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G.R.S. Form #114-B

OCT 5 - 1926

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FULL NAME *✓* REACH, Alfred T.

RANK *✓* Corp. SERIAL *✓* 2198984

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *✓* Company E, 353rd Infantry *89 Dr*

DATE OF DEATH *✓* *Nov 1 1918* *OK*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *✓* *Kansas*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *✓* *None*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..	6/9/25	39	43	H
	Date	Grave	Row	Block

..... Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery # 1232.
..... Cemetery

897
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23/306/ARK

A. G. O.
OCT 5 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>BEACH</i>	<i>BEA</i>	3	<i>251</i>
<i>Alfred J.</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>39</i>	2	<i>39</i>
	ROW <i>43</i>	2	<i>43</i>
	BLOCK <i>X</i>	1	<i>8</i>
STATE	<i>Kansas</i>	2	<i>18</i>
RANK	<i>Corp.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>89</i>	2	<i>89</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>353</i>	3	<i>353</i>
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Beach,</i>	<i>BEA</i>	3	<i>261</i>
<i>Mrs. Mary U.</i>	STATE <i>Colo.</i>	2	<i>05</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>San Miguel</i>	2	<i>57</i>
	CITY <i>Egnar</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		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>
	<i>Age -</i>		<i>64</i>

AUDITED

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(Signature)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Beach Alfred T (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Mary V Beach
Egnar Colo

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.

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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)

Mrs Mary V Beach

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Beach, Alfred T. Cpl. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Mary V. Beach,
Egnar, Colo.

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.

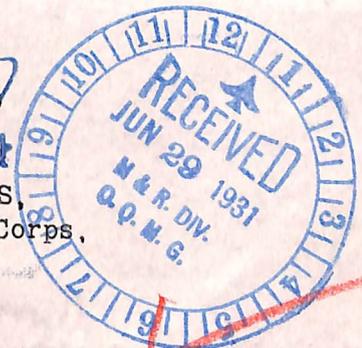
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

Write answer here

Mrs Mary V Beach

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Beach, Alfred T. 1232 M

June 6, 1930.

Mrs. Mary V. Beach,
Egnar, Colo.

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.

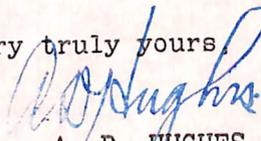
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This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

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? no

(Write answer here) ✓



Mrs Mary V Beach
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7 , 1929.

Beach, Alfred T. 1232 M

Mrs. Mary V. Beach,
Egnar, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age Health (Years) 04 (Good) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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3. M. 293rd - Lt Quar. Seco.
B. h. Alfred J. July 22/29

To
Quartermaster General.

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of June 29
wish to advise that
Alfred J. Beach Corporal
Co. E. 353rd inf. did not leave
a widow.

Sincerely

Mary V. Beach.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 1929.

Beach, Alfred T.

Mrs. Mary V. Beach,
Egnar, Colo.

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 Corporal Alfred T. Beach, Co. E, 553rd 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 widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

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WASHINGTON

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QM 293 A-M

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For The Quartermaster General,

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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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WASHINGTON

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(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

BEACH, Alfred T. - Corpl.

November 16, 1925

Mrs. Mary V. Beach,
Egnar,
Colorado.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Record card.

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QM 293 A-C

Beach, Alfred, T.

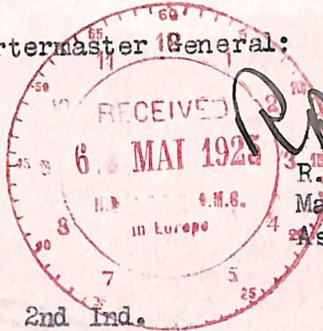
1st Ind.

War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., Apr. 20, 1925--To Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Identification of the remains of the late Corporal Alfred T. Beach, 2198984, Co. E, 353rd Infantry, is confirmed by this office.

2. The body is to remain buried in France. When final burial has been accomplished, concentration forms will be forwarded.

By order of The Quartermaster General:



R.P. Harbold

R. P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

✓ 293 Beach, Alfred T.

2nd Ind.

Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, July 6, 1925. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. In compliance with above instructions, forwarded herewith are G.R.S. Forms 114-A and 16-A covering permanent concentration of the remains of this late soldier in Grave 39, Row 43, Block H, Cemetery 1232.

2. G.R.S. Form 1-A covering this reburial forwarded this date by 2nd indorsement on letter of this office dated October 3, 1924, subject: "Recovery," reporting concentration of remains of Cpl. Carl Frithiof Bergdahl, 55th Co., 5th Marines.



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

encl. 1 - GRS Form 114-A
encl. 2 - GRS Form 16-A.

JUL 24 1925



293 Beach, Alfred T.

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C. IN EUROPE

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

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE
20 RUE MOLITOR

FILE NO. 293 Beach, Alfred T.

PARIS, FRANCE March 20, 1925.

Subject: Recovery.

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

1. Forwarded herewith is G.R.S. Form 16-A for remains of Cpl. Alfred T. Beach, 2198984, Co.E, 353rd Infantry, located by the Research personnel of this office.
2. Tags found on body give this late soldier's rank as Private, while C.R.O. card on file here gives same as Corporal. Correct rank is requested.
3. The following personal effects found with remains forwarded here-with:
 - 1 Gold signet ring, initials A.T.B.,
 - 2 one-franc pieces in process of being made into rings,
 - 4 one-franc pieces,
 - 1 fifty-centime piece,
 - 2 twenty-five centime pieces,
 - 1 ten-centime piece,
 - 1 farthing,
 - 2 sixpences,
 - 7 copper coins (4 five centime pieces & 3 halfpennies)
 - 1 silver coin (denomination unknown).
4. These remains are being held in the Meuse-Argonne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to confirmation of identification and disposition.

2 encls.
encl.1-GRS Form 16-A,
encl.2-env.containing personal
effects listed in par. 3.



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



293 Beach, Alfred T.

Q.M.C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE June 8th, 1925.

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 BEACH, Alfred T.
- 2. No. 2198984
- 3. Rank Cpl.
- 4. Org. Co. E, 353rd Inf.
- 5. D.D. Nov. 1, 1918.
- 6. C.D. KIA

- 10. Name _____
- 11. No. _____
- 12. Rank Pvt.
- 13. Org. _____
- 14. (a) D.D. _____
- (b) D.B. _____

Isolated "fox-hole", Bois de Bantheville, Commune
Bantheville (Meuse), Map Dun-sur-Meuse, E-305.27
N-287.02.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 8. Plot _____ Row _____
- 9. _____

- 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 16. Plot _____ Row _____
- 17. No discrepancies.

18. Cemetery ---

19. Commune or town Bantheville

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

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

23. Disinterred (Date) March 10, 1925.

By Gaetano Tucci.

24. Inscription on grave marker: No grave marker.

Name _____

Serial No. _____

Rank _____

Organization _____

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? ----- On body? Yes (2).

Gaetano Tucci
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). TOB reads, "Alfred T. Beach Pvt. USA 2198984". Gold signet ring initials "ATB"., 2 one franc pieces in process of being made into rings, 4 one franc pieces, 1 fifty centime piece, 2 twenty-five centime pieces, one ten centime piece, seven five centime pieces and 1 farthing piece, 2 sixpence, 1 silver piece denomination unknown--forwarded.

Flesh decomposed, skeleton disarticulated.

28. Nature of burial Buried 2 feet deep OD US uniform, field shoes size 8.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? TOB reads, Pvt.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date March 14, 1925, By James McGourty.

31. Casket sealed by James McGourty.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

James McGourty
James McGourty.

Sub 7/20/25

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-32954

32. Designation of body:

Name BEACH, Alfred T. Serial No. 2198984

Rank Cpl. Organization Co.E, 353rd Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. #1232, Romagne-s/Montfaucon (Meuse).

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) June 8th, 1925 By James McGourty.

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 *James McGourty*
James McGourty.

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) _____

To point of Concentration _____

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____ (Name)

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 _____ (Name)

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred June 9th, 1925.

(Date)

42. Grave No. Thirty-nine (39), ~~####~~ Block "H",

43. Plot _____ Row Forty-three (43),

G.R.S. Representative *W.B. Shield*
W.B. Shield,
Caretaker.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date March 14, 1925.

1. REMAINS OF BEACH, Alfred T. SERIAL NUMBER 2198984
RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. F 353d Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): March 10, 1925. From (give complete location): Isol 'Fox hole' Bois de Bantheville Comme Bantheville (Meuse). Map Dun sur Meuse East 305.27 North 287.02.
By: Group two Unit Meuse Argonne Sector.

3. Reburied (date): June 9th, 1925. In (give complete location): Grave 39, Block "H", Row 43, Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cemetery, #1232.
By: Group W.B. Sheild, Civ, emp., Unit AGRS. QMC. in E., Nature of reburial GRS case, casket, sheet & OD blanket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Buried 2 feet deep OD US uniform field shoes size 8. Skeleton disarticulated. Flesh decomposed.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? two On grave marker? no grave marker.
TOB reads Alfred Alfred T. Beach Pvt. USA 2198984.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Gold signet ring initials A.T.B., 2 one franc pieces in process of being made into rings, 4 one franc pieces, 1 fifty centime pieces, 2 twenty-five centime pieces, one ten centime piece, seven five centime pieces and 1 farthing piece. 2 sixpence, 1 silver piece denomination unknown, forwarded.

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

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

(b) Weigh, (estimated) Do

(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) Imp to determine.

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

Head shattered and practically all bones in body shattered or broken.

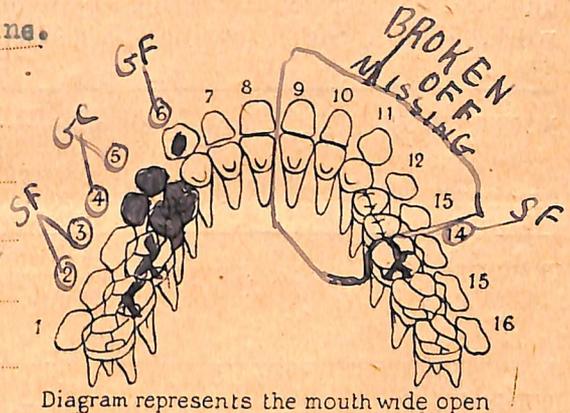
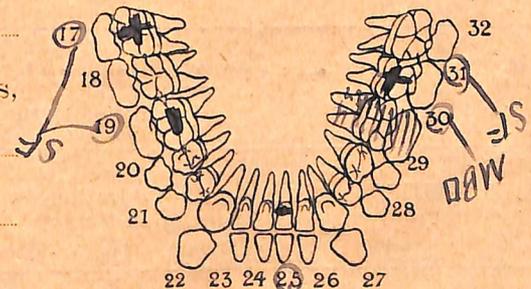


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



BROKEN MISSING

7. Disinterment supervised by G. Cattano Tucci
GATTANO TUCCI
Investigator

Approved: James M. Courty
JAMES M. COURTY
Chief Investigator.

8. Reburial Supervised by W. B. Sheild
W. B. Sheild, Caretaker.

Approved: _____
(Title)

293 Beach, Alfred T.

2nd Ind.

Hqs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, July 6, 1925. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. In compliance with above instructions, forwarded herewith are G.R.S. Forms 14-A and 16-A covering permanent concentration of the remains of this late soldier in Grave 59, Row 43, Block H, Cemetery 1232.

2. G.R.S. Form 1-A covering this reburial forwarded this date by 2nd indorsement on letter of this office dated October 3, 1924, subject: "Recovery," reporting concentration of remains of Cpl. Carl Frithiof Bergdahl, 55th Co., 5th Marines.

2 encls.

encl. 1-GRS Form 14-A
encl. 2-GRS Form 16-A.



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

May 28, 1925

293 Alexander Francis R

JWR-711
676243

Mrs. Mary V. Beach,
Egnor, Colorado.

Madam:

This office is in receipt of your communication of May 12, 1925, in which you request the personal effects of your late son, Alfred T. Beach, who was a Corporal, Company E, 363rd Infantry, and in compliance with your request you are advised that the effects of the deceased, received in this office, consist of one gold signet ring, two 1-franc pieces, four 1-franc pieces, one 10 centime piece, two 25 centime pieces, one farthing, two 6-pence, seven copper coins and one silver coin. Said effects are being forwarded by separate registered package. You will please acknowledge receipt thereof, for which purpose an official envelope requiring no postage is inclosed.

Respectfully,

J. R. McCarl,
Comptroller General.

By

jpr

*File
6/3/25
[Signature]*

293 Beach, Alfred T.

May 28, 1925.

JWR-711
726058

Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Munitions Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

There are being forwarded as of this date carbon copies of letters relative to personal effects in the cases of the late Franklin Louis Abendroth who was a Bugler, Company B, 127th Infantry, to the parents of the deceased, and Alfred T. Beach.

Respectfully,

J. R. McCarl,
Comptroller General.

By

jpr

Beach, Alfred T

2,198,984

(name.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Armed Forces Serial number.)

Cpl Co E 353 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

no

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

(Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

"Disposition instr. notes Form #11"

(Name of person to receive remain's.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

A 2 (Sign here)

Mrs Mary W Beach
Manchester Mass

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

60784
memo

Woe 250-889-12-21

QM 293 A-C

Beach, Alfred, T. Col.

April 20, 1923.

General Accounting Office,
Claims Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The Quartermaster General desires that the inclosed personal effects found on the remains of the late Corporal Alfred T. Beach, 2198984, Co. E, 353rd Inf., recently recovered from the Commune of Bantreville, Meuse, France, be transmitted to the mother, Mrs. Mary U. Beach, Route 2, Manchester, Kansas.

Mrs. Beach has this day been informed of the identification of the remains, and that she may receive the personal effect from your office within a short time.

It is requested that this office be furnished a copy of the communication transmitting the effects to the mother.

Very truly yours,

R. P. HARBOLD,
Major, O.M.C.,
Assistant.

LN
WPR

1 incl.
envelope with effects.



(2)

CM 293 A-C

Beach, Alfred, T.

April 20, 1925.

Mrs. Mary U. Beach,
Route 2,
Manchester, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that a recent search over the battlefields by the Field Forces of the European Office, has resulted in the recovery of many of our Soldier Dead whose graves had not heretofore been found, and among others so recovered, we are glad to advise, was the body of your son, the late Corporal Alfred T. Beach, Company E, 353rd Infantry. His remains were found in an individual grave in the Commune of Bantheville, Meuse, France, and were identified by evidence found on the body in the shape of a U.S. Army uniform and his personal identification tags. Also, there was found a gold signet ring with the initials "A.T.B." and various pieces of money, which effects you will receive from the General Accounting Office, Claims Division, Washington, D.C., within a short time.

The body of Corporal Beach is now in the mortuary in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France, awaiting permanent interment in this cemetery, with his many comrades with whom he fought and died for his country.

When the final burial has been accomplished, and a receipt is received from the European Office as to the grave location, you will be informed.

Very truly yours,

R.P. HAROLD,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

LN
SMS *sub*
WPR

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MAY 1 1925

QM 293 A-C

Beach, Alfred, T.

1st Inf.

War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., Apr. 20, 1925--To Chief, AGRS, GMC,
in Europe.

1. Identification of the remains of the late Corporal Alfred T. Beach, 2198984, Co. E, 353rd Infantry, is confirmed by this office.

2. The body is to remain buried in France. When final burial has been accomplished, concentration forms will be forwarded.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

R.P. HARBOLD,
Major, U.S.A.,
Assistant.

LN
SMS
GR
WPR

W.P. Harbold
R.P. Harbold
Major, U.S.A.
Assistant



293 Beach, Alfred T.

March 20, 1925.

Subject: Recovery.

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

1. Forwarded herewith is G.R.S. Form 16-A for remains of Cpl. Alfred T. Beach, 2198984, Co. E, 363rd Infantry, located by the Research personnel of this office.

2. Tags found on body give this late soldier's rank as Private, while G.R.O. card on file here gives same as Corporal. Correct rank is requested.

3. The following personal effects found with remains forwarded herewith:

- 1 gold signet ring, initials A.T.B.,
- 2 one-franc pieces in process of being made into rings,
- 4 one-franc pieces,
- 1 fifty-centime piece,
- 2 twenty-five centime pieces,
- 1 ten-centime piece,
- 1 farthing,
- 2 sixpences,
- 7 copper coins (4 five centime pieces & 3 halfpennies)
- 1 silver coin (denomination unknown).

4. These remains are being held in the Meuse-Argonne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to confirmation of identification and disposition.

2 encls.

encl. 1-GIS Form 16-A,
encl. 2-env. containing personal
effects listed in par. 3.



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

INVESTIGATORS REPORT.

April 18, 1925

Beach, Alfred.

Body to Remain. Advise Europe and dispose of effects in
the usual way. Advise mother of recovery.

S.W.S

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

file 65184

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name BEACH, Alfred T. Ser.No. 2198984
(b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. H, 353rd Inf. TYP.
(c) Date of Death 11-3-18 (d) Cause of Death K/A CKR

II. Registration Card

(a) Grave No. Morgue 1232 Row Plot Sec. Block
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary U. Beach (Mother), Gen. Del., Manchester, Kansas

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name Mrs. Marie U. Beach (b) Mother
(c) Address Routed #2 - Manchester, Kansas
(d) Remains to be brought to U.S.? No
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U.S. at
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival in U.S.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S.

IV. G.R.S. Files, Correspondence-shows as follows

Examiner's Initials P.D. Date 4/20/25

COUNTRY Cemetery No. Morgue 1232 Sheet No. 300

V. Final Action:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by letter on _____

Letter Europ 4/20/25 Roman

VI.

REMARKS

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

file 65184

(a) Name BEACH, Alfred T. Ser. No. 2196984 } TYP. *PD*
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. B, 553rd Inf. }
 (c) Date of death 11-3-18 (d) Cause of death K/A }

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

(a) Grave No. Morgie 1232 Row _____ Plot _____ Sec. _____ TYP. _____
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary U. Beach (Mother), Gen. Del., Manchester, Kansas

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ CKR. _____

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 { letter of transmittal on _____, 192

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.
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. _____, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BEACH 2198984 Alfred T.

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

Cpl. Co. E. 353rd Infantry

(Rank) (Organization)

Brio de Bantheville & Meuse-Argonne
wounded near Lunoy, France

PLACE OF DEATH: *Unknown (died of wounds)*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *High explosive wounds in back*
(instant death)

DATE OF BURIAL: *unknown* (Buried By Chaplain)

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

CMME. Bantheville (Meuse)

(C-303) SHT. 35 NE COORD

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: *not available. Service records being in hands of Effects*

ADDRESS: *Depot, and no one in Co can remember his home address.*

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: *Francis M Morgan*

1st Lieut. 353rd Infantry
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

FILE

Communal List No. 302-7391
Daily Report No. _____



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Date 4/6/25

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 Beach ✓
- b. Christian name Alfred Terry
- c. Serial number 2198984 ✓
- d. Organization Co E, 353 Inf ✓
- e. Rank Corp ✓
- f. Emergency Address Mrs Mary W. Beach, mother,
Gen. Del., Manchester, Kans.
- g. Date of death 11/3/18 ✓
- h. Authority CC 349
- i. Cause of death I. G. ✓
- j. Place of death A. E. S.
- k. Place of burial not shown
- l. Date of discharge _____

BODY DESCRIPTION

- a. Date of enlistment at abeline, Kan. Apr. 26, 1918
- b. Age at enlistment 29 yrs. 3 mos.
- c. Color of hair Black
- d. Height 5 ft 4 1/8 in
- e. Weight* 132 1/4 lbs.
- f. Fractures or breaks none shown

DENTAL CHARTS

<u>At Camp</u>		<u>By Local Board</u>
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
Upper right	Upper left	Upper right
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
Lower right	Lower left	Lower right



Robert O. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

For The Quartermaster General:

Sold
24/552/EYS

APR 9 1925

RPN.

World War Div.
APR 9 1925

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date March 14, 1925.

1. REMAINS OF BEACH, Alfred T. SERIAL NUMBER 2198984
 RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. H 353d Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : March 10, 1925. From (give complete location) : Isol 'fox hole'
Bois de Bantheville Comme Bantheville (Meuse). Map Dun sur Meuse East 305.27
North 287.02.

By : Group two Unit Meuse Argonne Sector.

3. Reburied (date) : _____ In (give complete location) : _____

By : Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment : Buried 2 feet
deep OD US uniform, field shoes size 8. Skeleton disarticulated. Flesh decomposed

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? two On grave marker ? No grave marker.
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6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ?

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

(b) Weigh, (estimated) Do.

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

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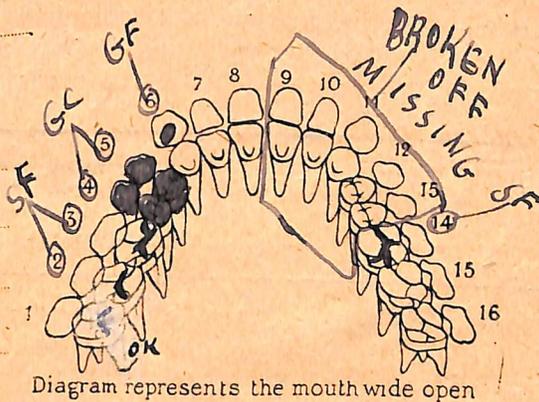
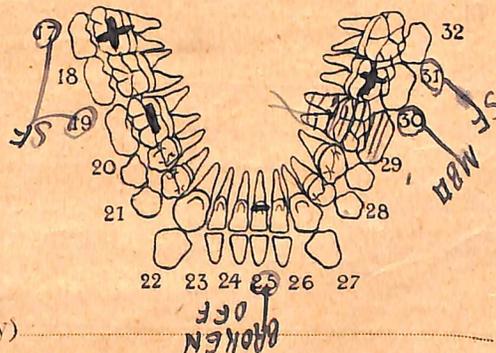


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



21985

7. Disinterment supervised by Gastano Tucci
 Investigator.

Approved : James Mc Gourty
 (Title) Chief Investigator.

8. Reburial Supervised by _____

Approved : _____
 (Title) _____

Co. E, 353rd Inf.
89th Division

Beach, Alfred T. - Cpl. 2198984
Manchester, Kans.

Killed in action Nov. 3, 1918.

Corporal Beach was killed on the morning of November 1, 1918, at about 4:00 A. M. about a kilometer south of the northern tip of the Bois de Bantheville, Dept. de Meuse, France. The company was waiting in shell holes for the zero hour of the attack, Nov. 1, and we were under very severe counter-bombardment. The shell struck directly in the hole he and Pvt. Beaman were lying in, killing both instantly. Their bodies were badly mutilated.

Informant: Clinton, Charles L. - Sgt. 2176225
Co. E, 353rd Inf.
Home: Hutchinson, Kans.

No signature.

Emergency address:
Mrs. Mary Beach - mother
Manchester, Kans.

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CASE OF Beach, 2198984 Alfred T. Corp. Co. 353 Inf/ ka- 11/3/18
 GRAVE Mortuary at Romagne. Cty 1232
 DECISION Recovery.

DENTAL CHART

Date of Enlistment		Report on Disinterment		
A.G.O.		Emergency Address		Miss A.D.
Missing	Dental Work	Dental Work	Missing B.D.	Dental Work
U.R. none				2, 3, Sil fil. 4, 5, Gold crowns 6 gold fil.
U.L. none				14 Sil fil
L.R. none				17, 19 sil fil.
L.L. 30			30	25 broken off 31 sil fil.

Above discrepancies can be accounted for as follows:

BODY DESCRIPTION

A.G.O. Report	E/A Report	Report on Disinterment
Height:		
Weight		
Hair		
Fractures		

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body Yes-two reading "Alfred T. Beach . Pvt. USA 2198984"
Found on Cross No marker

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on Body Signet ring "ATB". Also some french/money
and English

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from Bantheville, E-305.27 N-287.02
 This man reported buried originally " " Coord. not given.
 Organizations of other men buried around original location Same

S.W. Sechrest.
Investigator

Concur: [Signature]

APPROVED: [Signature]