

Name BEACH. Mrs Edith

Paris Hôtel HOTEL DE PARIS

Home address BOULEVARD DE LA MADELEINE  
110 Sunnyside Ave., Piedmont, Alameda County, California

Party C Group 5 Unit S/S REPUBLIC

Date of arrival MAY 23rd, 1930. Date of departure WASHINGTON-June 5-1930

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased BEACH, Egbert W.

Rank 2d Lt. Organization Att.Co. B, 1st Engrs

Cemetery Somme

REMARKS

desires stop-over Between California and New-York -(see page C-8,Party C)



FEB 11 1926

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME Beach, Egbert W SERIAL No. \_\_\_\_\_

RANK 2nd Lt ORGANIZATION Co. B. 1st Engrs.

GRAVE LOCATION Ame. Cty. Villers-Tournelle (Somme) CTY. NAME NUMBER 176

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Unknown GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT. Unknown #76

COORDINATES Unknown  
No data on file in Hqrs. Area #3, AGRS, covering the original grave location of this burial.

CONCENTRATED TO 1/14/19. DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT C

Am. Mil. Cem. Villers Tournelle (Somme) 21 SE. E119.8. N330.8. CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER 1 76

Per Form 1-A, 6/28/19.

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

Form 1, not dated, unsigned shows this body buried in Gr. 75, V. Tournelle, 1/14/19. Identification tag on body and grave marker.

Form 1-A, 6/28/19. shows: Identification tag on body and grave marker.

Form 16-A, 11/22/20. signed S.D. Campbell, Capt. Inf. shows: Identification tag on body and grave marker. Entire head missing.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS 11/22/20. DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT C CEMETERY 176

Per Form 16-A, 11/22/20.

DATE OF DEATH Apr 27, 1918 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Calif

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED Cited in

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W. R. BUCKLEY, Capt. QMC. SO. 1. 1st. Div.

Dated Jan. 1, 1920.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 18, 1922. DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT 18 Block D

4 A.G.O.  
FEB 11 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

Somme American #636, Bony (Aisne).

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV.  
MAR 28 1926

AUDITED BY

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see 3/24/26

# WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

*Beach, Egbert W.  
2nd Lieut.*

**COMMITTEE:**

H. W. SIDDALL, CHAIRMAN  
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PASSENGER TRAFFIC REPRESENTATIVE  
3317 MUNITIONS BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ROOM 428 NEW UNION STATION  
516 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
(CANAL STATION)  
CHICAGO, ILL.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY MAY 14, 1930

State of California

Alameda County

Name: Beach, Mrs Edith

Address: 110 Sunnyside Ave., Piedmont, Calif. (RR Station Oakland, Calif)

Route Going: West Pac Salt Lake, D&RGW Denver, CB& Q Chicago, Mc Buffalo,  
NYC New York.

Return: NYC Buffalo, MC Chicago, CRI&P Santa Rosa, So Pac

Desires stop-overs in New York, Detroit, Chicago and  
Los Angeles.

Use street car Piedmont to Oakland (3rd & Washington Sts), fare  
seven (7) cents.

		: Road :	Train :	Time :	Date
Itin-✓	Lv Oakland	: WP :	2 :	10:40 AM :	May 7
erary	Ar Salt Lake	: " :	" :	3:30 PM :	" 8
going	Lv Salt Lake	: D&RGW :	" :	6:15 PM :	" "
	Ar Denver	: " :	" :	8:00 PM :	" 9
	Lv Denver	: CB&Q :	" :	11:30 PM :	" "
	✓ Ar Chicago	: " :	" :	7:00 AM :	" 11
	✓ Lv Chicago	: MC :	10 :	10:30 AM :	" "
	✓ Ar New York	: NYC :	142 :	3:45 PM :	" 12
	(Grand Central Terminal):	:	:	:	:

Accommodations: Standard sleeper Oakland to Chicago and Chicago to New York.

Elapsed time: 122 hrs:5 min. *5 1/4*

*C-8*

Entered on list  
France

B E A C H, Egbert W.

2nd Lieut. Engineer Reserve Corps  
attached Co. B, 1st Engineers.

Died April 27/181, in France, killed  
in action.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 ROOM 901  
 225 West 34th St., NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

SCHEDULE OF ARRIVAL OF TRAINS WITH PILGRIMS FOR SS "HARDING"

<u>NEW YORK CENTRAL RR</u> NAME OF RAILROAD	<u>GRAND CENTRAL STATION</u> POINT OF ARRIVAL	<u>5:45 PM</u>	<u>HOTEL</u>
<u>MAY 18th</u>	<u>TRAIN #142</u>		
Howe, Mrs. Gabriel	Colfax, Wisc.		New Weston
Beeson, Mrs. Henriette Wright	Fond du Lac, Wisc.		"
Smith, Mrs. Eva A.	Menomonie, Wisc.		"
Tierney, Mrs. Carl J.	1806 5th South, Ft. Dodge, Ia.		"
Livingston, Mrs. Mildred L.	401 Bent St., Bedford, Ia.		"
Schmidt, Mrs. Herman	1162 Hershey Ave., Muscatine, Ia.		"
Click, Mrs. Helen Abbott	6 South 8th St., Marshalltown, Iowa		"
Reed, Mrs. Orrin	Bloomfield, Ia.		"
Weakland, Mrs. J. C.	Route #4, Osceola, Ia.		"
Thompson, Mrs. Emma	Box 503, Nashua, Iowa		"
Hogan, Mrs. J. L.	340 E. Cedar St., Cherokee, Ia.		"
Zane, Mrs. Ida	Lake City, Ia.		"
Ripley, Mrs. Rada S.	Box 205, Lake City, Ia.		"
Jensen, Mrs. Elsie	Route #2, Nowell, Ia.		"
Wambeam, Mrs. John H.	1411 Richl St., Waterloo, Ia.		"
Ferguson, Mrs. Sarah	708 Independence Ave., Waterloo, Ia.		"
Williams, Mrs. F. L.	Postville, Ia.		"
Leoneski, Mrs. Mary	1009 E. 20th, Centerville, Ia.		"
Lang, Mrs. Amanda Clara	2614 Olive St., Walnut Park, Calif.		"
Ward, Mrs. Ellen Moody	2110 Walnut Ave., Venice, Calif.		"
Otto, Mrs. Frieda	Venice Country Club Apts., Westminster & Trolleyway, Venice, Calif.		"
Robert, Mrs. Eliza G.	531 Redondo Beach, Calif.		"
White, Mrs. Margaret M.	3821 Lino Ave., N. Long Beach Calif.		"
Clark, Mrs. A. H.	1268 N. Kingsby Drive, Hollywood, Calif.		"
Allen, Mrs. Lena E.	226 Tower Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif.		"
Synnes, Mrs. Mercy A.	Box #411, Arcata, Calif.		"
MacDonnell, Mrs. Lilly B.	808 Arlington Ave., Berkeley, Calif.		"
Gilbert, Mrs. Georgia E.	PO Box 1656, Oakland, Calif.		"
<u>Bauch, Mrs. Edith</u>	110 Sunnyside Ave., Piedmont, Calif.		"
Ellis, Mrs. Fred	409 Holmes St., Janesville, Wisc.		"
Younis, Mrs. William	Schaller, Iowa		"

ITINERARY FOR SOMME GROUP  
"PARTY "C"

MAY 23rd

Arrived Cherbourg at 1:53 P.M. on SS REPUBLIC May 13, 1930. Met by Major G.F.N. Dailey, Lt. Freeman, and Miss Blanche Rulon, Captain Army Nurse.

Party "C" was originally intended to be transported on the SS "HARDING" sailing from New York on May 14 and arriving at Cherbourg on May 22, but due to the fact that this ship was withdrawn from schedule, the members of Party "C" were transferred to the SS "REPUBLIC" sailing from New York on May 13, which ship already bore the pilgrims of Party "B". The "REPUBLIC" was not due at Cherbourg until May 23rd and consequently Party "C" lost one day of its originally scheduled stay in France, at the very beginning.

Conducted to their compartments on train which left at 3:45 P.M. as scheduled. Train arrived at the Invalides station in Paris at 9:53 P.M. on time.

The Officer in Charge, his staff, seven conducting officers, four interpreters and two baggage checkers met the train at the station.

Mrs. Margaret Forsyth of Ohio, being dean of the party, was welcomed personally by the Officer in Charge and accompanied by him led the party out of the station to the busses. The French Government was represented by Mr. Jean Favier, Special Commissary from the Minister of the Interior.

The pilgrims were promptly embarked in their busses and arrived at the hotels, followed by their baggage, in a very short time.

MAY 24th

The morning was devoted to rest and orienting the pilgrims and personal business. The afternoon was free and was devoted to rest.

MAY 25th

Sunday - went to church and sightseeing.

MAY 26th

Morning free. In afternoon at 3:30 P.M. Mrs. Margaret Forsyth placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and afterwards they were conducted to Restaurant Laurent where an informal tea and reception was tendered on behalf of the US Government.

MAY 27th

Left for cemetery - returned to Paris June 1st.

JUNE 2nd

Day was devoted to a trip to the Parc and Chateau of Fontainebleau.

JUNE 3rd

Morning free, Sightseeing in the afternoon.

*For the...*

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JUNE 4th

Morning free, visited Napoleon's Tomb. Afternoon free, for shopping and preparation for their trip to Cherbourg next day.

JUNE 5th

Left for Cherbourg in care of Captains Haley, Saulnier, Lambert, 1st Lt. Gregory, 2nd Lt. Morin, Dr. P. Columbier, 3 nurses and 2 civilian employees, arriving 4:22 P.M. Sailed on the GEO. WASHINGTON for New York at 6:45 P.M.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 --- ROOM 901 ---

225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

Party "C"  
 Number 413

*BEACH, EGBERT W. Son*

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Edith Beach

Name of Traveler  
Piedmont, Alameda County  
 Home Address  
California

Estimate cost of through Pullman,  
 New York, to Oakland, Cal.

700  
 \$ 73.63  
\$32.63

New York, to Oakland, Cal.  
 Destination.

Via Mich. Cent. to Chicago - R.I. to Texhoma, Okla. - C.-R.I.&G. to Bravo - C.-R.I.& El Paso to Santa Rosa-El P.&S.W. to El Paso - So.P. to Oakland, Cal.

DATE of Departure

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV	Gr. Cent.	NYC	23	—	610P	Lo.	WQ-1,020,483	6.38
AR	Detroit	1hr.		240P				
LV	"	"	23	935A	1st.		WQ-1,020,484	1.50
AR	Chicago			211P				
LV	"	CR&P	# 3	830P	Lo.		WQ-1,020,485	23.63
AR	Los Angeles			925A				
LV	"	Ar&N		600P	Lo.		WQ-1,020,486	4.50
AR	Oakland			813A				
LV								
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LV								
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TOTAL \$ 36.01

Remarks::

Validate

Stopovers in New York City, Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles.

Validate  
stay over

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Detroit.  
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L. o. S. Angls.

NAME BEACH, MRS. EDITH

S.S. WASHINGTON JUN 13 1930

HOME PIEDMONT, ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL.

R.R. nyc to Buffalo - mich - Cent. to Chicago - R. I. to Texhoma, Okla

STATION C-R. I & G. to Bravo, - C-R. I & El Paso to Santa Rosa, - El P & S.W. to El Paso - So. P. to Oakland.

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Mr Ransom E Beach  
110 Sunnyside Ave  
Piedmont Calif.

(Husband.)

WAR DEPARTMENT

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

c

NAME Beach, Mrs. Edith  
ADDRESS 110 Sunnyside Ave., Piedmont, Cal. *Alameda Co*  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TO: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED  
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs Edith Beach

City \_\_\_\_\_

Your Birth Is \_\_\_\_\_

Journeyed one M to Edith Beach

Arrive At \_\_\_\_\_

Leave \_\_\_\_\_

Via \_\_\_\_\_

at Pennington

Arrive At \_\_\_\_\_

Leave \_\_\_\_\_

Via \_\_\_\_\_

Arrive At \_\_\_\_\_

Received ticket

Edith Beach

PASSENGER & BAGGAGE LIST

OUTGOING PARIS TO CHERBOURG

SS GEO. WASHINGTON \* JUNE 5th, 1930 Party C

Mrs. Beach

Baggage 2 pieces - Car F - Comp. 1 - Cabin 317-A

April 29th, 1930.

Mrs. Edith Beach,  
110 Sunnyside Ave.,  
Piedmont, Calif.

Dear Madam:

I have much pleasure in recommending to you the  
place of business of the California State Board of  
Education.

I am sure that you will  
be very interested in the work of the Board and  
of the State Department of Education. The Board  
of Education is the highest authority in the State  
in matters relating to the education of the people  
of California.

Very truly yours,  
George W. Taylor,

George W. Taylor,  
1st Deputy Secretary,  
and 1st

Enclosure -  
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April 29th, 1930.

Mrs. Edith Beach,  
110 Sunnyside Ave.,  
Piedmont, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Please advise the military base to which  
your baggage, and to protect the safe arrival of  
your baggage.

Your baggage will be held until you will  
be met at the military station by a United States Army  
officer, in uniform, who will stand on the left side  
of his coat a blue cloth bag, showing a gold star and  
the word "Military". This officer will escort you  
and your baggage to your hotel in New York City.

For the Officer in Charge

George F. Taylor,  
1st Lieut. U.S. Army,  
Assistant.

Enclosure:  
1 card

*Beach, Egbert W. - Lon*

QM 293 A-C  
Beach, Egbert W.

April 11, 1930

Mr. H. W. Siddall, Chairman  
Western Military Bureau,  
Room 428 New Union Station,  
516 W. Jackson Boulevard,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to Party "C", page C-8, S. S.  
Harding, May 14, 1930, ~~Mrs. Edith L. P. Beach~~, Piedmont,  
California. This lady desires stopovers New York,  
Detroit, Chicago and Los Angeles on her return to  
Piedmont. Please route accordingly.

For the Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R.E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

RES:lb

Copy to New York.

*519 stop over  
+ 201 Beach, Mrs. Edith L. P.*

*Copy to  
New York*

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Beach, Eghert H</i>	3	251
	<i>Beach</i>		
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>636</i>	1	5
	GRAVE <i>1</i>	2	01
	ROW <i>18</i>	2	18
	BLOCK <i>0</i>	1	4
STATE	<i>Calif</i>	2	04
RANK	<i>2nd Lt</i>	1	1
DIVISION	<i>1st</i>	2	01
ORGANIZATION	<i>1st</i>	3	001
ARM	<i>Engns</i>	1	4
MARITAL	<i>W</i>	1	2
NAME	<i>Wm Edith Beach</i>	3	251
	<i>Beach</i>		
RESIDENCE	STATE <i>Calif</i>	2	04
	COUNTY <i>Alameda</i>	2	01
	CITY <i>Piedmont</i>	3	05-8
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO. <i>1930</i>	1	
	YR. <i>1930</i>	1	1
ACCEPTANCE	<i>1</i>	1	1
<i>29/514/EAB</i>	<i>Age 65</i>		<i>65</i>

PAID  
 MAY 14 1930

AUDITED  
 SEP 25 1931

QM 295 A-M

Beach, Egbert W. - 636

September 5, 1930

Mrs. Edith Beach,  
110 Sunnyside Ave.,  
Piedmont, Cal.

Dear Madam:

The enclosed **passport** used by you on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has been stamped showing "Pilgrimage Completed" and may be retained by you as an additional souvenir of your trip.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, C. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl.  
1 passport

STATE

*Beach, Egbert W.*

CALIFORNIA

Mother

110 Sunnyside Ave.,  
Piedmont,  
Alameda County.

NAME *Beach, Mrs. Edith* HOME ADDRESS .....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN *Mr. Ransom E. Beach (Husband)*  
*110 Sunnyside Ave*  
*Piedmont Cal.*

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE *May 12, 1930* HOTEL *New-Weston* ROOM NO. *331*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *May 13, 1930* VESSEL *S.S. HARDING* CABIN NO. *601A*

DESTINATION *Cherbourg, France.* CEMETERY *Somme*

REPUBLIC

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE JUN 14 1930

NAME *Beech, Mrs. Edith* HOME ADDRESS *110 Sunnyside Ave  
Piedmont, California*  
 RETURN ON S. S. *S/S GEORGE WASHINGTON* HOTEL *NEW YORKER* ROOM NO. *942*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE .....

ROAD *N.Y. Central* TRAIN # *23* CAR ..... BERTH or SEAT *Lower*

REMARKS .....

*Stopover - NYC - Detroit - Chicago -  
Los Angeles*

469

Harding 5/14/30

RETURN RECEIPT

636

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Mrs. Edith Beach

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 4-29, 1930.

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL U.S. MAIL

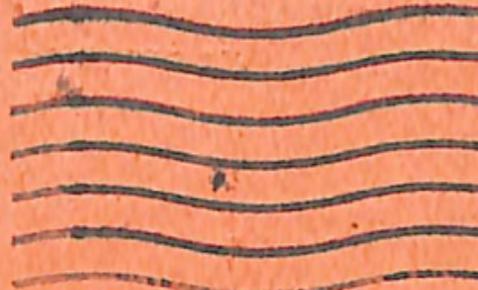
REGISTERED PARCEL

No. 3 11<sup>30</sup> PM 1930

INSURED PARCEL

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

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE, \$300.



Return to

*P. M. Gunn*

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

*77 Muniters Bld*

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

C 469 Harding 5/14/30  
RETURN RECEIPT 636

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Mrs. Ruth Beach

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, \_\_\_\_\_

5-2 1930

Post Office Department

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 93 730 PM 1930

INSURED PARCEL

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



Return to J M General

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, } Munitions Bldg  
 or Post Office Box, }

Post Office at Washington

Rev. 3-24

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State D.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Beach, Egbert W. 656-M

Apr. 26, 1930.

Mrs. Edith Beach,  
110 Sunnyside Ave.,  
Piedmont, Calif.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 292881 in the amount of \$52.50, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

Beach, Egbert W. 636 - M

April 25, 1930.

Mrs. Edith Beach,  
110 Sunnyside Ave.,  
Piedmont, California.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Use street car Piedmont to Oakland (3rd & Washington Sts.), fare seven (7) cents.

Leave Oakland	W. P.	Train No. 2	10:40 AM	May 7
Arrive Chicago			7:00 AM	May 11
Leave Chicago	M. C.	Train No. 10	10:30 AM	May 11
Arrive New York (Grand Central Terminal)			3:45 PM	May 12

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C  
Beach, Egbert W. 636

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Edith L.P. Beach,  
110 Sunnyside Avenue,  
Piedmont, California.

Dear Madam:

Reference your letter of March 31, 1930, relative to stopover on your return from the pilgrimage to the European Cemeteries, sailing on the S. S. President Harding, May 14, 1930, your return transportation will be issued so as permit you to stopover in New York, Detroit, Chicago and Los Angeles.

There will be no additional rail fare, due to this stopover, but there will be an additional charge for pullman of approximately \$7.00, which must be paid by you at the time you receive your return transportation in New York City. Of course, additional expenses for meals, etc., due to your delay, must be met from personal funds.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

RES:lb

QM 293 A-C  
Beach, Egbert W.

April 11, 1930

Mr. H. W. Siddall, Chairman  
Western Military Bureau,  
Room 423 New Union Station,  
513 West Jackson Boulevard,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to Party "C", page C-8, S. S.  
Harding, May 14, 1930, Mrs. Edith L. P. Beach, Piedmont,  
California. This lady desires stopovers New York,  
Detroit, Chicago and Los Angeles on her return to  
Piedmont. Please route accordingly.

For the Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

RES:lb

Copy to New York.

# Pullman

Ny - Detroit (R.B.)	- 7.50	
Det - Chicago (R.B.)	- 3.75	
Chgo - Los Angeles (R.B.)	- 23.63	
La SF		34.88
		<u>4.50</u>
Ny - Los Angeles (R.B.)	-	37.38
		<u>32.63</u>
Difference	-	<del>\$ 2.25</del>
		6.75

QM 293 A-C

MRS. RANSON E. BEACH  
110 SUNNYSIDE AVENUE  
PIEDMONT, CALIF.

*Alameda, Ca.*

March 31, 1930

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D.C.

Attention R. E. Shannon  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

*Egbert W. Beach  
636-*

Dear Sir:-

*accepts "Harding" May 14*

Replying to your letter of March 24, I stated in a letter written when I made my application for the Special Pilgrimage Passport as per instructions in Pilgrimage Regulations, Sec. 11, b, (2) the following:

"I would like to have the following stopovers:

- 3 weeks in New York City
- 10 days in Detroit, Mich.
- 10 days in Chicago, Ills.
- 10 days in Los Angeles, Calif."

Before writing the letter, I inquired at the R.R. office and found that there would be no extra charge if routed in this way. If any additional expense for Pullman accommodation or Parlor Car Chair or meals, etc., it would be at my expense.

Trusting that the matter may be arranged in this way and thanking you and your office for the perfect manner in which details are being cared for, I am

Respectfully yours,

*Edith L. P. Beach*

Edith L. P. Beach

*Notations made above desires stopovers*

QM 293 A-C  
Beach, Egbert W.

March 24, 1930.

Mrs. Edith L. P. Beach,  
110 Sunnyside Avenue,  
Piedmont, California.

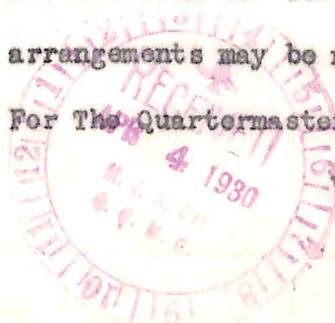
Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter of January 10, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage to Europe, in which you inquire concerning stopover privileges on the return trip.

It is requested that you advise this office, at the earliest practicable date, at what point you desire the stopover, enroute from New York to California, so that the necessary arrangements may be made in this connection.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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R. E. SHANNON,  
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

Beach, Egbert W. 636-1

March 18, 1930.

Mrs. Edith L.P. Beach,  
110 Sunnyside Ave.,  
Piedmont, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

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evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Beach, Edith L.  
2nd St. Attn. Co B, 1st Eng

I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)  
me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the  
Government of the United States under the provisions of  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Edith Beach

(Name)

110 Sunnyside Ave., Piedmont, Alameda Co., Calif.

(Town or City)

(State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

Edith L. Beach  
110 Sunnyside Ave. Piedmont, Calif.

Postmarked, Oakland,  
Calif.



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QM 293 A-C  
Beach, Egbert W.

January 24, 1930.

Mrs. Edith L. P. Beach,  
110 Sunnyside Avenue,  
Piedmont, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 15, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

In connection with your desire to make a stop-over on your return trip from Europe to your home, you are advised that as the making of this stop-over on your return journey can in no way interfere with the orderly arrangement of the conduct of the pilgrimage, there is no objection to granting you this stop-over enroute from New York City to your home, provided the expense to the United States Government is not increased thereby. Before leaving New York City, you will be provided with a railroad ticket covering transportation to your home, including sleeping car or Pullman car accommodations as your case may require, together with a per diem allowance to cover all other necessary expense of travel for the actual time required to make the trip from New York City to your home. A stop-over at any point enroute home would necessarily be at your own expense.

For the Acting 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

October 7, 1929.

Beach, Egbert W 636 -M

Mrs. Edith Beach,  
110 Sunnyside Ave.,  
Piedmont, Calif.

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) <i>Yes</i>	(No) <del>→</del>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>Yes</i>	(No) <del>→</del>
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) <del>→</del>	(No) <i>No</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>65 years</i> (Years)	Health <i>Good</i> (Good) (Poor) <del>→</del>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)	(No) <del>→</del> Other language (Specify language spoken)

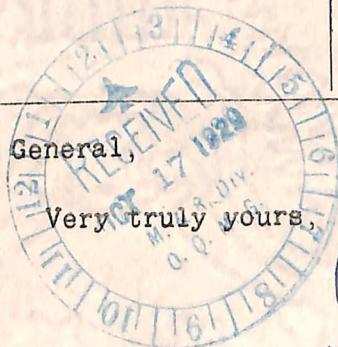
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

*Sailed May 14-1930*



MRS. RANSON E. BEACH  
110 SUNNYSIDE AVENUE  
PIEDMONT, CALIF.

January 15, 1930

Major General B. F. Chatham,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am one of the Gold Star Mothers who expect to make the pilgrimage across sea and am deeply grateful to our Government for giving me this opportunity.

I am writing to you to ask if it will be possible for a mother to make stopovers on the return trip. I can readily understand the necessity of a mother to make the direct trip to New York on the outgoing trip but some of us would like the privilege of stopping to see relatives or friends en route to our homes. I am a native daughter of California and have never been out of the State but once and would very much appreciate it if this could be arranged. Of course, all extra expense would be paid by the individual, and stopovers would only be in our own country after arrival in New York.

Thanking you for your attention, I am

Yours very truly,

*Edith L. P. Beach*

Edith L. P. Beach

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MRS. RANSON E. BEACH  
110 SUNNYSIDE AVENUE  
PIEDMONT, CALIF.

May 20, 1929

John D. Harris,  
Major, Q. M. Corps  
Assistant, Washington, D. C.

re -- QM 293 A-C

Dear Sir:-

My son, Egbert W. Beach, was not married  
and hence left no widow.

Respectfully yours,

*Evelyn L. P. Beach*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293~~ A-C

Beach, Egbert W.

May 15, 1929.

Mrs. Edith L. P. Beach,  
110 Sunnyside Ave.,  
Piedmont, Calif.

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 Second Lieutenant Egbert W. Beach, Att. Company B, 1st Engineers, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since 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,

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Beach, Egbert W. - 636

September 5, 1930

Mrs. Edith Beach,  
110 Sunnyside Ave.,  
Piedmont, Cal.

Dear Madam:

The enclosed **passport** used by you on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has been stamped showing "Pilgrimage Completed" and may be retained by you as an additional souvenir of your trip.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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EDITH L. P. BEACH  
110 SUNNYSIDE AVENUE  
PIEDMONT, CALIF.

March 27, 1930

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Quartermaster General  
Washington, D.C.

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Gentlemen: - Re Sec 11- (2)

As per Pilgrimage Regulations, just received, I am asking that, on my return trip from New York, I may be granted stop-over privilege

- 1<sup>st</sup> 3 weeks in New York
- 2<sup>nd</sup> <sup>about</sup> 5 days in Detroit
- 3<sup>rd</sup> " " " Chicago
- 4<sup>th</sup> " " " Los Angeles

and that I go via Buffalo from

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Beach, Edith L. P.

EDITH L. P. BEACH

110 SUNNYSIDE AVENUE  
PIEDMONT, CALIF.

New York,

The P. O. agent tells me  
that no additional fare  
would be required. Any  
added expense for Pullman  
berth &c. I expect to pay.

Respectfully

Edith L. P. Beach

Egbert W. Beach

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Notations made she desires stopovers  
New York, Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles,  
and Buffalo

Beach, Egbert W. 636 - M

April 25, 1930.

Mrs. Edith Beach,  
110 Sunnyside Ave.,  
Piedmont, California.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Use street car Piedmont to Oakland (3rd & Washington Sts.), fare seven (7) cents.

Leave Oakland	W. P.	Train No. 2	10:40 AM	May 7
Arrive Chicago			7:00 AM	May 11
Leave Chicago	M. C.	Train No. 10	10:30 AM	May 11
Arrive New York (Grand Central Terminal)			3:45 PM	May 12

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C  
Beach, Egbert W.

April 11, 1930

Mr. H. W. Siddall, Chairman  
Western Military Bureau,  
Room 423 New Union Station,  
516 West Jackson Boulevard,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to Party "C", page C-8, S. S.  
Harding, May 14, 1930, Mrs. Edith L. P. Beach, Piedmont,  
California. This lady desires stopovers New York,  
Detroit, Chicago and Los Angeles on her return to  
Piedmont. Please route accordingly.

For the Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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Copy to New York.

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Beach, Egbert W. 636

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Edith L.P. Beach,  
110 Sunnyside Avenue,  
Piedmont, California.

Dear Madam:

*→ New Arrivals*  
Reference your letter of March 31, 1930, relative to stopover on your return from the pilgrimage to the European Cemeteries, sailing on the S. S. President Harding, May 14, 1930, your return transportation will be issued so as permit you to stopover in New York, Detroit, Chicago and Los Angeles.

There will be no additional rail fare, due to this stopover, but there will be an additional charge for pullman of approximately \$7.00, which must be paid by you at the time you receive your return transportation in New York City. Of course, additional expenses for meals, etc., due to your delay, must be met from personal funds.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. CLANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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Washington, D. C. March 27, 1930

Mrs. Edith L.P. Beach,  
Oakland, California.

*110 Serrano Ave  
Redwood Calif*

STATE DEPARTMENT ADVISES THEY DO NOT REQUIRE INVITATIONS AND ANY RECEIVED  
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THIS TELEGRAM TO PASSPORT OFFICIAL GSM 96

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Quartermaster General

QM 293 A-C  
Beach, Egbert W.

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PRIORITY

Washington, D. C. March 27, 1930

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Beach, Egbert W.



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WASHINGTON DC

PASSPORT OFFICIALS IN OAKLAND CALIFORNIA AND SANFRANCISCO RULE THAT  
GOLD STAR MOTHERS MUST SURRENDER INVITATIONS FROM GOVERNMENT SAME  
TO BE SENT TO WASHINGTON WITH APPLICATION FOR PILGRIMAGE PASSPORT  
AND THEN RETURNED TO MOTHER IS THIS NECESSARY WIRE ANSWER

MRS EDITH L P BEACH

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QM 293 A-C  
Beach, Egbert W.

March 24, 1930.

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R. B. SHANNON,  
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Beach, Egbert W. 636 M

March 21, 1930

Mrs. Edith Beach  
110 Sunnyside Ave.  
Piedmont, Calif.

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

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

Beach, Egbert W. 636-M

March 18, 1930.

Mrs. Edith L.P. Beach,  
110 Sunnyside Ave.,  
Piedmont, Calif.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Beach, Egbert W.

January 24, 1930.

Mrs. Edith L. P. Beach,  
110 Sunnyside Avenue,  
Piedmont, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 15, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

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For the Acting The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Beach, Egbert W 636 -M

Mrs. Edith Beach,  
110 Sunnyside Ave.,  
Piedmont, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Beach, Egbert W.

May 15, 1929.

Mrs. Edith L. P. Beach,  
110 Sunnyside Ave.,  
Piedmont, Calif.

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 Second Lieutenant Egbert W. Beach, Att. Company B, 1st Engineers, whose remains are now interred in the Some American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

DISPATCHED  
MAY 12 1929

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176-24

Beach,

(Surname.)

Egbert Williams

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

2nd Lt

Engr Res Corps att. Co B, 1st Engrs

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

See reverse side of card.

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:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

PR 23 1919

(Sign here)

Ransom E Beach

110 Sunnyside Ave Piedmont, Calif

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Mar. 26/19

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

If the United States Government, for any reason, should fail to establish "Fields of Honor" abroad, we would like to be communicated with again. Our son was a direct descendant of a Huguenot, an American of the 10th generation, and we prefer to have his remains remain in France if we are sure that the grave will be permanently cared for, and properly marked. In case of any change in the location of the grave, we want to be informed. We know where it is now and after affairs are more settled, we are planning to go there.

REVIEWED  
OSP SS  
191

*Drawn by*

176 24

2-14-21

*Accession # 191*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

February 23, 1927.

BEACH, Egbert W. - 2nd Lieut.

Mr. Ranson Beach,  
110 Sunnyside Ave.,  
Piedmont, Calif.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

K. J. HAMPTON,  
Lt. Col. Q.M.G.  
Assistant.

✓  
1 Incl.  
Record card.



\*  
25/560/EYS

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 14, 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

1. Name BEACH, Egbert W.

2. No. ----

3. Rank 2nd Lt. ERC

4. Org 4th Co. B., 1st Engrs.

5. D.D. April 28-18

6. C.D. KIA

Body disc shows:

10. Name "E. W. Beach"

11. No. -----

12. Rank Lt.

13. Org. Engrs. U.S.R."

14. (a) D.D. -----

(b) D.B. -----

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 52 Sec. ---

8. Plot C Row ---

9. -----

15. Grave No. ----- Sec. -----

16. Plot ----- Row -----

17. no discrepancy

18. Cemetery American

20. Dept. or County Somme

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 176

19. Commune or town Villers-Tournelle

21. Country France.

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 14, 1921

By A.L. Roth

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Egbert W. Beach

Rank 2nd. Lt.

Serial No. ---

Organization Co. B. 1st. Engrs.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yes

*Ralph C. Aharrah*  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
Ralph C. Aharrah

PREPARATION

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

Body previously reburied by Field Section. Collar insignia of "Eng. Corps" and officer's collar insignia "U.S.R.", also 2nd. Lt. bars found on body. Body disc reads: "E.W. Beach, Lt. Engrs. U.S.R."

27. Condition of body Skeleton disarticulated. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Blanket. U.S. uniform and pine box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 14, 1921 By A.L. Roth

31. Casket sealed by A.L. Roth

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *A.L. Roth*

AUDITED BY  
2573-3-25

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-13503

32. Designation of body:

Name BEACH, Egbert W.

Serial No. ---

Rank 2nd Lt.

Organization Co. B., 1st Engrs.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Somme American Cemetery # 636. BONY (Aisne).

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date)

Nov. 14, 1921

By A.L. Roth

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

*J.J. Powers*  
J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

GS

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

Nov. 14, 1921

To point of Concentration

Amiens, Somme

Convoyer

*S. Stewart*

Signature Shipping Officer

(Name)

*J.J. Powers*  
J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

Nov. 14, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative

*H. W. Beyette*  
Hubert W. Beyette, Capt. QMC

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

21 NOV 1921

To Permanent Cemetery

No. 636, Bony, Aisne

Convoyer

*S. Stewart*

Signature Shipping Officer

(Name)

*H. W. Beyette*  
H. W. Beyette, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date

26 NOV 1921

G.R.S. Representative

*S. Stewart*

41. Reinterred

Oct. 18, 1922

(Date)

42. Grave No.

11 2

Section

43. Plot

Block D

Row

18

G.R.S. Representative

*D. B. Lowry*  
D. B. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BEACH, Egbert W. SERIAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 RANK 2nd. Lieut. ERC ORGANIZATION Att. Co. B. 1st. Engrs.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 14, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 52, Plot C. Cem. 176,

By: Group 2 Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial F.S.8

3. Reburied (date): 10/18/22 In (give complete location): Grave 2 Row 18 Block D, Somme Cem. #636, Bony (Aisne)

By: Group Reburial Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Reg. Casket, Shipping Case

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

Blanket and pine box. Skeleton disarticulated.

Features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? yes

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

Body previously reburied by Field Section. Officer's "Eng." insignia and "U.S.R." also 2nd. Lieut bars found on body.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to estimate

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none visible

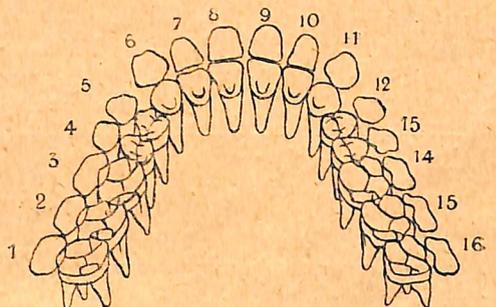
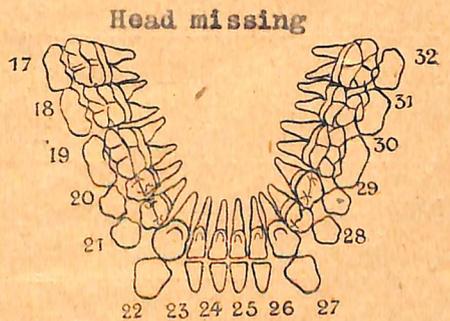


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



Head missing

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

Entire head missing.

Checked by Ralph C. Anzures

7. Disinterment supervised by A. L. Roth, S.E. Approved: J.J. Powers

(Title) J.J. Powers, 1st. Lt. JMC Insp.

8. Reburial supervised by B.A. Bradford, S.E. Approved: D.E. Lowry

(Title) D.E. Lowry, 1st Lt. JMC.

*Original*

Place Villers Lannelle  
Date 11-22-20

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF Egbert W Beach SERIAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
RANK 2nd Lt. ORGANIZATION Co B 1st Eng

2. Disinterred (date): 11-22-20 From (give complete location): Villers Lannelle  
Grave 61 Sec C Amer Cem 176

By: Group one Unit See one

3. Reburied (date): 11-22-20 In (give complete location): Villers Lannelle  
Grave 52 Sec C Amer Cem 176

By: Group one Unit one Nature of reburial in blanket  
paper box

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
in Burial in uniform  
body decomposed irrecoverable

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? yes

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
was a hospital case

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

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(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) Impossible to report

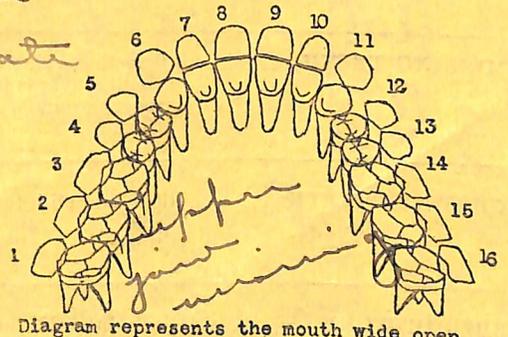
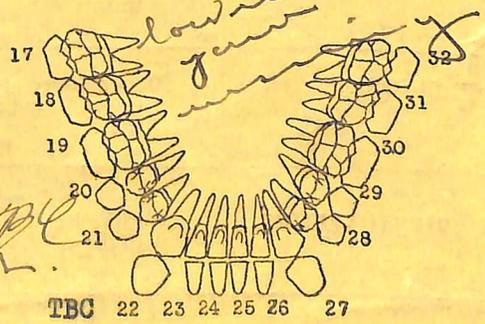


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) entire head missing 30274  
file 5/17/21

7. Disinterment supervised by Glenn W. Dodge Approved: (S.D. Campbell)  
Capt. M. C. Inspector (Title) Capt. Infantry  
Mas. of Sec. #1

8. Reburial supervised by Glenn W. Dodge Approved: (S.D. Campbell)  
Capt. M. C. Inspector (Title) Capt. Infantry  
Mas. of Sec. #1

*128 B*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 2094

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BEACH, Egbert W. Ser. No. -
(b) Rank 2nd Lt. Organization att. Co. B, 1st Eng. ERC
(c) Date of death 4-28-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DB
CKR.

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

(a) Grave No. 61 Row - Plot - Sec. C TYP. DB
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Ranson Beach, (Father) 110 Sunnyside Ave., Piedmont, Cal.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Ranson E. Beach (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address 110 Sunnyside Ave., Piedmont Cal.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no (wish to be informed if any change is made in grave)
(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 EBR Date 9-15-, 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 EBR Date 9-15-, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials HN Date 9-15-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 176 SHEET No. 24

checked by 12-15-20

macab 6-8-22
Somme # 636

X

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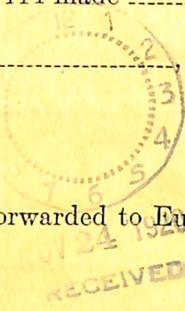
VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

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

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

{ cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 9-24, 1920



*Par # 2, not to be returned (H.S.)*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

*Ransom S. Beach*

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *10-25-20 Form # 120 Father M. R.*

*wishes body left in France status date on  
cross at birth is not correct. It should  
be April 27, 1918. Hopes date may be  
corrected 11-5-20 ECL*

*Date of death verified and corrected. 12-15-21*

*Mar 24-1922*

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BOLD  
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. HK**

April 21, 1922.

293.8 C-B #2094-(Beach, Egbert W. 2nd Lt.)Cty.176, Sht. 24.

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Graves Registration Service)

Mrs. R.F. Beach, 110 Sunnyside Ave., Piedmont, Calif.

2nd Lieut. Egbert W. Beach.

1. In reply to your letter of April 14th 1922, you are advised that the records of this office indicate that the remains of the late 2nd Lieutenant Egbert W. Beach, Attached to Company B, 1st Engineer, Enlisted Reserve Corps, are interred in Grave 52, Plot C, American Cemetery at Villers-Tournelle, Department of Somme. However, this is not the final grave location of the deceased, for according to the present plan of concentrations the bodies of deceased soldiers interred in this cemetery and whose legal next of kin have definitely requested permanent retention abroad, will be concentrated into the permanent American Cemetery of the Somme, where the graves will be marked by a suitable headstone of white marble and will be tenderly and fittingly cared for by this Government for all time.

2. When the reburial has been effected, the legal next of kin will be duly advised of the final grave location.

3. It is noted from your letter that your daughter is contemplating a trip to Europe. The inclosed G.R.S. Form 131 attached hereto, will furnish information regarding travelling and accommodations in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

1 incl.  
Form 131.

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

DW  
HCH

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

OCT 19 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

TO: Mr. Ranson E. Beach, 110 Sunnyside Ave., Piedmont, Calif.

SUBJECT: Remains of 2nd Lt. Egbert W. Beach, ----, att. Co. B, 1st Eng. ERC.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body remain in Europe.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Was soldier married? <b>No</b>			
Soldier's widow <b>XXXXXXX</b>			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 <b>XXXXXXX</b>		
	2		
	3		
Father <b>Ranson Elias Beach</b>	<b>110 Sunnyside Ave</b>	<b>Piedmont</b>	<b>Calif</b>
Mother <b>Edith L. P. Beach</b>	" " "	" "	" "
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <b>None</b>		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <b>Charlotte Beach Vickery</b>	<b>1228 Byron Street</b>	<b>Palo Alto Calif</b>
	2 <b>Dorothy Yeomans Beach</b>	<b>110 Sunnyside Ave</b>	<b>Piedmont Calif</b>
	3		

Date **October 25, 1920**

Signature *Ranson E Beach*  
**Ranson E. Beach**

Address **110 Sunnyside Ave,  
Piedmont, Calif**

Relationship **Father**

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



NOV 1 20

October 25, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the father and nearest living relative of the within-named  
(Relationship.)

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name.)

(R. R. station.)

(State.)

3. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and buried in~~ \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

The date on the cross at his grave is not correct. It should be April 27, 1918. He is buried at Villers-Tournelle. I hope the date may be corrected.

Signature Ransom E. Beach  
Ransom E. Beach

*Cancel copy*

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.**

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 2094

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BEACH, Egbert W. Ser. No.            } TYP DB  
 (b) Rank 2nd Lt. Organization att. Co. B, 1st Eng. BRC }  
 (c) Date of death (11/16) 4-27-18 Cause of death K/A }  
4-28-18

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

(a) Grave No. 61 Row            Plot            Sect. C TYP DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Ranson Beach, (Father) 110 Sunnyside Ave., Piedmont, Cal.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases            CKR 1

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

*A.G.O card: - Ranson E. Beach (father) 110 Sunnyside Ave., Piedmont, Cal., requests body be not returned to U.S. (Wishes to be informed if any change is made in grave) 9:0-10-2-20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on            192 )  
 (letter of transmittal on 9/24 192 )

*Par. # 2 - not to be returned <sup>H.S.</sup> (jck)*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. OCT 19 1920 192 *ELW 10-12-20*

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. NOV 24 1920 192

You must concentrate on Source # 636  
 6-8-27  
 5/27/22  
 Examined  
 L.M.

FILE UNDER NO. 293 - Beach, Elbert W.

## INDEX SHEET

### SYNOPSIS

3/13/24.

Letter

From:

Quartermaster General.

To:

QM30., Washington GID., Wash., D.C.

Submitting list of names to whom flags should be shipped at Govt. expense.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 424 - (Flags)

INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

3-0642

110 Sunnyside Ave  
Piedmont Calif  
March 3, 1924

Quartermaster General,  
War Department  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

My attention has been called to the fact that it is the policy of the War Department to furnish one flag to the mother of a soldier who died in the service and whose body is to remain permanently in a European cemetery.

MAR 10 1924



Our son, Egbert William Beach,  
was killed in the late  
war - and his body is  
buried in the cemetery  
near San Quentin, France.  
It was moved from  
Villers Tournelle.

I would much appre-  
ciate a flag for which  
I thank you in advance.  
Respectfully

Mrs. Ransom E. Beach

GRAVE LOCATION FORM

2074

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Beach (Surname) E. W. (First Name and Initials.)

Sient Engineers 18th Inf. Regt. (Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL April 28th 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Villers-Tournelle

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

18th Inf. Regt Cemetery Villers-Tournelle

North Sub. Sect. Adv. Zone Cantigny

Sector Map. Plainville - St Just. en  
Chaussée Co. Rd. 9705

GRAVE NUMBER 2

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? No (note in bottle)

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

The above body is No 8 in grave No 2  
numbers of bodies running from  
~~right~~ - left <sup>thought</sup> in this grave

REPORTED BY:

J. E. Carney, 1st Lieut 18th Inf. Regt.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.

23 MAY 1918

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Beach? ..... Egbert W. ....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)  
2nd Lt, Engrs, USR ..... Co. B, 1st Engineers .....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL.. April 28th, 1918 .....

PLACE OF BURIAL. Villers Tournelle, Somme, France .....

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

Coordinates 119.70 - 330.50 on 1:20,000  
Plainville-St. Just-en-Chaussee Map .....

Sixth grave from the West end on the second  
East and West row of graves. This graveyard  
is directly behind the large cave occupied  
by the Regimental Aid Station of the 18th  
Infantry. .....

GRAVE NUMBER. See above. .....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? No ..... Cross? No .....

Headboard? No ..... Bottle? Yes .....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes .....

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:

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OSP SS.

REPORTED BY:

Wm. Helwick 1st Lieut Engrs USR  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Beach (Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)  
2nd Lt, Engrs, USR Co. B, 1st Engineer (Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... April 23th, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL..... Fless. Journelle, Somme, France  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

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Coordinates 119.79 - 330.50 on 1:20,000  
Plainville-St. Just-en-Chaussee Map  
Sixth grave from the West end on the second  
East and West row of graves. This graveyard  
is directly behind the large cave occupied  
by the Regimental Aid Station of the 13th  
Infantry.

GRAVE NUMBER..... See above

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... No..... Cross?..... No.....

Headboard?..... No..... Bottle?..... Yes.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... Yes.....

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:

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STAT DIVISION,

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OSP SS.

REPORTED BY:

Wm. J. Helmick - 1st Lt. Engrs U.S.R.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G.H.Q., A.E.F.

OK  
Cen

April 21, 1922.

2938 C-R 42094-(Beach, Robert W. 2nd Lt.)Cty. 176, Sht. 24.

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Graves Registration Service)

Mrs. R.E. Beach, 110 Sunnyside Ave., Piedmont, Calif.

2nd Lieut. Egbert W. Beach.

Fi  
Pm  
4-21-22

1. In reply to your letter of April 14th 1922, you are advised that the records of this office indicate that the remains of the late 2nd Lieutenant Egbert W. Beach, Attached to Company B, 1st Engineer, Enlisted Reserve Corps, are interred in Grave 52, Plot C, American Cemetery at Villers-Tournelle, Department of Somme. However, this is not the final grave location of the deceased, for according to the present plan of concentrations the bodies of deceased soldiers interred in this cemetery and whose legal next of kin have definitely requested permanent retention abroad, will be concentrated into the permanent American Cemetery of the Somme, where the graves will be marked by a suitable headstone of white marble and will be tenderly and fittingly cared for by this Government for all time.

2. When the reburial has been effected, the legal next of kin will be duly advised of the final grave location.

3. It is noted from your letter that your daughter is contemplating a trip to Europe. The inclosed G.R.S. Form 131 attached hereto, will furnish information regarding travelling and accommodations in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

1 incl.  
Form 131.

CHARLES J. WYNNIE,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

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San Francisco Cemetery Div. O. O. M. Co.  
 File 25381  
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SAN FRANCISCO  
 NINETEEN HUNDRED  
 TWENTY- two

April  
 Fourteenth

Grave Registration Bureau,  
 Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

Can you give me the location of the grave in France of our son, the late Egbert W. Beach, 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Engineers? Time of death, April 27, 1918, near Villers-Tournelle. How can one reach it from Paris? Our daughter is soon to be in Paris and we are anxious for her to visit the grave and would like as definite facts and directions as possible.

Thanking you, I am

Respectfully yours,

(Mrs. R.E.) *Edith L. P. Beach.*

110 Sunnyside Ave,  
 Piedmont, Calif.

*Beach, Egbert W.*



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**FILE**  
 CEMETERY DIVISION  
 REGISTRATION SECTION

October 29th 1923

## MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

## CASE OF:

Att. Co. B. 1st. Eng. ERC.  
 ORGANIZATION (Old)

BEACH Egbert W. 2nd. Lt.  
 (Name)

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

## ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st. Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.	11/22/20	176	D- 30274
3rd Reb.			D-

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

BY: Miss Lannon

Card.

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
 on Organization  
 File Card;

By LB  
 S/3324/LML

Co B. 1st Eng.

BLACK Egbert W. 2nd Lt.

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" Lt. Black joined us at Gondécourt after Christmas 1917. He was tall and big, weighed about 200 lbs. and wore glasses. We called him "The Farmer" because he sort of walked like one stooping forward. He was not much like a farmer, he was about the ~~finest~~ smartest officer we had. About the end of April we were up at the Somme front, about 15 kilometers from Montdidier. He got killed when we were in reserve, digging trenches for doughboys to come in. It was about midnight. They started shelling and he gave orders to take cover when a shell came and hit him in the temple, killing him outright. Twelve were hurt, but only the Lieutenant was killed. The next day a French ambulance came and took him away. We were attached to the French at the time. I think it was the 5th French A.C. I don't know his number for he didn't have a tag on him at the time. "

Informant : Watts William Cpl. I55962  
Convalescent Camp A.P.O. 767  
Co B. 1st Engs.  
December 2nd 1919

Informant's intelligence : Eleanor Vinton Jacobs - Searcher  
Excellent

C.F.

FILE

3rd Ind.

File. No. 293 Beach, E.W.

*max*  
~~RHR~~ HW/nwa.

Hdqrs. A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E., 8 Ave. d'Iena, Paris, Dec. 9th 1920- To:  
Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

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

*R.P. H. H. H.*

H. F. RETHERS,  
~~Lieut.~~ Col., Q.M.C.  
Chief.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., Q.M.C.  
File # 293.8-2097

*Beach, Sgt. Williams*

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293. Beach, E.W.

1st Ind.

*HW*  
HW/mms

Hqrs., A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E., 8 Ave. d'Iena, Paris, November 26, 1920.  
To: Supervisor, Area #3, Amiens, Somme.

1. Forwarded for compliance with foregoing communication and report by indorsement hereon when completed.

By direction:

*Wm H. Hartman*  
EDGAR A. FRY,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Chief, Operations Division.

2nd Ind.

jtl:jgj

Hqrs., Area #3, American GRS., Amiens, Somme. December 7th, 1920. To: Chief, American GRS., QMC. in E., Paris.

1. Returned. Complied with.

RECORDED



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

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RECORDED, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
FILE No 293 WITHHMS. B. E. 293. BEACH. E. W.

November 4, 1920.

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

SUBJECT: Correction of Inscription in Case of Beach, Egbert Williams, 2nd. Lieut., Att. Co. B, 1st Eng., ERC.

1. Upon advice from The Adjutant General's Office this date we are correcting the date of death in the case of the above named soldier to 4/28/18. Please note the same in your office and have change made in the inscription on grave marker, as per request of the family of the deceased.

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

RESERVED  
23 Nov 20  
H. B. AMERICAN G.R.S.  
Q. M. C.  
IN EUROPE  
Ack

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8.61-  
Plot C.  
05 176.

Date 12/18/41

FOLLOW UP NO. 886  
DATE 12/12/41  
TO:

1. Inquiry Branch for reply:  
(a) Form 124 not necessary  
(b) Form 124 attached.

2. Miss Barry

3. Miss Birkett

4. Miss Boland

5. Mrs. Cairns

~~6. Miss Brittenett~~

7. Lt. Daniel

8. Mr. Good

9. Mr. Grant

10. Lt. Hanson

11. Mr. Hughitt

12. Mrs. Landman

13. Miss Olenin

14. Miss Rex

15. Mrs. Ruth

16. Mr. Saxton

17. Miss Schlegel

18. \_\_\_\_\_

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON

*Beach*

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

*12/21/20*

..... Change of Address.  
(G. R. S. Form 106.)

..... Instructions for Disposition of Remains.  
(Par. 7, Bul. 10-F-W.)

..... Monument.  
(Par. 10, Bul. 10-F-W.)

..... Photographs.  
(Par. 12, Bul. 10-F-W.)

..... Discrepancies in Inscription.  
(Par. 11, Bul. 10-F-W.)

..... **Permanent Burial in—**  
(a) France.  
(G. R. S. Form 106.)

..... Personal Effects.  
(Par. 13 (a), Bul. 10-F-W.)  
(G. R. S. Form 111.)

..... (b) Other Countries.

..... Accrued Pay.  
(Par. 13 (b), Bul. 10-F-W.)  
(G. R. S. Form 111.)

..... **Return of Bodies from—**  
(a) France.  
(Par. 4, Bul. 10-F-W.)  
(G. R. S. Form 106.)

..... Maintenance.  
(Par. 9, Bul. 10-F-W.)

..... (b) Other Countries.

..... Liberty Bonds.  
(Par. 13 (c), Bul. 10-F-W.)  
(G. R. S. Form 111.)

..... Expenses of Shipment.  
(Par. 6, Bul. 10-F-W.)

..... War Risk Insurance.  
Par. 13 (d), Bul. 10-F-W.)  
(G. R. S. Form 111.)

..... Conveying Bodies from Hoboken.  
(Par. 8, Bul. 10-F-W.)

..... "Zone of the Interior."  
(Par. 5, Bul. 10-F-W.)

..... Permanent Cemeteries.  
(Par. 9, Bul. 10-F-W.)

Remarks: .....

NOTE.—In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11, and 12, G. R. S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15.

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*M. W.*  
.....  
Analysis Clerk.

File Number 2094

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 12-21-20

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME: Beach, Robert W. Serial Number

RANK: 2nd Lt. ORGANIZATION: Art. Co. B. - 1st Eng. C.R.C.

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	Yes.
2.	Date of death.	(2) 4-27-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) K/a
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	(4) 121
5.	Date buried.	(5) 4-28-18
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave 75, Plot E, Amer. Cty. #176, Somme. Villers Bournelle, Somme.
7.	Who reported burial?	(7) Re: 1-14-19, Grave 61, Sec. C, Amer. Cty. #176, Villers Bournelle, Somme.
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) 2 yes E. Yes.
11.	Complete emergency address?	(11) Mr. Hanson Beach (father) 110 Sunnyside Ave., Piedmont, Cal.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	(12) 5-27-18 1-8-20-107
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	(13) B-14945
14.	What is the photograph number?	
15.	Inquiry made by.	

RELEASED BY INFORMATION CONTROL DEPARTMENT. M.M.E.  
 Confirmed.  
 Unconfirmed.

N. B.—All proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

*Beach*

G. R. S. Form #124  
Disposition Status -  
OFFICE MEMORANDUM. -

REGISTRATION SECTION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

File No. 2094  
OSPSS Ref. No. 176.24  
Follow-up No. 886

To: Inquiry Section.  
From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. <sup>176</sup> (furnished by: MBH) (date 12-18-20)  
Data sent Overseas Body not to be returned. Let Trans. 9.24.20  
Operations to commence (approx.) Nov. 1920  
Operations to be completed (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Bodies shipped from European Port \_\_\_\_\_  
Bodies arrived at Hoboken \_\_\_\_\_

II. CASE OF Beach, Robert W., 2nd Lt. U.S. Army, C.B. 1st Lt. Eugene C. B.  
The following information was abstracted (Date 12-18-20) from: Form 115.

SOURCE	CLK.	In OFFICE		CLK.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>CCP</u>	<u>Yes</u>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent <u>10-19-20</u> )		
A.G.O. Corresp.	<u>CCP</u>	<u>No</u>	To <u>Father</u>	<u>MBH</u>	<u>yes</u>
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.	<u>MBH</u>	<u>yes</u>	OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

Agos Card. DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN			REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt.	Int.		
Widow					
Children (Name oldest first)					
Father <u>Ransom C. Beach</u> <u>110 Sunnyside Ave.,</u> <u>Piedmont,</u> <u>Cal.</u>					<u>Wishes to be informed if any change is made in grave.</u>
Mother					
Brothers					
Sisters					

Body to be shipped to \_\_\_\_\_ was shipped (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS Cty 176 dispatched 10-4-20  
humations commence Nov. 1920  
Corresp. 10.25.20 noted on Form 115.  
MBH 12/18/20

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Form 120-10-25-20. Father-nearest of kin - Body  
to remain in Europe. Status date on cross of  
grave in inclosure, MBH-12-18-20.  
No advice to Europe necessary - 12-20-20  
U. C.

*Houghtons File*

ENG.R.C.art CO.B, 1 ENGINEERS

BEACH, Egbert W., 2nd Lieut.

Killed April 27, 1918.

He was killed in the month of April in a town called Villers Tour-  
nelle on the Picardy front. I was about 100 yards in front of him.  
I did not see him when he was killed, but I saw him about 5 minutes  
afterwards. It was about 12 at night. He was hit by high explosive:  
it took his head and part of his shoulders off. He was buried on t  
the spot where he was killed. Everybody liked him.

Informant : Costello, John ~~W~~ J., Pvt. 154579  
Co.D, 1st Eng.  
Home : 89 Lexington Ave. *File*  
Auburndale, Mass  
April 7, 1919

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Frances Boyd, Searcher

BMJ Enquirer: Washington.

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Co. B. 1st Eng.

BEACH Egbert W 2nd Lieut.

Killed April 27th 1918.

Killed between 9:30 and 10 P/M. on April 27th 1918 by piece of high explosive shell at Villers-Tourvelle, France.

W.R. FAY A.R.C.

M.C.

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Co.B. 1st Eng.

BEACH Egbert W. 2nd Lieut.

Killed April 27th 1918.

Lt; Beach was killed 6 to 8 K. from Montdidier. Full particular can be obtained from Capt. Harman - Co. B. - 1st Eng.  
Harman knew Beach at Montagny as Police officer.  
Informant does not know where he was buried.

Informant: HARMAN Wm. Cpl. 154927.  
Co.M.C. 1st Eng.  
Home : Portland Ore.  
Jan. 1919/

M.C.

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Eng. R.C. art. Co B. 1st. Eng.

1st

BEACH Egbert W. 2nd Lt.

Killed 27th. April 1918

Lt. Beach was killed at Villers Tournelle on the Picardie Front. He was standing by a tree putting in a new line of trenches, when a shell came and took his head off. He was probably buried at Broise. There was no other Beach in the regiment. He wore glasses, and was stoop shouldered. Was the tallest officer in the regiment.

Miller is an excellent witness.

Informant : Miller Morris Pvt. 155386

Base 57

Co C. 1st. Inf.

Home : Munish. Oregon.

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M.M.

Louisa S. Worshington, Searcher.

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Eng. R.C. art. Co B. 1st. Eng.

1st

BEACH Egbert W. 2nd. Lt.

Killed April 27, 1918

Lt. Beach was with B.Co. It was the first company to come up to Blois and was shelled heavily. I have heard that he was killed just outside of the town.

Informant : Wolf E. (En route to US.)

A.R.C. Hq. Brest

Home : 187 Seymour St. Newark, N.J.

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M.M.

Maude Cleveland, Searcher.

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Eng. R.C. att. Co B. 1st Eng.

BEACH Egbert W. 2nd Lt.

Killed April 27, 1918

It was in April in the Montmidier sector that Cpl. Lammerding thinks Lt. Beach was killed. He had a detachment of men working on a dugout when a shell killed him. He thinks, he is buried in Villers Tournelle. Pvt. Geist, now dead, told him about him. This was the only Lt. Beach ever in the Co. He was a fine sort of fellow. He was well liked by the men - he had so much common sense.

Informant reliable.

Informant : Lammerding John Cpl. 155173  
Co B. 1st. Eng.

Home : 721 PEARL St. Elizabeth, N.J.  
Feb. 24, 1919

M.M.

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Co. B. 1st. Engrs.  
1st. Division.

BEACH, Egbert W.-2nd.Lt.  
110 Sunny Side Ave.  
Piedmont Calif.

1. Lt. Beach's platoon had just started work on a communication trench in the town of Villers-Tournelle, France. We were being shelled heavily and Lt. Beach was killed by a H. E. Shell which hit practically where he was standing. He was killed instantly and his body was very badly mutilated. I was within ten to fifteen feet of Lt. Beach when he was killed and saw him killed. This happened about ten P.M. on April 27th, 1918.

2. Information given by 1st.Lt. Ross H. Boas, Co.B-1st Engrs, Home address: 115 State Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

Lt. Beach was buried in the town of Villers-Tournelle on April 28th, 1918 the day following his death by Capt. D. S. Helmick Engrs. USA, whose home address is 1014 -13th Ave, S. E. Minneapolis, Minn.

Informant: Wilson, Ceph L.Jr.-Sgt.1.Cl.156011  
Co. B. 1st. Engrs.

Home : Marianne, Fla.

Signed : Ross H. Boas, 1st. Lt. Engrs.  
Commanding Company B- 1st. Engrs.

Emergency address:  
Ranson Beach  
239 Geary St.  
San Francis co

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ENG. R.C. art.CO.B 1 ENGINEERS

BEACH, Egbert W., 2nd Lieut.

Killed April 27, 1918

Head was cut off by shell fragment at Villas Tornell in Cantigny Sector. Informant helped to carry him away. He was buried in the woods, which are about one acre square, at Villas Tornell.

Informant: Hawken, Charles W., Pvt.  
Evac. 36  
Co.B 1st Eng.  
Home : 4958 Michigan Ave.  
Chicago, Ill.  
April 2, 1919

BMJ Enquirer: Washington.

F.B.Skivens, Searcher

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November 4, 1920.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Registration Section.

1. Please note change of date of death in case of 2nd. Lieut. Egbert Williams Beach, Att. Co. B, 1st. Eng., ERC, to 4/28/18, as per verification of AGO this date.

C. C. P.

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OSP SS.

November 4, 1920.

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

SUBJECT: Correction of Inscription in case of Beach, Elbert Williams, Kad. Lieut., Att. Co. B, 1st Eng., ERC.

1. Upon advice from The Adjutant General's Office this date we are correcting the date of death in the case of the above ~~name~~ soldier to 4/28/18. Please note the same in your office and have change made in the inscription on grave marker, as per request of the family of the deceased.

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

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November 4, 1920.

Mrs. R. E. Beach,  
259 Geary St.,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mrs. Beach:

In reply to your letter of October 25 I have had the date of your son's death verified by The Adjutant General's Office and have made the correction as they have noted it, namely, 4/29/18. This is the official entry by which it is necessary for this office to be governed. You will note the difference between this statement and the date you have given as being 4/27/18.

I have also certified this date to our office in Paris in order that the necessary correction may be made in the inscription on the grave marker.

Notation has also been made of your desire that the body of your son should remain permanently in Europe. The inclosed bulletin will show you what cemeteries are to be permanently retained.

I am glad to note in your letter mention of my dear friend, Dr. Rider, and I hope that you will give to him an assurance that my memory of the old days has not failed and that he will always have a large place in my affection.

It is a pleasure to be able to serve you, and I am,

Sincerely yours,

CCP

Charles C. Pierce,  
Major, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

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Incl.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE QUARTERS GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

NOV 4 1920

Date.....

To..... Room.....

All Officers,  
Major. Pierce, Chief ✓  
Lt. Col. Jones  
Lt. Col. Davis, O. R. C.  
Captain Greeley  
Lieut. Conner  
Lieut. Noetzel

*Date of Death corrected.  
Note attached  
101-17.*

Mr. Robb - Principal Clerk  
Mrs. Hodges - Personnel Clerk  
Mr. Houghton - Files  
Mr. Saxton - Cemeterial Branch

Prepare reply( Sec'y of War  
for( General Rogers  
signature of( General Krauthoff  
( Major Pierce  
( Lt. Col. Jones  
( Lt. Col. Davis

FOR:

To note  
Information. Need not be returned  
Information and return  
Action or reply  
Approval  
Returned  
Remarks and recommendation  
Suspension to.....  
File  
Investigation and report  
Copies.....(State number)  
Papers in case  
Personal conference  
Draft of letter or endorsement  
Signature  
Check for correction  
See other side for remarks

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Final return to:.....

From:..... *C. G. Houghton*

NOTE: This form may be used a number of times on same case by crossing off previous marks and inserting new marks (and date) in different colors.

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

Date 11/4/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (V) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Beach, Egbert Williams

Serial Number

RANK 2nd Lt.,

ORGANIZATION Att. Co. B, 1st Eng., ERC

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1. Beach, Egbert W.
2.	Date of Death.	2. 4/27/18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. K/A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4. 121.
5.	Date buried.	5. 4/28/18.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Grave #75, Plot #, American Cemetery #176, Villers Tournelle, Somme. Disinterred and reburied 1/14/19 in Grave #61, Section C, American Cemetery #176, Villers Tournelle, Somme.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	9. Cross.
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10. (a) Yes. (b) Yes.
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11. Mr. Ranson Beach (father) 110 Sumyside Ave., Piedmont, California.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	12. Yes. 5/27/18. 1/8/20-107.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	14. B-14345 Released by Information Control Dept.
15.	Inquiry made by? ECC	.....Directory X.....Cards 5x8 .....Cards 4x6

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

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REGISTRATION SECTION  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

DATE

11/2/20

TO  
LIEUTENANT NOETZEL

LIEUTENANT ANNIS

LIEUTENANT HANSON

~~MR. C. M. PECK~~  
CARD DEPT. (RFSS)  
CTY. AUDIT DEPT. (ISS)  
~~INV. & ADJ. DEPT. (ISS)~~  
PREP. OF DATA DEPT. (ISS)  
COMP. DEPT. (OSPSS)  
RECORD DEPT. (OSPSS)  
FILES DEPT. (ADMIN. BR.)

RETURN TO CN.

FROM ~~Sam Day~~ CN

5-43/MB

NECESSARY ADJUSTMENT  
INVESTIGATION  
REMARK  
SUSPENSION  
NOTE AND RETURN  
INFORMATION - 101 -A  
ACTION AS NOTED  
MEMO

PREPARATION OF LETTER  
SIGNATURE  
FILE  
RECORDING  
CODING  
FILE PAPERS  
REPORT TO \_\_\_\_\_

~~Q90 Reports DD 4/27/18~~  
Have all records corrected  
and return.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Mr. Good. Room \_\_\_\_\_

All Officers,  
Major. Pierce, Chief  
Lt. Col. Jones  
Lt. Col. Davis, O. R. C.  
Major Gwynne  
Captain Conner  
Captain Wynne  
Captain Smith  
Captain Parker  
Capt. Hamby  
Lieut. Noetzel  
Lieut. Annis

Mr. Robb - Principal Clerk  
Mrs. Hodges - Personnel Clerk  
Mr. Houghton - Files  
Mr. Saxton - Cemeterial Branch

Prepare reply( Sec'y of War  
for( General Rogers  
signature of( General Krauthoff  
( Major Pierce  
( Lt. Col. Jones  
( Lt. Col. Davis

FOR:

To note  
Information. Need not be returned  
Information and return  
Action or reply  
Approval  
Returned  
Remarks and recommendation  
Suspension to.....  
File

Investigation and report  
Copies.....(State number)  
Papers in case  
Personal conference  
Draft of letter or endorsement  
Signature  
Check for correction  
See other side for remarks

Final return to: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: This form may be used a number of times on same case by crossing off previous marks and inserting new marks (and date) in different colors.

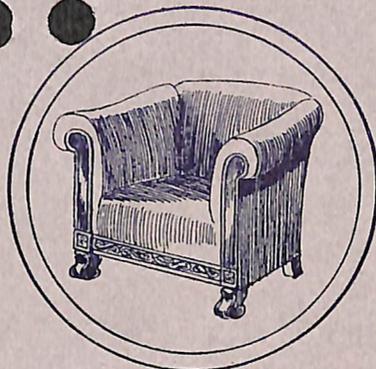
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*Set this man's record  
DD. over  
Phone and return time  
it.*

*to CCP, personnel*

*CSH.*

B.



R.

Y: C O: Y

SAN FRANCISCO  
NINETEEN HUNDRED  
AND Twenty

October  
Twenty-fifth

Major Charles C. Pierce,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing this personal letter to you on the basis of our mutual friendship for the Rev. Arthur W. Rider, D.D., of Los Angeles, as well as your kind letter written us at the time of our son's death.

We received the photograph of our son's grave from the Red Cross and we were sorry to see that the date on the cross is incorrect. It should be 4-27-18 instead of the date 5-28-18, a small matter but we are hoping that in some way in may be corrected. We have just sent the blank filled out as requested indicating our desire to have the remains remain in Europe. If it is practical we are hoping it will not be necessary to disturb them.

Thanking you and assuring you of our sympathy in your work,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. R. E.)

*Edith L. P. Beach*

Mother of Egbert Williams Beach, 2nd Lt.

att Co. B, 1st Eng. ERC

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PHONE SUTTER 580.



## GRAVES PHOTOGRAPHY BUREAU.

File # 209

PB 24/B

Description of soldier:

BEACH

Egbert W.

2/Lt

Eng R.C. Art Co B

1/Eng.

Beach Egbert W.  
2nd Lieut. Att. Co. B.  
1st Eng. E. R. C.

Date and cause of death: CC# 4/28/18

Killed In Action C.C.# 121

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Where buried: (Name of Cemetery or Commune only required)

Villers Tournelle

(SOMME)

Name and address of next of kin: Mr. Ranson Beach (Father)

110 Sunnyside Ave., Piedmont, Cal.

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REFERENCE:  
P.O. 24 - B.

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

2094

January 14th. 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service.  
TO: Bureau of Communication. A.R.C. Washington.  
SUBJECT: Lieut Egbert E. Beach. Att. Co. B. 1st Eng. E.R.C.

1. In accordance with request from the A.R.C. Paris, you are informed that the above officer is buried in Villers Tournelle, Somme. A photograph of the grave may therefore be promised to:-

Mr. Ranson Beach.  
110, Sunnyside Ave.  
Piedmont. Cal.

who is the nearest relative.  
By direction:

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

*M.B. Dix*

per Maurice B. Dix.  
Captain, American Red Cross  
representative assigned to  
Graves Registration Service.

MBD/mlj.

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R.

Y. C. O. T.

SAN FRANCISCO  
NINETEEN HUNDRED  
AND Nineteen

January 8th

Major Charles C. Pierce,  
A.Q.M., U.S.A.,  
American Expeditionary Forces.

Dear Sir:-

We received your kind letter of May 26th and trust that you received our letter of acknowledgement of June 29th.

I am writing now to ask if there is any way by which we may flowers placed on our son's grave at Villers-Tournelle, on Easter, April 20th next and if so, what would be the expense. Perhaps it is not possible to do this but we would like very much to know and hence we are writing as early as this.

Thanking you for all your kindness, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. R.E.)

*Edith L. P. Beach*

Our son was Lieut. Egbert Williams Beach who was killed while attached to Co. B., 1st Engineers, April 27, 1918.

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*Circular  
10-B.  
sent  
H/29/19.*

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

*Lt. Neetzce  
File  
Case of Beach*

*2094*

November 25th, 1918.

My dear Capt. Bohmert:

I am very sorry that the confusion incident to moving has made it impossible to send an early reply to your inquiries.

In the case of 2nd Lieut. Robert W. Beach, attached to Company B, 1st Engineers, killed in action April 27th, 1918, our reports show that he was buried April 28th, in American Cemetery No. 176, at Villers Tournelle, Department of the Somme, grave No. 8, trench No. 2.

In the case of 2nd Lieut. Herbert C. Blum, correspondence is now in progress in order to make due confirmation of a burial reported under the name of "Blum", but which did not contain first name or organization. While I am perfectly satisfied with regard to the information we have, I shall await receipt of an answer to a telegraphic inquiry before giving to you an absolutely definite statement.

As soon as I receive this information you shall hear from me again.

Faithfully yours,

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OSP SS.**

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

CCP:1

*Cross Reference made to case of  
Lt. Blum.*

GRAVES REGISTRATION  
SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

No

DATE: 11/23/18

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file

Robert W. Beard

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Attach letter to Capt. Bohner

~~to be [unclear]~~

Inquiry by

11/22/15

Capt A. M. Bohmet, Engls

Rm 253 - Bldg 3 - Bks 66

W. J. H.

Burial place of

Egbert William Beach.

Killed in action

April 27, 1918

at

Villers-Tonnelle (near Montdidier)

Father

Ranson E Beach

110 Sunnyside Ave

Piedmont Cal

Notches

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Over

Re Case of:

BEACH, Egbert W.

2nd Lieut. Att Co B 1st Eng

Killed in action April 27, 1918.

Buried April 28, 1918.

Amer. Cty (176) Villers Tournelle  
(Somme)

Was officially reported on CC 121

Sixth grave from the west end on the  
2nd east and west row of graves.

This graveyard is directly behind the  
large cave which was occupied by  
the Regimental Aid Station of the  
18th Infantry.

~~Grave No. 8 Trench No. 27~~

Mr. Ransom Beach (Father)  
110 Sunnyside Ave., Piedmont, Calif.  
was notified on April 27, 1918.

Over

Surname

Beach

0-2-33

Number

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut

Christian name

Egbert W.

Regiment

Eng. R.C. Art. Co. B. 1<sup>st</sup> Engns.

C.C. 121 - Killed in action - 27 April  
'18

Requied - Photograph of grave

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Beach, Egbert W  
2nd Lieut.  
1st. Engrs.

France  
Somme

Co B. 1st Eng.

BLACK Egbert W. 2nd Lt.

" Lt. Black joined us at Gondcourt after Christmas 1917. He was tall and big, weighed about 200 lbs. and wore glasses. We called him "The Farmer" because he sort of walked like one stooping forward. He was not much like a farmer, he was about the ~~finest~~ smartest officer we had. About the end of April we were up at the Somme front, about 15 kilometers from Montdidier. He got killed when we were in reserve, digging trenches for doughboys to come in. It was about midnight. The started shelling and he gave orders to take cover when a shell came and hit him in the temple, killing him outright. Twelve were hurt, but only the Lieutenant was killed. The next day a French ambulance came and took him away. We were attached to the French at the time, I think it was the 5th French A.C. I don't know his number for he didn't have a tag on him at the time. "

Informant : Watts William Cpl. 155962  
Convalescent Cap A.P.O. 767  
Co B. 1st Engrs.  
December 2nd 1919

Informant's intelligence : Eleanor Vinton Jacobs - Searcher .  
Excellent .

C.F.

Co B. 1st Eng.

BLACK Ebert W. 2nd Lt.

" ~~sigalittitakes that~~ In your missing list of November 1st 1918 on page 128 appears the name of Lt. Black, reported killed in action April 27th 1918, with a request for details of death and burial. Sgt. Major Frank B. Gagolitti of the 1st Engineers, whose home is in Vandergrift Pa, called at this office yesterday and in the course of conversation he reported that he had been in the engagement where Lieut. Black was killed. Lieut. Black, he said, was a victim of a high explosive shell at Tartigny. This was all the information he could give."

Informant : MILLER Robert R. - 2nd Lt. A.R.C.  
December 31st 1918

C.E.

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HEADQUARTERS  
GRADES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M. IN EUROPE

File # 2

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REGISTRATION SECTION  
MATERIAL DIVISION

DATE

12-22-20

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