

Row 12

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(lot)

G.R.S. Form #114-B

✓ FULL NAME. BEACH, Walter T.....

✓ RANK. Pvt. SERIAL. 2291433

✓ DIVISION & ORGANIZATION. Co. M, 361st Inf. 91 Division

✓ DATE OF DEATH. 9/26/18

✓ STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME. Wash

✓ MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.

Date

25

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Grave

Row

Block

Méuse-Argonne American Cemetery # 1232

Cemetery

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Beach (2,292,954) Walter T.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private C. M. 361st Inf.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Bois de Cheppy.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Gunshot wound in action.

DATE OF BURIAL: Sept. 28, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: Bois de Cheppy.

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

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des Canons de Tir 085-700

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? Yes

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

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Eugene V. Bronson (Chaplain 361 Inf.)
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

November 5, 1921.

Hon. John J. McSwain,
House of Representatives.

My dear Congressman:

Referring to personal inquiry concerning the grave location of Pvt. Walter Beach, Company N, 361st Infantry, I regret to have to advise you that this soldier's grave is yet unlocated. The information furnished to the father by the chaplain who buried him has been transmitted to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, for further search. I trust that this data will enable the grave to be located and the remains returned as requested by the father.

Very truly yours,

C. R. KRAUTHOFF,
Brigadier General, Q. M. C.,
Acting Quartermaster General.

mailed
11/7/21

2938 Black, Walter

December 3, 1921.

Hon. J. J. McSwain,
House of Representatives.

My dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of December 1st, you are advised that investigation in the case of the late Private Walter T. Beach, Company "M", 361st Infantry, has thus far failed to determine the confirmed grave location of this soldier. While it may eventually become necessary to list this burial as "unknown", it is still under investigation which will be continued as long as any hope of identifying the grave can be entertained.

Notation has been made of the desire of Mr. W. H. Beach that the remains of his son be permanently interred in the American Cemetery of the Meuse-Argonne, and should the confirmed grave location of this soldier be registered in this office, instructions will be issued for compliance with his request if practicable.

Very truly yours,

C. R. KRAUTHOFF,
Brigadier General, Q.M. Corps,
Acting Quartermaster General.

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2938 Beach, Walter T.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BEACH.	3	251
walter T	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE 25	2	25
	ROW 12	2	12
	BLOCK G	1	7
STATE	Wash	2	56
RANK	Prt	1	2
DIVISION	91	2	91
ORGANIZATION	361	3	361
ARM	Day	1	1
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME	Beach	3	251
RESIDENCE	STATE SC	2	46
	COUNTY Spartanburg	2	42
	CITY Landrum	3	XXX
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY			AUDITED
RACE			DEC 14 1931
ENGLISH	yes	1	RM
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
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TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	25
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Beach Walter T (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs E C Beach
Route #1
Laudrum S C

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

no

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs E. C. Beach

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Pvt. (MA) M

August 17, 1931

Mrs. E. C. Beach,
Route #1,
Laurelton, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

June 15 1931

Dear Sir

In referring to
making the Pilgrimage
to Europe I would like very
much to make hit but am
to old and am not in good
health

very truly yours
Mrs E. C. Beach



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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Beach, Walter T. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. E. C. Beach,
Route #1,
Laudrum, S. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

no

Write answer here

Mrs E. C. Beach
Sign here

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Beach, Walter T. Pvt 1232 M

✓
October 10, 1930

Mrs. E. C. Beach
Route #1
Laudrum, South Carolina

Dear Madam:

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

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

I would like to make the pilgrimage but my health is bad

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	no
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	no
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age 75 Condition of health Bad
4. Do you speak English?	yes
5. What other language do you speak?	none

Mrs. E. C. Beach

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 6, 1930.

Beach, Walter T. 1832 M

Mrs. E. C. Beach,
Route #1,
Laudrum, S. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

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

October 7, 1929.

Beach, Walter T. 1232 M

Mrs. E. C. Beach,
Route #1,
Laudrum, S. C.

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)	<i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)	<i>No</i>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)	<i>No</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>75</u> Health <u>Poor</u> (Years) <u>75</u> (Good) (Poor)		
5. What language do you speak?	English English - (Yes) <u>Yes</u> (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)		

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Beach, Walter T.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. E. C. Beach,
Route #1,
Laudrum, S.C.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

NO

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

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

I am to old

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Beach, Walter T.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. E. C. Beach,
Route #1,
Laudrum, S.C.

(Sandrum)

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Walter T. Beach, Co.M, 361st Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Beach Walter T (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs R C Beach
Route #1
Laudrum S C

Dear Madam:

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

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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August 17, 1931

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293. A-M Pvt. (MM) M

Mrs. E. G. Bouch,
Ponte A. L.,
Loudrum, S. C.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter
forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to
the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health
will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the
mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York
until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other
necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide
to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will
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and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made
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should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to
make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is re-
quested you advise this office in order that arrangements may
be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 205 A-M

Beach, Walter T. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. E. C. Beach,
Route #1,
Laudrum, S. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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October 10, 1930

Beach, Walter T. Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. E. C. Beach
Route #1
Laudrum, South Carolina

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General;

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 6, 1930.

Beach, Walter T. 1232 M

Wife, E. C. Beach,
Route #1,
Laudrum, S. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Beach, Walter T. 1232 M

Mrs. E. C. Beach,
Route #1,
Laudrum, S. C.
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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Beach, Walter T.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. E. C. Beach,
Route #1,
Laudrum, S.C.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Beach, Walter T.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. E. C. Beach,
Route #1,
Laudrum, S.C.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Walter T. Beach, Co. M, 361st Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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LANDRUM, SOUTH CAROLINA

12/7/1926



Mr. D.K. Mitchell, Major Q.M.C. Assistant
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Please accept for myself and wife and brothers and sisters of the late Walter T. Beach, our heartfelt thanks for the enclosures of Q.M. 293 A-C containing the photographs of the grave of our son and brother Walter T. Beach and the other information contained therein.

Very truly and very respectfully yours,

William H. Beach

William H. Beach

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QM 293 A-C

Beach, Walter T. Pvt.

October 25, 1926.

William H. Beach,
Route 1,
Landrum, S. C.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to letter from this office dated August 17th, 1926, The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the European Office reports that the body of your son, the late Private Walter T. Beach, Company M, 381st Infantry, was permanently buried, September 14th 1926 in Grave 25, Row 12, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

This cemetery contains approximately 14,000 American dead. It is situated near the small town of Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, in the Department of the Meuse - about 45 kilometers from Verdun and 250 kilometers from Paris. The graves of our soldier dead will be marked by white stone crosses, (or the Star of David for the Hebrews), bearing the soldier's name, rank, organization, State and date of death, and perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

As requested in your letter of August 11th, 1926, there are inclosed herewith two photographs of the grave of Private Beach. Also, a card showing the permanent cemetery location of his grave, which you no doubt will be pleased to retain.

Very truly yours,

D. K. MITCHELL,
Major, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

3 incls.

Incls. 1 & 2 - 2 photos.
" 3-card.

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 1st, 1926.

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, Walter T.
 2. No. 2291453
 3. Rank Pvt
 4. Org. Co. N, 361st Inf.
 5. D.D. 9/26/18
 6. C.D. KIA.

Gr. 2, near cross road, in Bois de Cheppy, Cheppy (Meuse), Map Verdun A, E-308, 49 N-271.

10. Name
 11. No. 2292954
 12. Rank
 13. Org.
 14. (a) D.D.
 (b) D.B.

7. Grave No. Sec.
 8. Plot Row
 9.
 18. Cemetery ---
 20. Dept. or County Meuse
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. ---
 23. Disinterred (Date) June 30, 1926, By Edwin J. Lock.
 24. Inscription on grave marker: None.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

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

19. Commune or town Cheppy

21. Country France

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Peg, yes. On body? Yes.
 Signature of Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).
 TOB and TOP read "Walter T. Beach, U.S.A." Reverse "2292954".
 Collar ornaments USMA and 361 cross rifles M buried. No effects.

27. Condition of body Flesh decomposed, skeleton disarticulated.

28. Nature of burial Buried 3 feet deep in OD US uniform, wrapped in blanket, Field shoes size 8EE.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? Serial number on TOB and TOP read "2292954".

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date July 3, 1926, By James McGourty.

31. Casket sealed by

James McGourty.

James McGourty
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)
 11/3/26

James McGourty
 file 11-15-46
 TDL

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-33134

32. Designation of body:

Name MACH, Walter T. Serial No. 2291433

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 361st Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse).

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) August 28th, 1926. By James McGourty.

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

James McGourty
James McGourty.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred September 14th, 1926,

(Date)

42. Grave No. Twenty-five (25),

Block G.

43. Plot Row Twelve (12).

G.R.S. Representative

W. B. Sheild,
Caretaker.

Meuse-Argonne Am. Cemetery #1232,
Romagne sous Montfaucon (Meuse)

Place July 3, 1926.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date

1. REMAINS OF BEACH, Walter T.

SERIAL NUMBER

=2292954=

2291453

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION

Co. M 361st Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): June 30, 1926. From (give complete location): Gr. 2 near cross
road in ~~Verdun~~ ^{Verdun} Verdun A East 308.49 North 271.

By : Group

Unit

Grave

3. Reburied (date): September 14th, 1926. In (give complete location): Twenty-five (25),
Block G, Row 12, Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cemetery,
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

GRS case, casket, sheet

By : Group W. B. Sheild, Caretaker, Unit GRS., QMC. in E., Nature of rel QDaBlanket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Buried 3 feet
deep in OD US uniform, wrapped in blanket, field shoes 8ME. Flesh decomposed,
skeleton disarticulated.5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Peg. yes.
TOB and TOP read "Walter T. Beach U.S.A." Reverse "2292954".

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

collar ornaments USMA and 361 cross rifles M buried. No effects.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Est. 5' 5"

(b) Weight (estimated) Medium boned

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity Do

Characteristics Do

(d) Hair on face—Color Do

Location Do

Quantity Do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities,

or missing parts) None visible.

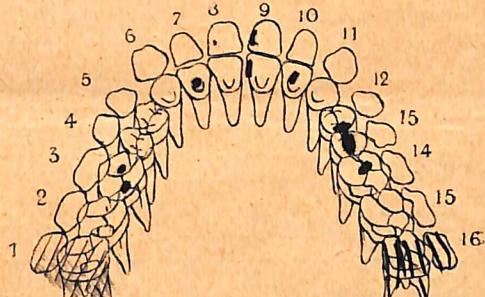
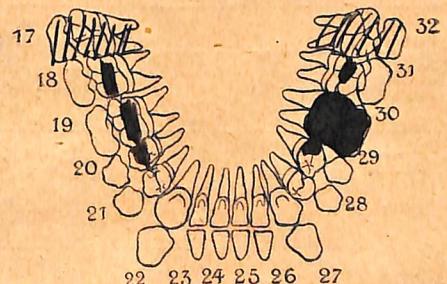


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



S.E.

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) #1, 16, 17, 32 MBD #4 #3
Left clavical fractured.
#7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 29, 31 SF
#9 GP #30 GC

7. Disinterment
supervised by

Edwin J. Lock

Approved:

James McGourty
(Title) Chief Investigator8. Reburial
supervised byW. B. Sheild,
Caretaker

Approved:

(Title)

file no
11-15
TBT

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
- (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth); and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

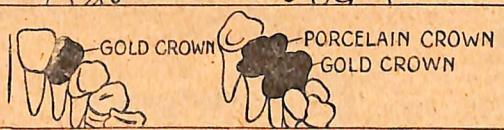
MISSING TEETH

All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :



CROWNED TEETH

Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :



BRIDGE WORK

Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :



FILLINGS

Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :



CARIES (CAVITIES)

Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



DENTURES (PLATES)

Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.
8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

IN REPLYING

PLEASE ADDRESS:

CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES
REGISTRATION SERVICE.

FILE NO. 293. Beach, Walter T., Pvt.

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

20 RUE MOLITOR

PARIS, FRANCE

October 6, 1926.

Subject: Photograph of grave.

To: The Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

1. In compliance with the instructions contained in your 1st Indorsement dated August 17, 1926, file No. 293. A-C, Beach, Walter T., Pvt., a photograph has been taken of the grave of the late Private Walter T. Beach, Co. M, 361st Inf., whose remains permanently repose in Grave 25, Row 12, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), and two prints are forwarded herewith.

2 Encls.
Photographs.

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F. W. Van Duyne
F. W. Van Duyne,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

293 Beach
Walter T.

293. Beach, Walter T., Pvt.

October 6, 1926.

Subject: Photograph of grave.

To: The Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

1. In compliance with the instructions contained in your 1st
Endorsement dated August 17, 1926, File No. 293, A-C, Beach, Walter T., Pvt.,
a photograph has been taken of the grave of the late Private Walter T. Beach,
Co. M, 301st Inf., whose remains permanently repose in Grave 25, Row 1B,
Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse),
and two prints are forwarded herewith.

2 Encs.
Photographs.

F. W. Van Duyne,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief.



QM 293 A-C

Beach, Walter T. Pvt.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., August 6, 1926--To the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

1. Identification of the remains of the late Private Walter T. Beach, 2291433, Co. M, 361st Infantry, is confirmed by this office. The body is to remain buried in France.

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of basic letter, The Adjutant General reports that they have no record of the serial number 2292954, and that the correct serial number for Private Beach is 2291433.

By order of The Quartermaster General:



293 Beach, Walter T.

2nd Ind.

Hdqrs. A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France. Sept. 17, 1926. To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. With G.R.S. Forms 114-A, 16-A and 1-A covering permanent concentration of the remains of this late soldier in Grave 25, Block G, Row 12, Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse).

2. A photograph of the grave of this deceased has been directed made in compliance with instructions in 1st Ind., your office, dated August 17, 1926, (File QM 293 A-C Beach, Walter T., Pvt.), and two prints will be forwarded immediately following receipt of the film at these Headquarters.

Encls.

Forms 114-A, 16-A and 1-A



F. W. Van Duyne,
Colonel, Q.M.C.
Chief.

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

IN REPLYING

PLEASE ADDRESS:

CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES
REGISTRATION SERVICE.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE.
20 RUE MOLITOR

FILE NO. 293 Beach, Walter T.

PARIS, FRANCE.

July 17, 1926.

Subject: Recovery of Remains.

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

1. Forwarded herewith is G.R.S. Form 16-A for the remains of Pvt. Walter T. Beach, 2291433, Co. M, 361st Inf., recovered by the Research personnel of this office.

2. Dental information on file here agrees as to teeth missing before death.

3. No personal effects were found with remains.

4. Attention is invited to serial number on tag on body and tag on peg which reads "2292954" whereas C.R.O. card here shows it as "2291433".
Correct serial number is requested.

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

1 Encl.

Form 16-A, 7/3/26.



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



W.W. QM 293 A-C

Beach, Walter T. Pvt.

August 17, 1936.

Mr. William H. Beach,
Route 1,
Lanirum, S. C.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that receipt be acknowledged of your letter of the 11th instant, and to thank you for your words of appreciation of the work performed by the Department in connection with the case of your son, the late Private Walter T. Beach, Company M, 361st Infantry.

You are informed that there is no appropriation by the Government for photographing the permanent American cemeteries or sections of the cemeteries in Europe. However, the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, has been making some photographs of the permanent graves of our soldier dead with supplies left by the American Red Cross when they were engaged in photographing the original graves of the soldiers. A letter has therefore been sent, this date, to the European Office with directions to make a photograph of the grave of Private Beach, if these supplies are still available. Also, to submit a complete report of the interment of the body of your son. These will be sent to you as soon as received.

Very truly yours,

F. H. POPE
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.



QM 293 A-C

Beach, Walter T. Pvt.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., August 17, 1926--To the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

1. Attention is invited to paragraph 3 of basic letter. A complete report of the final burial of Private Walter T. Beach, Company M, 361st Infantry, will be furnished this office. Also, a photograph will be made of the grave, if the photographic supplies are still available.

2. Reference is made to 1st indorsement from this office dated August 6th, 1926, regarding the identification and disposition of the body.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

1 incl.

c/1st. Aug. 17/26

F. H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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MD



The Bank of Landrum
Landrum, S. C.

8/11/1926

Mr. F. H. Pope
Col. Q.M.C.
Assistant.
Washington, D.C.

Re: QM 293 AC Beach, Walter T. Pvt.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 6th inst. relative to my deceased son, Pvt. Walter T. Beach, and notice with pleasure that the body of my son has been recovered from an isolated grave in Bois de Cheppy, Commune of Cheppy, Dept. of Meuse, France.

As previously advised through Congressman McSwain of the 4th Congress. District of S.C. it is my desire to have the remains of my son interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.

When this has been done I shall be very grateful if your department will favor me by sending me a complete report of his interment, showing in as much detail as possible the exact location of my son's grave; also should your department be in possession of a photograph of that section of the cemetery in which the body of my son shall be interred, it will be greatly appreciated if you will furnish me with a photograph. In future years some of my posterity may desire to visit France and the grave of my son, and this would aid materially in locating the grave.

Please be assured of the heart-felt gratitude of the writer for the kind assistance your dept. has ever been ready to render me in my bereavement.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly

Wm. H. Beach

Landrum, S.C. R#1.

(copy)

QM 293 A-C

Beach, Walter T. Pvt.

August 6, 1926.

Rev. Eugene V. Bronson,
336 N. 7th St.,
Richmond, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General is pleased to inform you that the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, reports the recovery of the bodies of the late Privates Frank J. Pachmeyr and Walter T. Beach, from Bois de Cheppy, Commune of Cheppy, Department of Meuse, France. The soldier's identification tags were found on their bodies, also one of Private Beach's tags was found on a peg which marked his grave.

The Department desires to again express to you its appreciation of your valuable assistance in this important work.

Very truly yours,

F. H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C

Beach, Walter T. Pvt.

August 6, 1926.

Mr. William H. Beach,
R.F.D. Route 1, Box 54,
Landrum, S. C.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General is pleased to inform you that the European Office reports the recovery of the body of your son, the late Private Walter T. Beach, Company M, 361st Infantry, from an isolated grave in Ebis de Cheppy, Commune of Cheppy, Department of Meuse, France. One identification tag was found on the body and one on the peg which marked the grave.

Private Beach's body is now in the mortuary in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France, pending receipt of disposition advice from this office. The records contain a letter dated December 1st, 1921, from Honorable J. J. McSwain, stating that you desired the body permanently buried in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery. Instructions have therefore been sent to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe to bury the body of your son in this cemetery.

Upon receipt of a report regarding the permanent grave location, you will be advised.

The Department is gratified that you have confided the remains of your gallant son to his country's care. He will rest, forever, in the beautiful Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery with his many comrades under the flag in defense of which he gave his young life and where the grave will be tenderly cared for by a grateful Nation, for all time.

Very truly yours,

F. H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C
Beach, Walter T. Pvt.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., August 6, 1926--To the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

1. Identification of the remains of the late Private Walter T. Beach, 2291433, Co. M, 361st Infantry, is confirmed by this office. The body is to remain buried in France.

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of basic letter, The Adjutant General reports that they have no record of the serial number 2292954, and that the correct serial number for Private Beach is 2291433.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

F. H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

OS (P)
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SOM

Noted by Statistical Clerk.
Date 8/13 8/6/26



293 Beach, Walter T.

July 17, 1926.

Subject: Recovery of Remains.

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

1. Forwarded herewith is C.R.O. Form 16-1 for the remains of Pvt. Walter T. Beach, 2291433, Co. M, 361st Inf., recovered by the Research personnel of this office.

2. Dental information on file here agrees as to teeth missing before death.

3. No personal effects were found with remains.

4. Attention is invited to serial number on tag on body and tag on peg which reads "2292954" whereas C.R.O. card here shows it as "2291433". Correct serial number is requested.

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

1 Enc.

Form 16-1, 7/3/26.

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



AUG-4-1926



COMPILED OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

File No. 47707

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name BEACH, Walter T. Ser. No. 2291433
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M, 361st Inf. TYP. CKR
 (c) Date of Death 9/26/18 (d) Cause of Death K/A

II. Registration Card

MORGUE CTY. 1232
 (a) Grave No. Row Plot Sec. Block
 (b) William H. Beach (Father) Landrum, S. Carolina

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name William H. Beach (b) Father
 (c) Address R.F.D. RT 1 Box 54, Landrum, S.C.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U.S. Yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U.S. at No
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival in U.S. Wm H. Beach
 Landrum, S.C.
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S.

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

Letter 5/10/21 from
 Wm H. Beach, father, Landrum, S.C. asking
 about return of body to Landrum for burial.
 Letter from Hon. J. J. McSwain 12/1/21 states "he
 was in receipt of a letter from father of deceased
 soldier wherein he asked that I with your
 office and say that at this time father does not
 desire that return to U.S. but does desire that
 when located, be concentrated into Meuse-Arionne
 Cemetery =

Examiner's Initials 523 Date 5/4/21

MORGUE CTY 1232

COUNTRY Cemetery No. Sheet No. 404

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

File No 47707

IV

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name BEACH, Walter T. Ser. No. 2291433 615
 Bvt. Co. M, 361st Inf. TYP.-----
 (b) Rank----- Organization-----
 (c) Date of Death 9/26/18 (d) Cause of Death K/A CKR-----

II. Registration Card

MORGUE CTY 1232

(a) Grave No.----- Row----- Plot----- Sec.----- Block-----
 (b) Emerg. Address William H. Beach(Father) Landrum, South, Carolina

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name William H. Beach (b) Father
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 Meuse Argonne Cemetery
 Examiner's Initials 8-21 Date 8/4/21

MORGUE CTY 1232
 COUNTRY----- Cemetery No.----- Sheet No.----- 404

Date July 3, 1926.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BEACH, Walter T.

SERIAL NUMBER 2292954

2291433

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. M 361st Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): June 30, 1926. From (give complete location): Gr. 8 near crossy
road in bois de Cheppy (Meuse), Map Verdun A East 308.49 North 271.

By : Group two. Unit

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

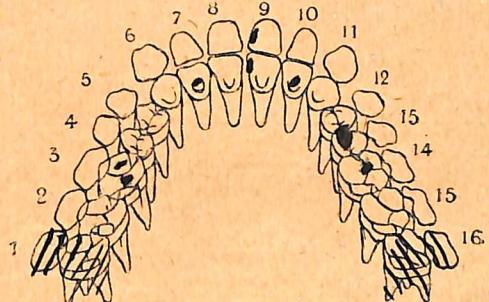
By : Group Unit Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Buried 3 feet
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collar ornaments USMA and 361 cross rifles M buried. No effects.

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Medium boned



(b) Weight (estimated)

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity Do

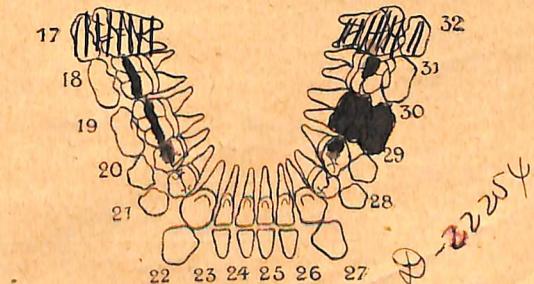
Characteristics Do

(d) Hair on face—Color Do

Location Do

Quantity Do

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



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

Left clavical fractured.

#1, 16, 17, 32 MBD #3 S.E.

#7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 29, 31 SF

#9 GF #30 GC

7. Disinterment
supervised byEdwin J. Lock
EDWIN J. LOCK
Investigator.Approved: James M. County
JAMES M. COUNTY
(Title) Chief Investigator.8. Reburial
supervised by

Approved:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
- (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete! The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH

All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :



CROWNED TEETH

Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :



BRIDGE WORK

Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :



FILLINGS

Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :



CARIES (CAVITIES)

Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



DENTURES (PLATES)

Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.
8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

CASE OF

Walter J. Beach - - Co. M 361

GRAVE

gr. 2 Bair Chippy

DECISION

body found on date sent Europe

DENTAL CHARTS AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS

CAMP	LOCAL BOARD	FROM RELATIVES	OF BODY
			A.D.
		1-16-19-32 mbd	
		3 sf	
		7 10 12 13 14 18 19	
		21 23 31 sf	
		9 gf	
		30 gc	
HEIGHT			
WEIGHT			
HAIR			
SHOE SIZE			
REMARKS			

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body

Tag. name
Jewell Ernest "M 361"

Found on Marker

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on date sent Europe

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Original burial of body

Bur. Chippy

Original burial of man

"

6 Seal.

Investigator

Concur:

APPROVED:

Officer in Charge.

Beach,

Walter T.

2,291,433

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co M 361 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

His FATHER

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

YES

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you

NO

wish them interred in a national ~~Bur~~ cemetery? ⁱⁿ instr. ~~Use Form #1151~~

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

TO LANDRUM SPTRNBURG Co. S.C.

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.) S C

WM. H. BEACH LANDRUM SC LANDRUM

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

WILLIAM, H. BEACH

(Sign here)

R. F. D. RT 1 BX 54

LANDRUM

S. C.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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QM 293 A-C

Beach, Walter, T. Pvt.

February 20, 1926.

SUBJECT: Investigation.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service,
Q. M. C., in Europe.

1. Inclosed herewith is additional information received from former Chaplain Eugene V. Bronson, to be used in connection with the investigation in the cases of the late Pvt. Walter T. Beach, Co. M, 361st Inf. and Pvt. Frank J. Pachmayr, Hdq. Co. 363rd Inf. Reference is made to your letter of January 13, 1926, 293 Beach, Walter T.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

X 293 Pachmayr, Frank J.

3 inclo.

Incl. 1-Let. Oct. 9/25

" 2-sketch

" 3-Let. Feb. 11/26

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

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336 N. 7th St.,
Richmond, Calif.

Feb. 11, 1926.

Quartermaster General
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of Feb. 1, 1926 (QM 293 A-C) for further information regarding burial place of Walter T. Beach and Frank J. Pachmayr, and enclosing letter of Lt. Col. Wm. O. Smith, from Paris.

The map which you sent is "Verdun A. 199 Group" I used "Voquois 5,215 Group." There may be no difference. The map reference which I had given you as 08.5-70.0. It was evidently wrong, locating the double grave in the open. After studying the map which you enclosed, the best location that I can possibly give is 08.5-71.0. It is the dot one inch below the word "Cheppy". If the N.W.-S.E. dotted line to the left of the word Cheppy represents the road which I have in mind, then the place where the Germans dug out the road is marked X, about 08.3-71.3. I do not believe that I can give any more correct map reading after studying the map.

One battalion of the 361st Inf. was in the first line of advance at the "jump off" Sept. 26, 1918. I was with the troops which followed 3 hours later. I reached Epinonville Sept. 27, after staying all night in a dug out near Very. On the morning of Sept. 28, my commanding officer, Col. W. D. Davis, appointed me burial officer, and sent me back to the jumping off place to begin burying the dead. The soldiers in the burial detail, which were in the first line of advance, let me back by an entirely different route than the one which I took. As we were back near the starting place we found and buried these two bodies. They were the first that I buried as the map reading was new to me that may account for me giving a wrong reading. I hope that the reading which I now give is correct.

In answering the questions of Lt. Col. Smith, "Will there be any difference in the road as it turns? I cannot recall any difference. "was the highway in the woods, Yes. Not a wide road, either. No, it was not "the main highway between Voreennes and Avocourt."

I am interested in this search, for I tried to be as careful as possible in all of my reports. Would you please inform me after this next search if my map reading this time is correct? The burial place was not very far north of the German trench system, and evidently about where 361st and 363rd Inf. joined. I am interested and will be sorry if this map reading does not indicate the burial place.

Very truly,

Eugene V. Bronson,
Ex-Chap. 361st Inf.-91st Div.

QM 293 A-C.

X 293
Beach, Walter T. Pvt., Co. M, 361st Inf.
Pachmayr, Frank J. Hq. Co., 363rd Inf.

Feb. 1, 1926

Mr. Eugene V. Bronson,
336 N. 7th St.,
Apartment 6,
Richmond, California.

Dear Sir:

Referring to previous correspondence regarding the investigation to locate the graves of the soldiers mentioned above, The Quartermaster General desires your further assistance in the matter. For that reason there are enclosed herewith letter and map received from the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, and letter of October 9, 1925, received from you.

It will be appreciated if you will study the enclosures carefully and furnish what additional information you are able to. Please use the attached envelope as it requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

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

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4 encls.
letter 1/15/26
letter 10/9/25
map
envelope



MML
Send all to
Bronson
for remarks

293 Beach, Walter T.
-293 Pachmayr, Frank J.

January 13, 1926.

Subject: Cases of Pvt. Walter T. Beach, Co. M, 361st Inf., and Pvt. Frank J. Pachmayr, Hq. Co., 363rd Inf. (Graves Unlocated).

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

1. Based on additional burial information furnished with your 1st endorsement of October 16, 1925 (file QM 293 A-C, Beach, Walter T.), on letter of this office dated September 8, 1925, further search was made for the remains of the above named soldiers. Report of Investigator is as follows:

"A second investigation of the report of burial of the above mentioned deceased American soldiers by Chaplain Bronson failed of any results.

"The additional information from Chaplain Bronson contained in letter dated October 9, 1925, is not sufficient to locate these graves. The Bois de Cheppy is about 3 kilometers wide and four kilometers long and has very many roads which have always been in this woods, besides a great number of military roads and paths made by the Germans.

"His letter states that remains are buried at the end of a road just beyond where the road turned and if the road continued it would have gone over the graves. That the road that turns is in the path of the 361st Inf. Also that this spot is a short distance south of where the Germans dug up the highway and carried away the dirt. It is suggested that the enclosed Verdun A map be forwarded to the Chaplain for him to mark near what part of the woods this roadway is located. Investigator has no information as to just what part the 361st Inf. took at the start of the drive, only that the 361st was on the right flank when the division took Vionville. It might be well to call the Chaplain's attention to the sketch he sent.

"The direction of the 91st Division in this drive was north by a trifle west, almost directly north. Now if the Chaplain was following in the path of the 361st Infantry he must have been going north. The sketch shows a road coming from the west and then turning directly north with the graves at the south end of the north and south highway. Will there be any difference in the road as it turns? Notice sketch - road west to east and road-way south and north. For the information of the Investigator, will the Chaplain explain if there was any difference in this road, as it may help to locate the road mentioned. "as the highway where the Germans dug up and carried away the dirt and which is mentioned in the letter by the Chaplain, in the woods, or does he mean the main highway between Varennes and Avescourt?"

2. Letter from former Chaplain Bronson dated October 9, 1925, above

293 Beach, Walter T.
A-293 Pachmayr, Frank J. Letter to QM 1/13/26 cont'd.

referred to, is herewith returned and it is recommended same be referred to him in connection with his sketch thereon and the enclosed map, with request for the additional information desired. If same can be obtained and the enclosed map and letter returned, further search will be made.

2 encls.

Letter 10/9/25, E.V. Bronson
Map.

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



1st Ind.

WW-mbh 8/3

War Department, A. G. O., October 21, 1925- To The Quartermaster General.

1. The records of this office show that Walter T. Beach, #2,291,433, was inducted April 26, 1918, at Seattle, Washington; assigned to Company M, 361st Infantry; killed in action September 26, 1918; buried September 28, 1918, at Bois de Cheppy, Map Vaguois, (Verdun 5) 08.5- 70.0 1:10 000.215 Groupe des Canevas de Tir, Grave No. 2. Mark: Name Peg I. T. Mobilization dental chart shows: missing teeth right upper 8, lower 8; left upper 8, lower 8.

The following are names and addresses of two sergeants and two corporals who served in Co. M, 361st Infantry, at the time of the soldier's death:

Sergeant Frank V. VanValkenberg, 1519 South 3rd Street, Mt. Vernon, Washington.

Sergeant Julius D. O'Dell, 407 Silver St., Silverton, Oregon.

Corporal Hollis R. Wood, 3541 Marmion Way, Los Angeles, Calif.

Corporal John M. Sala, R. F. D. No. 4, Box 219, Stockton, Calif.

Chaplain's report not found of record.

2. Attention is invited to the inclosed copy of affidavit of Gust G. Mellissa.

By order of the Secretary of War:

1 incl.
affidavit.

E. M. Landrum
Adjutant General.

Q1 293 A-G, 2nd Ind.
War Department, OQMC, Washington, Nov. 18, 1925 - To Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, (16eme), France.

Inviting attention to preceding indorsement and enclosure.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

1 incl.
report.

MAILED
NOV 18 1925
M. & H. BRANCH
L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C

Beach, Walter, T. Pvt.
2291433, Co. M, 361st Inf.

Oct. 16, 1925.

SUBJECT: Investigation.

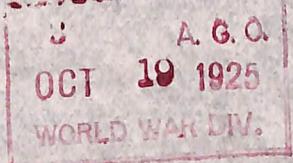
TO: The Adjutant General,
Washington, D. C.

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

- (a) Local Board and Mobilization dental charts,
- (b) Any comrades statements on file as to the death and burial place,
- (c) Places of death and burial, if of record,
- (d) Chaplain's burial report,
- (e) Names and addresses of 2 Sergeants and 2 Corporals (now living) who were in Co. M, 361st Inf. at time of death of Pvt. Beach.

For The Quartermaster General:

15 Received A. G. O. OCT 17 1925



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

Beach, Walter T. Pvt.
Co. M, 361st Infantry
Home address: Landrum, S.C.

- (a) Informant states that he saw the man after he was hit. He was hit by shell fragments in the head on the 26th of September 1918 in the forenoon.
- (b) Informant saw the man after he was hit.
- (c) The ground was held.
- (d) Death was not instantaneous.
- (e) Informant knew him by the name of "Beach".
- (f) No other man in the company ~~mix~~ or battalion by the same name.
- (g) Informant states that the man in question had light hair, height about ~~mix~~ 67 in., weight about 160 pounds.
- (h) Opinion of informant's accuracy and intelligence is not doubted.

Informant: Mellisa, Gust G. Pvt. 22191514
Co. M, 361st Inf.
Home address: 1529¹ - 9th Ave., Seattle, Wash.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

(Beach, Walter T., Pvt.,
Co. M, 361st Inf.)

November 3, 1925

Mr. Julius D. O'Dell,
407 Silver St.,
Silverton, Oregon

Dear Sir:

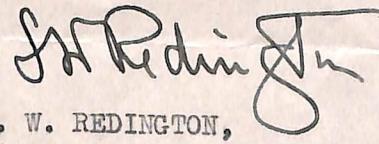
The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that an investigation is being conducted with a view towards locating the grave of the soldier named above. He was reported buried at Bois de Cheppy, Commune of Cheppy (Meuse), France.

To assist in the matter, this office will appreciate your furnishing as much of the following information as possible:

- (a) Place of burial,
- (b) Nature of wounds,
- (c) Kind of grave; land marks,
- (d) A sketch, showing the burial place,
- (e) Names of those soldiers buried in adjoining graves,
- (f) Name of Chaplain conducting the burial,
- (g) Any other data which you think might assist in the identification.

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

Very truly yours,



L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.Corp.,
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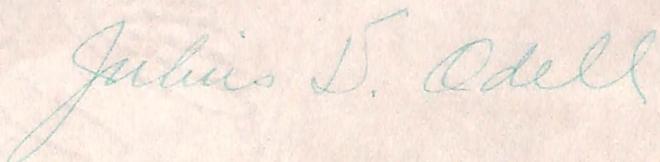
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I know nothing regarding the burial of the above named soldier

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Beach, Walter, T. Pvt.
Co. M, 361st Inf.
Pachmayr, Frank, J. Pvt.
Hdg. Co. 363 Inf.

Oct. 16, 1925.

Mr. Gust G. Mellisa,
1529 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9th Ave.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that an investigation is being conducted with a view towards locating the graves of the soldiers named above.

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Very truly yours,

L.W. Redington

L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.C.,
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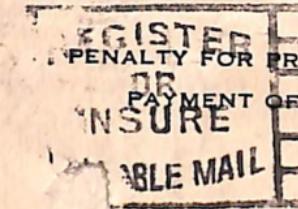
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Mr. Gust G. Mellisa
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Seattle, Washington.



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QM 293 A-C

(Beach, Walter T., Pvt.,
Co. M, 361st Inf.)

November 3, 1925

Mr. Frank V. VanValkenberg,
1519 South 3rd St.,
Mt. Vernon, Washington

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that an investigation is being conducted with a view towards locating the grave of the soldier named above. **He was reported buried at Bois de Cheppy, Commune of Cheppy (Meuse), France.**

To assist in the matter, this office will appreciate your furnishing as much of the following information as possible:

- (a) Place of burial,
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Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C

(Beach, Walter T., Pvt.,
Co. M, 361st Inf.)

November 3, 1925

Mr. Julius D. O'Dell,
407 Silver St.,
Silverton, Oregon

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

SSm
L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.Corp.,
Assistant

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QM 293 A-C

(Beach, Walter T., Pvt.,
Co. M, 361st Inf.)

November 3, 1925

Mr. Hollis R. Wood,
3541 Marmion Way,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that an investigation is being conducted with a view towards locating the grave of the soldier named above. ~~He was reported buried at Bois de Cheppy, Commune of Cheppy (Meuse), France.~~

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Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C

(Beach, Walter T., Pvt.,
Co. M, 361st Inf.)

November 3, 1925

Mr. John M. Sala,
R.F.D. # 4,
Box 219, Stockton, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that an investigation is being conducted with a view towards locating the grave of the soldier named above. ~~He was reported buried in the commune of Cheppy, in the~~
~~Commune of Cheppy (Meuse), France.~~ To assist in the matter, this office will appreciate your furnishing as much of the following information as possible:

- (a) Place of burial,
- (b) Nature of wounds,
- (c) Kind of grave; land marks,
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Very truly yours,

Done
L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M. Corps,
Assistant

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Mrs. Mullen

9 form letters
mention place
of burial of the
men as given by
GFB in each letter

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*The American Red Cross
National Headquarters
Washington, D.C.*

*With deep sympathy in your loss
The American Red Cross
sends you the photograph of the grave of
this American Soldier
who gave his life for his country*

QM 293 A-C
Beach, Walter, T.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., Oct. 16, 1925--To Chief, AGRS, QMC.,
in Europe.

1. Attention is invited to the inclosed report received from former Chaplain Eugene V. Bronson.
2. Any additional information received will be forwarded.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

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Let. Oct. 9/25.

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

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QM 293 A-C

Beach, Walter, T. Pvt.
Co. M, 361st Inf.
Pachmayr, Frank, J. Pvt.
Hdq. Co. 363 Inf.

Oct. 16, 1925.

Mr. Gust G. Mellisa,
1529 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9th Ave.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that an investigation is being conducted with a view towards locating the graves of the soldier* named above.

To assist in the matter, this office will appreciate your furnishing as much of the following information as possible:

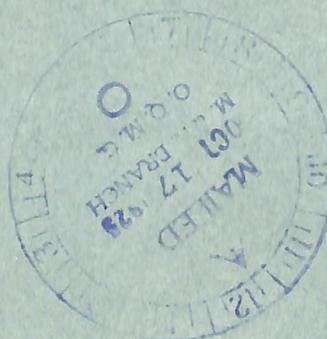
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Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C

Beach, Walter, T. Pvt.
2291433, Co. M, 361st Inf.

Oct. 16, 1925.

SUBJECT: Investigation.

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

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

- (a) Local Board and Mobilization dental charts,
- (b) Any comrades statements on file as to the death and burial place,
- (c) Places of death and burial, if of record,
- (d) Chaplain's burial report,
- (e) Names and addresses of 2 Sergeants and 2 Corporals (now living) who were in Co. M, 361st Inf. at time of death of Pvt. Beach.

For The Quartermaster General:

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



25/210/ARK

Q.M. 293 A-C

Beach, Walter, T. Pvt.

Sept. 23, 1925.

Rev. Eugene V. Bronson,
258 Guena Ave.,
San Leandro, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that your attention be invited to the inclosed copy of report from the European Office with reference to the physical search which was made for the remains of the late Privates Beach and Pachmayr, whose burials you reported on the inclosed copies of Grave Location Blanks.

Will you please furnish, if possible, the additional information requested by the European Office in order that a further search may be made for the remains.

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

Very truly yours,

D.K. MITCHELL,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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" 3-envelope

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293 Beach, Walter, T.
x 293 Pachmayr, Frank, J.

Paris, France, Sept. 8, 1925.

Subject: Case of Pvt. Walter T. Beach, Co. M, 361st Inf.
Case of Pvt. Frank J. Pachmayr, Hq. Co. 363 Inf.

To: The Q.M. Genl. Munitions Blig. Washington, D.C.

1. Based on Grave Location Blanks and other information received from your office, physical search was made for the remains of the above named soldiers. Report of Field Investigator who made the search is as follows:

"An intensive combing of the Bois de Cheppy near reported coordinates of the above mentioned deceased American soldiers failed to confirm same.

"Chaplain Eugene V. Bronson reports that he used 1/10000 map and gave coordinates which strike a point in the open near the Aucourt-Vauquois highway. Burial, he says, was made in the Bois de Cheppy. No cross used but name peg. As coordinates (which should be accurate when 1/10000 map is used) strike a point 150 meters from the edge of the Bois de Cheppy in the open, it is very difficult to locate spot in woods around which to search.

"Should these cases be referred to Chaplain Bronson for further information, it might be well to call his attention once more to the condition of the Bois de Cheppy at or near where he gives his coordinates.

"The Bois de Cheppy at this point was the front line of the Germans for a long time and is full of trenches, machine gun pits and barbed wire. It is and was a very hard woods to go through at any point unless one takes a trail or path, of which there are a few.

"Did he bury these late soldiers near a path and how far from edge of woods? In a trench or shell hole? The ground has been all shot up or trenched in the woods and is very rocky. I do not believe these remains have been recovered as Unknowns, and with some more intimate information, think they can be recovered.

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

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

336 N. 7th St. Apt. 6,
Richmond, Calif.
Oct. 9, 1925.

The Quartermaster General,
Cemeterial Div.
Wash. D.C.

Dear Sir:

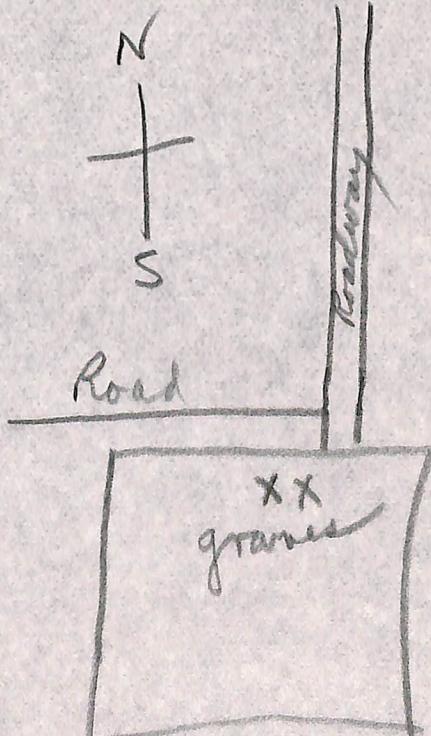
I am in receipt today of your letter of Sept. 23, 1925, (QM 293 AC) in regard to burial of Walter T. Beach, (2,292,954) and Frank J. Pachmayr, 2262723. I am sorry if the information given in my report was not sufficient to locate the graves.

This rough diagram shows the location of the graves. It was in the path of the 361st Inf. 91 Div. It was all woods around there, and at the end of a roadway. The wood turned. If it went straight on it would have gone over the graves. This location was, as I recall, about a mile north of our jumping off place. I should judge that the burial place was about 20 feet from where the highway turned. My map recording was wrong if it gave a place of 150 meters from the woods in the open. It was a short distance south from where the Germans had dug out the highway and carried away the dirt, and in the forest. I am sorry that I can't give any more definite information not having a map now. The men were not buried in a trench or shell hole, but side by side in one grave.

Very truly

Eugene V. Bronson

Ex-Chapl 361st Inf. 91 Div.



L. N.

① Copy Bronson letter for file
Orig to Europe
copy of 4 R&B + 71 on each to Europe

2. Regular to AGO on each

3. To red + comrade

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION BRANCH
Inquiry & Correspondence Section
Registration Section
Overseas Project Section

47707

293-
Beach, Walter G.

Date

1-11-24

FILE

TO: CAPTAIN WYNNE

MR. HUGHITT

MR. MAHAR

MR. HARLOW

MISS BOLAND

MR. SCOTT

MISS MCMILLEN

MRS. RUTH

MISS MINOGUE

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Reply

Returned

Signature

Preparation of Reply for Signature of

Secretary of War

Quartermaster General

Colonel Penrose

Lt. Col. Davis, O.R.C.

Captain Wynne

Lieutenant Conner

Return to

(see other side)

From

47707
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Beach (2,293,954) Walter T.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).Private Co. M. 361st Inf.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Bois de Cheppy

CAUSE OF DEATH: Gunshot wound in action

DATE OF BURIAL: Sept. 28, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Bois de Cheppy

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

Vaguois (Vaguois 51.110, 085-700-15. Group

des Canavas de Tir 085-700

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? Yes

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

CMMB. CHEPRYL (227503E)

(C123) SHT. 355E COORD

NEAREST RELATIVE: E 308.5

ADDRESS: N 270

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Eugene V. Bronson (Chaplain 361 Inf.)
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Address: Glenn, Calif.

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

GRAVE LOCATION BLANKLueb
Surname

2292954

2292954

Number

Walter

First Name

47707

Rank

Company

M. 361 Infantry
Organization

September 28, 1918

Date of Burial

Bois de Cheppy

Place of Burial

Map Vaguois-Verdun 5-08-5-70.0
1:10 000-215 Groupe des Canevas
de Tir.

Map Location and References

2
Grave No.Name PAB
Kind of Marker

Yes

Yes

Identification Tags - Body - Marker

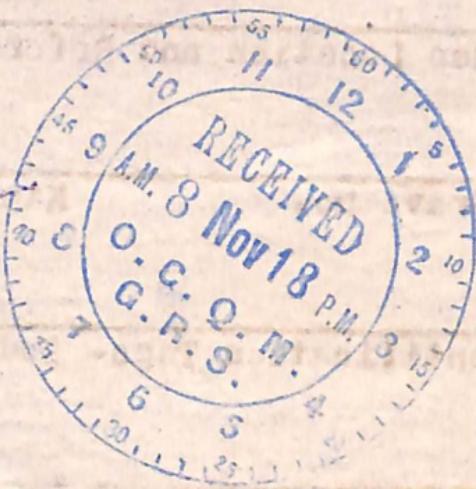
Yes

If unknown give Remarks Here and Below

CMMD. CHEPPY (M-707)
(C. 123) SHT. 355E COORD E 308.5
R 270.

Eugene Bronson Chaplain 361 Inf.

Reported by



13 List No. 726-123
Report No. ~~726-123~~

293. Beach, Walter T.

1st. Ind.

HW/nm.

Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C. in Europe, Operations Division, 8, Avenue d'Iena, PARIS. December 7th. 1921. - To: Supervisor, Area #1. ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON.

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



2nd Indorsement

G. V. S. Quackenbush
G. V. S. QUACKENBUSH,
Lieut. Col. Q.M.C.
Chief, Operations Division.

VMC:AEB

Supervisor, Area No. 1 (I&R Section), Dec. 15, 1921, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
To : Chief, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E., Paris (Operations)

1. Returned.

2. A thorough and complete search has been made in the vicinity covered by the co-ordinates given in basic communication, but without satisfactory results. The Investigator reports that he has been unable to obtain any information, or find any indication as to the location of the grave of Private Walter T Beach, #2291433, Co. M, 361st Infantry.

RECOM'D



George Price
GEO. W. PRICE,
Major, Infantry. 10

293. Beach, Walter T.

3rd Ind.

HW/nwa.

Hqrs., American GRS., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. Dec. 19th 1921.
To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Returned, inviting attention to preceding indorsement.

Walter T. Beach, 1921, 258th Inf. Regt., 8th Inf. Div., 1921, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, France

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

293. Beach, Walter T. 3rd Ind. HW/mwa.
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G. V. S. Quackenbush
H. F. RETHERS
Colonel, QMC.
Chief.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

November 15, 1921.

FILE NO. 293.8 - C - R -- #47707 - (BEACH, Walter T.)
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division.)
To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Paris, France.
Subject: Case of Private Walter T. BEACH, #2291433, Co. M, 361st Infantry.



RECORDED, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. IN EUROPE
FILE NO. 293.8 - C - R -- Walter T.

1. The records of this office show the above named soldier to have been reported by The Adjutant General of the Army as having been killed in action September 26, 1918.

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3. The dental chart and body description of Private Beach affords the following information:

Age at enlistment - 29 years, 3 months; Color of Eyes-blue; Color of Hair-brown; Height - 5 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; Weight-145 pounds. The following teeth were missing at date of enlistment: Upper Right #8, Upper Left #8, Lower Right #8, Lower Left #8.

4. It is requested that a physical search be instituted in the Commune of Cheppy (Meuse) in the immediate vicinity of 35SE; E308.5; N270. in an effort to locate the grave of the above named soldier and that a report of action taken and results obtained be submitted to this office.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

Quartermaster General
CHARLES J. WINNE,
Captain, Q. M. Corps.

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

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293. Beach, Walter T.

December 7th. 1921.

FROM: Chief

TO: Quartermaster General of the Army,
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Acknowledgment of receipt of correspondence

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12/7/21
[Red stamp]

1. Complying with communication, office of the Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, dated May 12, 1920, acknowledgment of receipt of following correspondence is made:- Letter dated November 15th. 1921. File No. 293.8 - C - R - #47707 - Case of Pvt. Walter T. BEACH, #2291433, Company M. 361st. Infantry

to which reply cannot be made within five days of its receipt.

2. The probable length of time within which reply may be expected is **twenty-five** days from date.

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

HW/nm.
HW/nm.

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

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December 7th, 1921.

FROM: Chief

TO: Quartermaster General of the Army,
Washington, D.C.

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G.V.S. QUACKENBUSH.

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

HW/mm.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION BRANCH
Inquiry & Correspondence Section
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#47707

TO: *Mr Houghton*
CAPTAIN WYNNE

MR. HUGHITT
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From lta.

Date 12/5/21

Action *File for*
Adjustment *Future Inv.*
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FILE

Preparation of Reply for Signature of
Secretary of War
Quartermaster General
Colonel Penrose
Lt. Col. Davis, O.R.C.
Captain Wynne
Lieutenant Conner

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293.8 C-R #47707 (Beach, Walter T., Pvt.)

47707 ✓

December 3, 1921.

Hon. J. J. McSwain,
House of Representatives.

My dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of December 1st, you are advised that investigation in the case of the late Private Walter T. Beach, Company "M", 361st Infantry, has thus far failed to determine the confirmed grave location of this soldier. While it may eventually become necessary to list this burial as "unknown", it is still under investigation which will be continued as long as any hope of identifying the grave can be entertained.

Notation has been made of the desire of Mr. W. H. Beach that the remains of his son be permanently interred in the American Cemetery of the Meuse-Argonne, and should the confirmed grave location of this soldier be registered in this office, instructions will be issued for compliance with his request if practicable.

Very truly yours,

C. R. KRAUTHOFF,
Brigadier General, Q.M. Corps,
Acting Quartermaster General.

DS
BPM
C.R.W.
REC
M.R.
S.M.H.

Chief, Cem. Div.

J. R. R. H
DEC 3 1921

11/5/21
Mailed

J. J. McSWAIN
4TH DIST. SOUTH CAROLINA

DIXON D. DAVIS
SECRETARY

House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.

December 1, 1921.

War Department,
Office of Quartermaster General of the Army,
Cemeterial Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Refer to your: 293.8 Cem. #47707
(Beach, Walter T. Private).

Your office has been making effort for some time to locate the grave of this person, but up to the present all effort has been of no success.

I am this day in receipt of a letter from the father of this soldier, Mr. W. H. Beach, Landrum, S. C., wherein he asked that I write your office and say that at this time he does not desire the return of the body to America, but does desire that, when it has been located, it be interred in the "Argone Government Cemetery".

I will thank you to write me a letter acknowledging receipt of this request.

Yours very truly,

J. J. McSwain

Received, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
#293.8 #47707

Beach, Walter T.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Date *12/3/11*

To *Mr. & Mrs.*

Room

All Officers,
Col. Penrose
Lt. Col. Davis, O. R. C.
Capt. Wynne
Lieut. Conner

Principal Clerk
Personnel Clerk
Files Clerk
Cemeterial Clerk

Prepare reply(Sec'y of War
for(General Rogers
signature of(General Krauthoff
(Col. Penrose
(Lt. Col. Davis
(Capt. Wynne
(Lt. Conner

FOR:

To note
Information. Need not be returned
Information and return
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Remarks and recommendation
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Signature
Check for correction
See other side for remarks

Final return to: *Mr. & Mrs.*

From: *BPM*

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December 3, 1921.

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House of Representatives.

My dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

DS
BPM

C. H. KRAUTHOFF,
Brigadier General, Q.M.Corps,
Acting Quartermaster General.

Chief, Cem. Div.

47707
FILE

November 15, 1921.

FILE NO. 295.0 - C - R - 47707 - (BEACH, Walter T.)
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division.)
To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Paris, France.
Subject: Case of Private Walter T. BEACH, #2291433, Co. H, 361st Infantry.

1. The records of this office show the above named soldier to have been reported by the Adjutant General of the Army as having been killed in action September 26, 1918.

2. Grave location Blanks signed by Eugene V. Bronson, Chaplain, 361st Infantry states this soldier was buried September 26, 1918 at Bois de Chappiy, May reference- Vaquois, (Vaquois 8) 1:10 000-215, Groupe des Camions de Tir 006-700 in Grave #2, Commune of Chappiy, (Muese), 0-123; 3632; E308.5; H270. However, this grave location has never been confirmed and it is the opinion of this office that this soldier has never been reburied.

3. The dental chart and body description of Private Beach affords the following information:

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O.Q.M.G.

Age at enlistment - 29 years, 3 months; Color of eyes-blue; Color of hair-brown; Height - 5 ft, 0 1/2 inches; Weight-145 pounds. The following teeth were missing at date of enlistment: Upper Right #8, Upper Left #8, Lower Right #8, Lower Left #8.

4. It is requested that a physical search be instituted in the Commune of Chappiy (Muese) in the immediate vicinity of 3632; E308.5; H270. in an effort to locate the grave of the above named soldier and that a report of action taken and results obtained be submitted to this office.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

CHAPMAN, G.O.D.

3-15-22

Inv & Adj

CHARLES J. WYATT,
Captain, Q. M. Corps.

FW:BG

3746

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION BRANCH
Inquiry & Correspondence Section
Registration Section
Overseas Project Section

Date 11-10

TO: *Miss William*
CAPTAIN WYNNE

MR. HUGHITT
MR. MAHAR
MR. HARLOW
MISS BOLAND
MR. SCOTT
MISS MCMILLEN
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Captain Wynne
Lieutenant Conner

Return to *JPA*
From *JPA*

(see other side)

November 7, 1921.

#47707

BEACH #2291433 Walter T,
Pvt. Co. M, 361st Inf.
K/A 9-26-18.

Letter to Europe requesting physical search
to be made around the following co-ordinates in an effort to
locate the remains of the above soldier who is thought may have
been overlooked during concentrations.

Grave locations Blank signed by Chaplain Eugene
V. Bronson, 361st Inf., shows this soldier was buried Sept. 28,
1918 in the Commune of Cheppy, Meuse 35SE. E308.5 N270. Map Vagouis-
Verdun 5-08. 5-70.0 1:10 000-215 Groupe des Canevas de Tir. Gr. #2,
Tag buried with body and on Grave marker.

A.G.O. 8-W attached.

Macaulay
INVESTIGATOR.

W.H.

293.8 Cem. Div. #47707
Beach, Walter T.

✓
FILE

November 5 1921.

FILE

Hon. John J. McSwain,
House of Representatives.

My dear Congressman:

Referring to personal inquiry concerning the grave location of Pvt. Walter Beach, Company M, 361st Infantry, I regret to have to advise you that this soldier's grave is yet unlocated. The information furnished to the father by the chaplain who buried him has been transmitted to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, for further search. I trust that this data will enable the grave to be located and the remains returned as requested by the father.

Very truly yours,

C. R. KRAUTHOFF,
Brigadier General, Q. M. C.,
Acting Quartermaster General.

RLA
rec'd
OK
and
MNH

mailed
11/17 '21

J. R. R. H.
NOV 5 1921

FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
War Trade Building
Room 2442

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

Date 11-3-21.

File No. 47707

Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.
Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

a. Surname. BEACH,	f. Date of death. 9-26-18.
b. Christian name. Walter T.	g. Cause of death. K/A
c. Serial number. 2291433	h. Authority (C. C. No.) #306
d. Organization. Co. M, 361st Inf.	i. Emergency address. Wm. H. Beach, Laudrum, S.C.
e. Rank. Pvt.	j. Relationship. Father.

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

a. Age at enlistment. 29 yr 3 mo.
b. Color of eyes. Blue
c. Color of hair. Brown
d. Height. 5-5 1/2
e. Weight. 145 lbs

f. Permanent marks and physical
defects at enlistment. (Old
fractures or breaks.)

was scar left upper arm
1 inch " top of forehead
1/2 " MACAULEY. upper lip
1 inch scar under chin

By

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Strike out teeth missing:

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Upper right Upper left.

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

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

H. J. CONNER

H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Captain, Q. M. C.
REC'D MAIL SECTION,
W. W. Div., A. G. O.

NOV 5 1921 2

W. H.
11/1/21

Mr. Macaulay
Mr. &

Adj. Dept

Sept 20 Investigation
+ adjustment

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Date _____

To _____

Room _____

All Officers,

Col. Penrose

~~Lt. Col. Davis, O. R. C.~~

~~Capt. Wynne~~

~~Lieut. Conner~~



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

Prepare reply/ Sec'y of War
for General Rogers
signature of General Krauthoff
(Col. Penrose
(Lt. Col. Davis

Result of

Special investigation

Res. return

to further

action to

Case

Note left

W.H.

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

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Final return to: _____

OTM

From: _____

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colors.

November 5, 1921.

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House of Representatives.

My dear Congressman:

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Very truly yours,

C. R. BRAITHWAFF,
Brigadier General, Q. M. C.,
Acting Quartermaster General.

11-2-21.

#47707

BEACH, 2291433 Walter T,
Pvt. Co. M, 361st Inf.
K/A 9-26-18.

A.R.C. Searcher's report shows this soldier was hit in the head by shell fragments on Sept. 26, 1918. Death was not instantaneous.

If this soldier did not die immediately as stated in the above report, it is very probable he was taken to General Hospital #2, located at Cheppy (Meuse) and died at that hospital.

No record of this soldier shown on the Engineers' Maps or Sketches on Cheppy, 35SE.

Grave Location Blank shows this soldier died of Gun shot wounds in action Sept. 28, 1918 at Bois de Cheppy, buried same place. Map uses was Vaquois (Vaquois 5) 1:10,000 215 Groupe des Canevas de Tir 085-700. Grave #2. Tag buried with body and one on Grave Marker. Cmme. Cheppy, Meuse #123. 35SE E308.5 N270. Reptd. By: Eugene V. Bronson (Chaplain 361st Inf.).

Searched thru all the 3x5 Blue cards on Cty. #1232, which is the Cty. in which all the members of the 361st Inf. who were killed in September were reburied, and found none which could be identified as BEACH.

No record of BEACH or WALTER in Romagne Directory.

Found that most of the men who were originally buried at Cheppy were members of the 138th Inf., and but two of the 361st inf.

There is but one Form 16 in the Unknowns on Cty. #1232, showing originally burial as Cheppy, 35SE N272.95 E305 on which there is not a Form 16-A. (This co-ordination does not correspond with the one shown on G.L.B. For BEACH.)

There are two forms 16-A - not forms 16, showing they were found in the Commune of Cheppy in March 1921, but neither one would check with the Dental chart of Beach.

It is my opinion that this soldier was never reburied and that a physical search should be requested in an effort to find the grave location of this soldier.

Macaulay
INVESTIGATOR.

Letter to mother from Chaplain states he buried this soldier around coordinates as shown above with another soldier in Gr. #2, about five (5) miles south of Very, Meuse.

47707

Co. "M" 361st, Infantry
91st, Division

BEACH, Walter T. Pvt. 2292954
Home address: Landrum S.C.

- (a) Informant states that he saw the man after he was hit. He was hit by shell fragments in the head on the 26th of September 1918 in the forenoon.
- (b) Informant saw the man after he was hit.
- (c) The ground was held
- (d) Death was not instantaneous
- (e) Informant knew him by the name of "Beach"
- (f) No other man in the company or battalion by the same name.
- (g) Informant states that the man in question had light hair, height about 67in., weight about 160 pounds.
- (h) Opinion of informant's accuracy and intelligence is not doubted.

INFORMANT: MELLISA, Gust G., Pvt. 22191514.

Co. "M" 361st, Infantry
Home address: 1529 1/2 9th Ave, Seattle, Wash.,

SEARCHER: Francois Trouchet
Capt. 361st Inf.
Commd'g Co. "M"

NEXT OF KIN:
Wm. H. Beach (Father)
Landrum, S.C.

W. J. M.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Date 7-27-21

To Do not file Room

All Officers,
Col. Penrose
Lt. Col. Davis, O. R. C.
Capt. Wynne
Lieut. Conner

FILE

Mr. Robb - Principal Clerk
Mrs. Hodges - Personnel Clerk
Mr. Houghton - Files
Mr. Saxton - Cemeterial Branch
Mr. Grant - Inquiry Branch
Mr. Plotner - Supplies

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

FOR:

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

Final return to: Do not file

From: J. D. D.

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OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CIMETERY DIVISION
INQUIRY SECTION.

File No.

Date 7-23

Time 14

TO REGISTRATION SECTION,
INVESTIGATION SUB-SECTION.

Attention of Am 9 adj

FOR VERIFICATION OF

Grave location

Spelling of

(a) original
(b) reburial

(a) first name
(b) last name

Serial number

Date of

File number

(a) death
(b) burial or reburial

Organization

Condition of Body

Cause of death

Burial of Body

Emergency Address

Other burials in same vicinity

Identification

Am

Rank

REGISTRATION SECTION
INVESTIGATION SUB-SECTION

Date 7-23

TO INQUIRY SECTION:

Attention of: Supervisor

No action to be taken by this office.

REPLY and 109-a to be returned to Inv. & Adj.

REPLY and return to Inv. & Adj. for investigation.

HJS
Examiner

Remarks:
See other side.

INQUIRY ACKNOWLEDGED

forwarded for action.

S-459?MB

Date 7-23-21
att.

July 27, 1921.

293.8-Com. #47707 (Beach, Walter T., Pvt.)

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

Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Beach, Landrum, S. C.

Grave Location.

1. In reply to your letter of July 18, 1921, you are advised that no definite information has as yet been obtained as to the result of the investigation instituted to determine the grave location of your son, Private Walter T. Beach, Company M, 361st Infantry.
2. This office again assures you that you will be immediately advised in the event the grave location of this soldier is discovered.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

MAILED
JUL 28 1921
U.S.

Landrum SC
July 18 ~~1921~~

Quarter Master General U.S.A.

Cemeterial Division

Please Advise us

if any Information has as yet
been received in regard to the
Remains or grave inrance of
Walter J. Beach Private Co Mc

361 Ref ^{Serial 91st DIVISION} No 2291433 293.8 Com #47707
on Jun 4 ~~1921~~ we were Advised you would
make further ^{INVESTIGATION} & Advise as per Chaplain

E. V. Brown Report in detail given us
& copy furnished Dept June 4 ~~1921~~

Very Respt awaiting your Reply

W. H. Beach Father

E. C. Beach Mother

LANDRUM, SC. R.F.D R+1 BX 94

Landrum, S.C. Cemetery Division
U. S. Q. M. G.
H. 37707

Beach, Walter

1921

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June 4, 1921.
293.8 Com. #47707 (Beach, Walter T., Private)

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemetery, 1 Division)
Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Beach, Landrum, South Carolina.

Case of Private Walter T. Beach.

1. Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 21, 1921 and the information as to the original grave location of your son, Private Walter T. Beach, Company H, 361st Infantry, enclosed therin.
2. This information will be made the basis of further investigation in this case. As soon as definite information is obtained you will be immediately advised.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WHITIN,
Captin, Q. M. C.

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Q.M.C.

Cemetery Division
Overseas Project Sub-Committee

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Date 5-31-21

To	Room
All Officers,	
Col. Penrose	
Lt. Col. Davis, O. R. C.	
Captain Hanson	
Capt. Wynne	
Lieut. Conner	

Inquiry

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Prepare reply(Sec'y of War
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FOR:

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K. S.H.

From:

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File #293-167404 77007

Landrum SC

Capt

May 21/1921

Charles J. Wynn

for Quarter Master, U.S.A. ^{Enc}

in answer to your favor of 19th 1921
I beg leave to enclose some information
taken from the report of Lt. Ensign V.
^{McA 21. 1919} Bronson Chaplain Co M 361 Reg
91st Div A. E. F. who statement may
be of service in throwing light on
& aiding in locating the remains
of Walter J. Beach Private Co M
B 61 of Reg who was the first man
of Co M killed in action Sept 26
& buried Sept 28th 1918 but who
it seemed is a mystery about his
burial & location of remains hoping
what I have enclosed may aid in
clearing up same I remain

Yours very respectt

W. H. Beach. Father
Emily C. Beach. Mother

IN. RE. WALTER. T. BEACH
PRIVATE CO. M, INFY. 361 REG
91 DIV KILLED IN ACTION
SEPT 26th 1918 A. E. F. IN FRANCE
NO 293,8CEM #41707
SUBJECT: UNCONFIRMED GRAVE LOCATION
1 RECEIPT OF LETTER MAY 19th 1921
2 WE NOTE THAT NO RECORDS
SEEM TO LOCATE HIS REMAINS
3 WE GIVE REPORT SENT US BY
EUGENE. V. BRONSON. (FORMER CHAPLAIN
WHO STATES HE WAS IN CHARGE OF
BURIAL SQUAD AND BURIED THE
BODY OF WALTER. T. BEACH SEPT 28th
1918
4 HE GIVES MAP REFERENCE
OF BURIAL AS "Vauquois 215 scale 1:10,000
and COORDINATES. 08.5-70.0
5 HE SAYS HE IS IN A GRAVE WITH
AN OTHER ONE MAN (NAME NOT GIVEN
AND HIS GRAVE^{IS} NUMBER 2
THESE WERE THE FIRST 2 BURIALS
THE GRAVE IS ABOUT 5 MILES SOUTH
OF VERY MEUSE FRANCE ONE TAG
WAS FASTENED ON A STAKE TEMPORARY
5 IN REPORT OF COLIN. V. DYMENT
L3. A.R.C. 91ST DIV HE GIVES THE NO
OF PRIVATE WALTER. T. BEACH AS
2,292,954, OR 2,291,433 (DISCREPANCY
L3rd RESP. W. H. Beach FARTHER
Emily Caroline Beach MOTHER

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

Date

5/24/21

TO:
CAPTAIN HANSON

Action as necessary
Necessary adjustment
Investigation
Remark
Suspension
Note (Need not return)
Note and return
Form 101-A
Action as noted

Preparation of letter

Signature

File *for future investigation*

Recording

Coding

File Papers

Returned

Report

Forwarded.

MR. HUGHITT
MISS BOLAND

Memo:

CARD DEPT (RFSS)
CTY. AUDIT DEPT. (ISS)
INV. & ADJ. DEPT. (ISS)
PREP. OF DATA DEPT. (ISS)
INFORMATION CONTROL (ISS)

OPSS - Adm. Dept.

OPSS - Comp. Dept.

OPSS - Corresp. & Coord. Dept.

OPSS - Files Dept.

FILES DEPT (ADM. BRANCH)

Return to

9 (Revised 3-23-21)

From

S/1333/LML

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Date 5-19-21

To

Investigation & Adj

Room

All Officers,

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G.R.S. Form No. 126
VERIFICATION OF DATA

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
INQUIRY SECTION.

File No.

Date 5-16-21

Time _____

TO REGISTRATION SECTION,
INVESTIGATION SUB-SECTION.

Attention of Inv & Adj

FOR VERIFICATION OF

Grave location

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REGISTRATION SECTION
INVESTIGATION SUB-SECTION

Date _____

Time _____

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Overseas Project Sub-Unit

TO INQUIRY SECTION:

Attention of: Supervisor

No action to be taken by this office.

REPLY and 109-a to be returned to Inv. & Adj.

REPLY and return to Inv. & Adj. for investigation.

INQUIRY ACKNOWLEDGED
forwarded for action

Examiner

Remarks:

See other side.

Date 5-19-21

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Jan

May 19, 1921.

293.8 Cam. #47707 (Beach, Walter T., Private)

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

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beach, Landrum, E. C.

Unconfirmed Grave Location.

1. Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 10, 1921, addressed to The Adjutant General of the Army and referred to this office for answer.

2. The records of this office show only the so-called "Unconfirmed" grave location of your son, Private Walter T. Beach, Company M, 361st Infantry, that is, the grave location reported to this office by the Officer in Charge of the burial of this soldier but this report has not been confirmed by the Graves Registration Service. All the bodies buried in isolated graves, the original grave location of which has been confirmed by this service, have been concentrated into the concentration cemeteries, but there is no record in this office showing that the body of this soldier has been located at the place at which it was reported to be buried, nor is there any record of the body having been placed in a cemetery.

3. In the event that no such record can be found, a search in addition to those already made, will be made by the Field Forces of the Graves Registration Service in Europe, in the vicinity of the reported grave location to discover, if possible, the body.

4. It is therefore evident that this investigation must be conducted in a painstaking manner and that some time may yet elapse before definite information can be given in this case.

5. This office assures you that as soon as definite information is obtained, you will be immediately advised and that instructions will be issued that the body of the deceased be

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Overseas Project Sub-Commission

returned to you as you have requested, provided there is no other relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over yours.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MR

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

July
J.W.

ORANGE CARD MADE

MAILED
MAY 20 1921
G.R.S.

IN, RE, WALTER, T. BEACH PRIVATE
Co. M. REGIMENT 361 91 DIV A.E.F.

Recorded, Cemetery Div., 0, 0, M. G.
File No. 2938-8-8-44707

Landrum S.C.
May 10 1921

Adjutant Gen War Dept
U.S.A.

Dear Sir

please advise us what
disposition has or will be made
of the body of Walter T. Beach
Private Co M. Regiment 361
91 Div A.E.F. killed in action
Sept 26th 1918 near Epionville
Commune of Cherry Mense France

Request was made on form in
FROM OFFICE WAR DPT
enclosure of Mch 20 1919 which
was returned to the office of
Adjutant Gen War Dept at
that time very Respt

W. H. Beach Father
E. C. Beach mother

Request was for return of body
to Landrum S.C. for burial