn

MAURICE B. DIX,
Captain, American Red Cross,
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

Lucy Bass

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

FILE NUMBER

FROM:- A.R.C.

DATE: 2/5/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BASS, JOHN F.

NUMBER:

RANK SGT. ORGANIZATION Co. C, 126th INF.

| NO. | QUESTION | REPLY |
|-------|---|--|
| 1. | Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records? | (1) John F. Bass 279209 Sergeant Co. C. 126th. Inf. |
| 2. | Date of Death | |
| ✓ 3. | Cause and place of death | (3) Killed in action |
| ✓ 4. | Number of Casualty Cablegram | (4) C.C. # 298 |
| ✓ 5. | Date buried | (5) 0 |
| ✓ 6. | Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required | (6) 0 |
| 7. | Who reported burial | |
| ✓ 8. | Has report been confirmed by G.R.S. | ⑧ No |
| ✓ 9. | Report as to Grave Marker | (9) 0 |
| 10. | Report as to Identification Tags | |
| 11. | Who is nearest relative? | |
| ✓ 12. | Has N/R been notified? (Give Date) | (12) 0 |
| 13. | Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record) | GBL/ |
| 14. | What is the photograph No.? | |

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

*no further checks on this case
H.M.G.
2-28-19*

was an instant one or
if he laid and suffered.
and died from that
effects. As my heart aches
to know these things I
wished someone could be
able to tell me.

Now if you can give me
these few questions in an
answer or if you can't if
you can refer me to
some one over there that

Com. C. 126th Infantry under
"Col. Joe Westredge" who has
also give down his life for
his Country.

When you had written
to inform his parents
where he lies for his final
resting place.

I wondered if you
could give me any infor-
mation as to where my
son "John A. Bass" lies?
And also if you know how
his death came whether it

could. And trusting I
will get an immediate
reply to my answers I
will close and hope you
as a safe return home.

I am sincerely yours.

Mrs. Lucy Bass.

711 Denver Street.

Kalamazoo,
Michigan.



711 Denver Street,
Kalamazoo, Mich.

2/5/19 Jan. 8th. 1919

Lieut. Charles C. Pierce:-

Dear Sir:- In the
Evenings paper I saw where
another soldier has sacrificed
his life for his Country that
was Sgt. Orris Thompson.

My only son Sgt.
John J. Bass also fell for
the same noble cause as
he was a member of the