

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... 25 12 G  
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-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 Chapuy*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Gunshot wound in action*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Sept. 28, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Bois de Chapuy*

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

*Vaquois (Verden 5) 1:10,000 215 Groupe  
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:

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

*Eugene B. Bronson (Chaplain 361st Inf.)*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.



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 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.

*mailed  
11/7  
LM*

*2938 Beach, 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.  
Krauthoff 1921  
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# CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>BEACH.</i>	<i>BEA</i>	3	<i>251</i>
<i>walter T</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>25</i>	2	<i>25</i>
	ROW <i>12</i>	2	<i>12</i>
	BLOCK <i>G</i>	1	<i>7</i>
STATE	<i>Wash.</i>	2	<i>56</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>91</i>	2	<i>91</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>361</i>	3	<i>361</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Beach</i>	<i>Bea</i>	3	<i>251</i>
<i>Mrs E.C.</i>	STATE <i>SC</i>	2	<i>46</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Spartanburg</i>	2	<i>42</i>
	CITY <i>Landrum</i>	3	<i>xxx</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	<i>25</i>
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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.

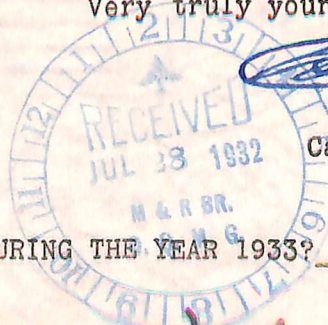
IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

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

2 Encls.

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

no  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs E. C. Beach



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 17, 1931

Pvt. (MA) M

Mrs. E. C. Beach,  
Route 11,  
Laudron, 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 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

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

Very truly yours  
Mrs E. B. Beach





WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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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.

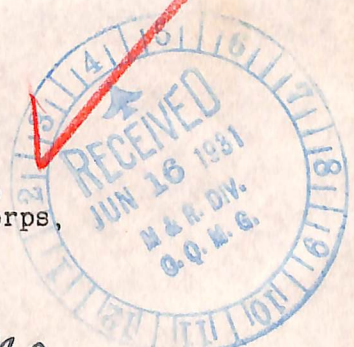
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
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WASHINGTON

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 too bad*

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

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

June 6, 1930.

Beach, Walter T. 1232 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)

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7 , 1929.

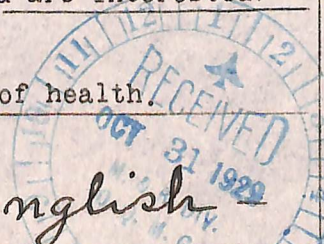
Beach, Walter T. 1232 M

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 <i>75</i> Health <i>Poor</i>	(Years) <i>75</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak? <i>English</i>	English - (Yes) <i>Yes</i> (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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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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.

*Mother*

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

*I am too old*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Donoh, Walter T.

June 20, 1929.

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

(Laudrum)

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. Donoh, Co.M, 361st Inf. whose remains are now interred in the House 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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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-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.

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.

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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  
WASHINGTON

August 17, 1931

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

Mrs. E. C. Bouch,  
Route #1,  
Laudrum, 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 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.

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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 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.

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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?

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Sign here



TM 293 A-M

October 10, 1930

Beach, Walter T. Pvt 1232 M

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

Dear Ladam:

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 <sup>mother</sup> 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 languages 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  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 6, 1930.

Beach, Walter T. 1232 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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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,

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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.  
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,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Beach, 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,

2 incs.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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





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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*

Landrum, S.C.  
R#1.



*Jim  
12/10/26  
R*



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, 341st 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 incs.

Incls. 1 & 2 - 2 photos.

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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.

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

2. No. 229143311. No. 22929543. Rank Pvt.

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

4. Org. Co. M, 301st Inf.

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

5. D.D. 9/26/18

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

6. C.D. KIA.

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

Gr. 2, near cross road, in Bois de Cheppy,  
Came Cheppy (Meuse), Map Verdun A, E-308.49  
N-271.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

17. No discrepancies.

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

19. Commune or town Cheppy20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. \_\_\_\_\_

23. Disinterred (Date) June 30, 1926,By Edwin J. Lock.24. Inscription on grave marker: None.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? 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 USNA 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.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

James McGourty.

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

32. Designation of body:

Name BEACH, Walter T. Serial No. 2291433

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

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1233, 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,  
Place Romagne sous Montfaucon (Meuse)

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date July 3, 1926.

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. 2 near cross  
road in B. of the Chaplain Vardun A East 308.49 North 271.

By: Group two. Unit

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

By: Group W.B. Sheild, Caretaker, Unit GRS., QMC. in E., Nature of reburial GRS case, casket, sheet & Blanket.

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 8E. 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 USNA 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) Ht. 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.

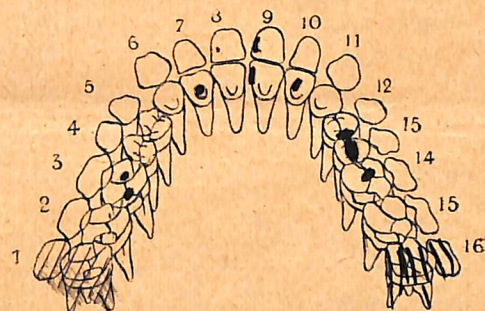
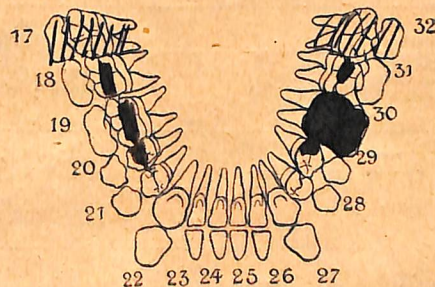


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



S.E.

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)  
Left claval fractured.

#1, 16, 17, 32 MBD #44 #3  
#7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 29, 31 SF  
#9 OF #30 GC

7. Disinterment supervised by Edwin J. Lock

Approved: James M. Courtney  
(Title) Chief Investigator.

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






Approved: File no 11-15-26  
(Title) TOL



## 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), bicuspid (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.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b>	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:	
<b>FILLINGS</b>	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>	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.



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

PLEASE ADDRESS:

CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES  
REGISTRATION SERVICE.

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

PARIS, FRANCE.

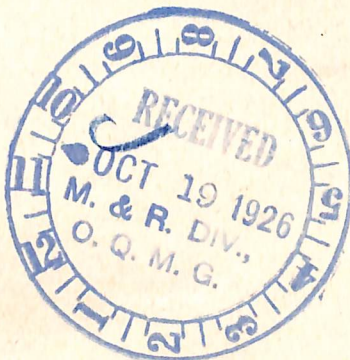
October 6, 1926.


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.



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

293 Beach Walter T



293. Beach, Walter T., Pvt.

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Photographs.



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

293 Beach, Walter T.



QM 293 A-C

Beach, Walter T. Pvt.

1st Ind.

War Dept., CQMG, 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.



293 Beach, Walter T.

2nd Ind.

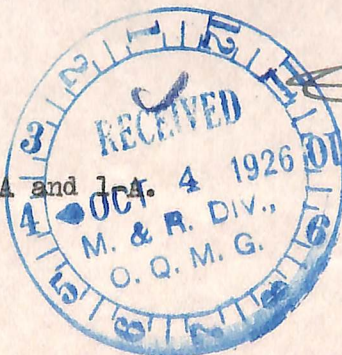
Hdqs. A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France. Sept. 17, 1926. To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

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 Duzee,  
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,  
Chief.



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

PLEASE ADDRESS:

CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES  
REGISTRATION SERVICE.

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. C. Smith,  
Lieut. Col. Q.M. Corps,  
Chief.



293 Beach, Walter T.



QM 293 A-C

Beach, Walter T. Pvt.

August 17, 1926.

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

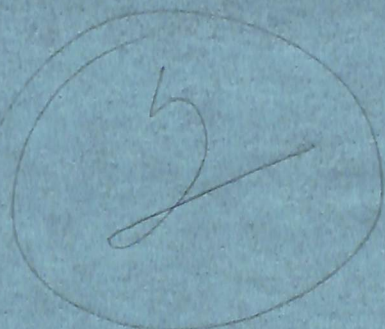
Dear Sir:

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., OCMG, Washington, D.C., August 17, 1926--To the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, C.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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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. Pachmayr 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.CO.,  
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 Ethis 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, C.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.

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Noted by Statistical Clerk.  
Date 8213 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 G.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 G.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 16-1, 7/3/26.



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

AUG-4-1926





# COMPILATION 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. -----  
 (c) Date of Death 9/26/18 (d) Cause of Death K/A CKR -----

## II. Registration Card

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

## III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name William H. Beach (b) Father  
 (c) Address RFD 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  
W. 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 write your  
office and say that at this time father does not  
desire that return to U.S. but does desire that  
when located, <sup>remains</sup> be concentrated into Meuse Argonne  
Cemetery.  
 Examiner's Initials gms Date 8/4/21

MORGUE CTY 1232

COUNTRY -----

Cemetery No. -----

Sheet No. 404



# COMPILATION 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. -----  
 (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) -----  
 (b) Emerg. Address William H. Beach (Father) Landrum, South, 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. Carolina  
 (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 W. 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 write your office and say that at this time father does not desire the return to U. S. but does desire that when located be concentrated into Meuse Argonne Cemetery.

Examiner's Initials 5423 Date 8/4/22

MORGUE CTY 1232

COUNTRY ----- Cemetery No. ----- Sheet No. 404



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

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date July 3, 1926.1. REMAINS OF BEACH, Walter T. SERIAL NUMBER ~~2292954~~ 2291433RANK 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  
Comme 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  
deep in OD US uniform, wrapped in blanket, field shoes SEE. Flesh decomposed,  
skeleton disarticulated.5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes.  
TOB and TOP read "Walter T. Beach U.S.A." Reverse "2292954".(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: no rec also.  
collar ornaments USA and 361 cross rifles M buried. No effects.

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

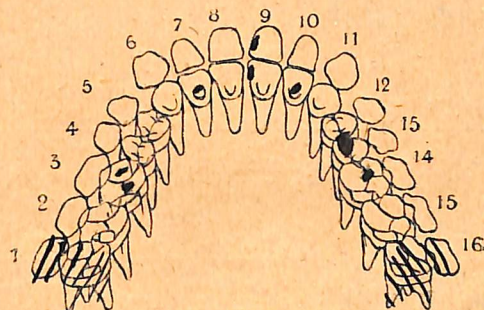
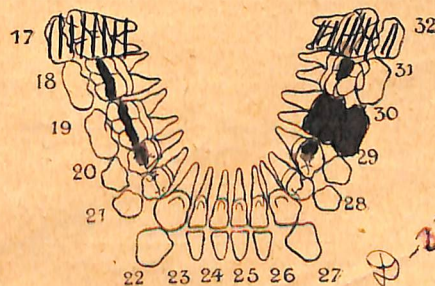
(a) Height (actual measurement) Est. 5' 5" ✓(b) Weight (estimated) Medium boned(c) Hair—Color NoneQuantity DoCharacteristics Do(d) Hair on face—Color DoLocation DoQuantity Do(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities,  
or missing parts) None visible.

Diagram represents the mouth wide open

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) #1, 16, 17, 32 MBD ## #3 S.E.  
Left clavical fractured. #7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 29, 31 SF  
#9 GF #30 GC7. Disinterment supervised by Edwin J. Lock Approved: James M. Gourtly  
EDWIN J. LOCK JAMES M. GOURTLY  
Investigator. 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.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b>	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	
<b>FILLINGS</b>	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>	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.



## IDENTIFICATION OPINION

## OPINION

CASE OF Walter J. Beach - Co. M 361GRAVE gr. 2 Bois ChépyDECISION body found on data sent Europe

## DENTAL CHARTS AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS

CAMP	LOCAL BOARD	FROM RELATIVES	OF BODY	A.D.
			1-16-17-32 mbd	
			3 sf	
			7 10 12 13 14 18 19	
			21 27 31 sf	
			9 gf	
			30 gc	
HEIGHT				
WEIGHT				
HAIR				
SHOE SIZE				
REMARKS				

## IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body

Found on Marker

Tag: name  
cavalier ornament "M 361"

## OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on data sent Europe

## ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Original burial of body

Com. Chépy

Original burial of man

"

Investigator

Concur::

APPROVED:

Officer in Charge.



Beach,

(Surname.)

Walter T.

(Christian name in full.)

2,291,433

(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 cemetery?

(Yes or no.)

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

TO LANDRUM SPTANBURG Co., S.C.

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

WM. H. BEACH

LANDRUM

LANDRUM

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

WILLIAM. H. BEACH

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.



47707  
memo

mc 251-87P9-12-21



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:

+ 293 Pachmayr, Frank J.

3 incs.

Incl. 1-Let. Oct. 9/25

" 2-sketch

" 3-Let. Feb. 11/26

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

CS  
LN  
WDR





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 batallion 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 being 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.

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,

4 encls.  
letter 1/13/26  
letter 10/9/25  
map  
envelope



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

MGL  
CS  
WPR



Mr M L

Find all to

Bronson  
for remark



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

January 13, 1926.

Subject: Cases of Pvt. Walter T. Beach, Co.H, 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 indorsement of October 16, 1925 (file GM 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 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 Epionville. 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 roadway 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. Was 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.  
K-293 Pachmayr, Frank J. Letter to QMG 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., C.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. Mellisa.

By order of the Secretary of War:

1 incl.  
affidavit.

E. M. Landrum  
Adjutant General.

GM 293 A-G.

2nd Ind.

War Department, OCMG, Washington, Nov. 18, 1925 - To Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, (16 eme), France.

Inviting attention to preceding indorsement and enclosure.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

1 incl.  
report.

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.

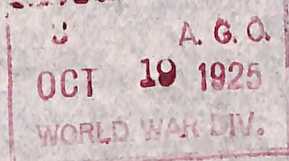
TO: The Adjutant General,  
Washington, D. C.

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 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. V. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

25/210/ARK



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 ~~or~~ or battalion by the same name.
- (g) Informant states that the man in question had light hair, height about ~~67~~ 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: 1529<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> - 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*

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

Encl.  
envelope

*I know nothing regarding the  
burial of the above named soldier*

25/209/ARK

*Julius D. Odell*

COMG.  
293-Beach Walter T.



NOV 17 1925





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.  
Hdq. Co. 363 Inf.

Oct. 16, 1925.

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

Dear Sir:

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*✓ X 293 Pachmayr, Frank J. File 65 11/15/25*

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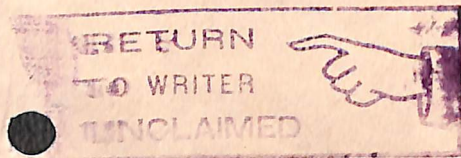


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Mr. Gust G. Mellisa  
1529 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 9th Ave.,  
Seattle, Washington.

*Put from T.F.*





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:

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Very truly yours,

Encl.  
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L. W. HEDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant

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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:

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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 Chappy (Meuse), France.  
To assist in the matter, this office will appreciate your furnishing as much of the following information as possible:

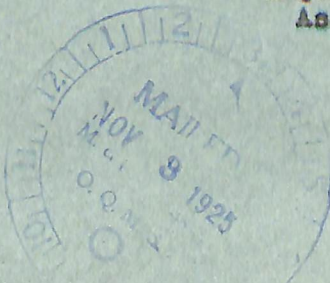
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Assistant

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25/209/ARK



Mrs. Mullen

9 form letters  
mention place  
of burial of the 2  
men as given by  
GAB on 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*



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QM 293 A-C  
Beach, Walter, T.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OCMG, Washington, D.C., Oct. 16, 1925--To Chief, AGBS, 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:

1 incl.

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,  
1539½ 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:

- (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,

1 incl.  
envelope.



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

*Redington*



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.



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QM 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.

LN  
CS  
WDR

3 incs.

Incl 1-c/report  
" 2-c/G.L.Blanks  
" 3-envelope



x 293 Pachmayr, Frank J.



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 Bldg. 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 coordinations 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:

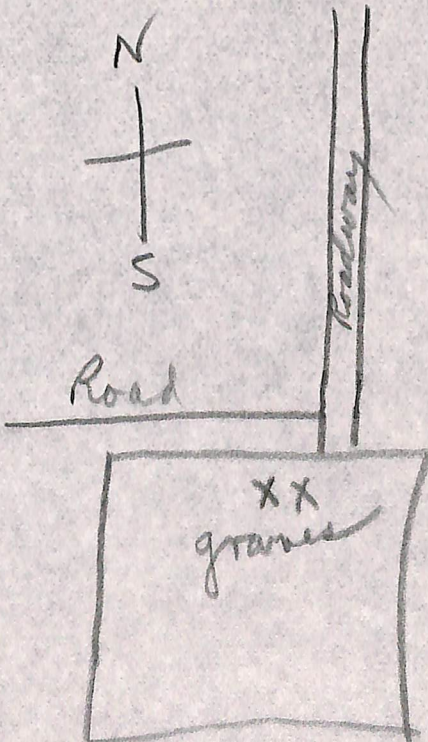
I am in receipt today of your letter of Sept. 23, 1925, (QM 293 AC) in regard to burial of Walter T. Beach, (2,292,954) and Frank J. Pachmayr, 2262723. I am sorry if the information given in my report was not sufficient to locate the graves.

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-Chaplain 361st Inf. 91 Div.





L. M.

Copy Bronson letter for file  
① Orig to Europe  
copy of LRB + 71 on each to Europe

2. Regular to AGO on each

3. To red + comrade







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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

## LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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

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

PLACE OF DEATH: Bois de Cheffy

CAUSE OF DEATH: Gunshot wound in action

DATE OF BURIAL: Sept. 28, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Bois de Cheffy

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

Vaguois (Vaguois 5) 1:10,000 915 Grappe

des Carrevas 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:

CMME. CHEPRY (27703E)

(C123) SHT. 355E

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 BLANK

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2202954

Walter E.

Surname

Number

First Name

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  
1:10 090-215 Groupe des Carrevas  
de Tir.

Map Location and References

Grave No.

Name  
Kind of Marker

Identification Tags- Body- Marker

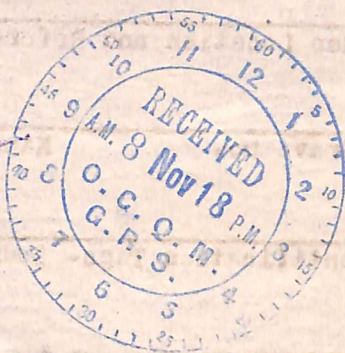
If unknown give Remarks Here and Below

~~CMMH. CHEPPY (MELSE)~~~~(C. 123) SHT. 355E COORD E 308.5~~~~N 270.~~

Eugene Bronson Chaplain 361 Inf.

Reported by





List No. 726-123  
Report No.



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.



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

2nd Indorsement

*WMC: 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.

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RECORDED



*Geo. W. 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.

*Chaplain  
1921. 9/23/25  
258- guerra Ave.  
San Leandro, Calif.*

*H. F. Rethers*  
H. F. RETHERS  
Colonel, QMC.  
Chief.

received, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. C.  
File # 293.8  
47707

*Beach, Walter T*



293. Beach, Walter T. 3rd Ind. HW/mwa.  
Hqs., American CRS., 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.

G. V. S. Quackenbush

H. F. RETHERS  
Colonel, QMC.  
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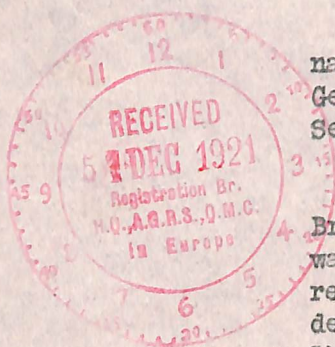
WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

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 -- #47707 - (BEACH, Walter T.)



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2. Grave Location Blanks signed by Eugene V. Bronson, Chaplain, 361st Infantry states this soldier was buried September 28, 1918 at Bois de Cheppy, map reference- Vaguois, (Vaguois 5) 1:10 000-215, Groupe des Canevas de Tir 085-700 in Grave #2, Commune of Cheppy, (Meuse), C-123; 35SE; E308.5; N270. 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:

Age at enlistment - 29 years, 3 months; Color of Eyes-blue; Color of Hair-brown; Height - 5 ft. 5 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:

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



# 47707

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

293. Beach, Walter T.

December 7th. 1921.

FROM: Chief

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

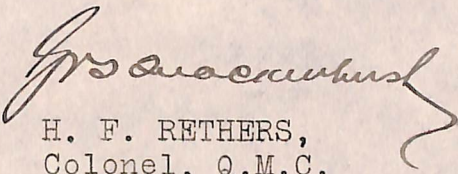
SUBJECT: Acknowledgment of receipt of correspondence

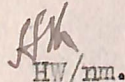
FILE

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,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Chief.

  
HW/nm.

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

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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G.V.S. QUACKENBUSH.

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

HW/ma.



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

# 47707  
Date 12/5/21

TO: *Mr Houghton*  
CAPTAIN WYNNE

MR. HUGHITT  
MR. MAHAR  
MR. HARLOW  
MISS BOLAND  
MR. SCOTT  
MISS MCMILLEN  
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Signature

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Future Inv.*

FILE

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

Return to \_\_\_\_\_  
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293.8 C-R #47707 (Beach, Walter T., Pvt.)

December 3, 1921.

47707 ✓  
FILE

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

Chief, Cem. Div.

*Mailed 11/5 my*  
J. R. R. H  
DEC 3 1921



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

Recorded, 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. & ady 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:

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Information and return  
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Returned  
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Final return to: Mr. & ady

From: 13 PM

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December 3, 1921.

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

Chief, Cem. Div.



# 47707  
FILE

November 15, 1921.

FILE NO. 293.9 - C - R - 47707 - (BEACH, Walter E.)  
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Comatorial Division.)  
To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Paris, France.  
Subject: Case of Private Walter E. 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 28, 1918 at Bois de Chapuy, map reference- Vagnois, (Vagnois 5) 1:10 000-215, Groupe des Canovans de Tir 095-700 in Grave #2, Commune of Chapuy, (Meuse), C-123; 358E; 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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4. It is requested that a physical search be instituted in the Commune of Chapuy (Meuse) in the immediate vicinity of 358E; 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:

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CEMETERIAL DIV.  
O. Q. M. G.

6-15-22

Inv & Adj

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

FWW:BG

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

Date 11-10

TO:

*Miss William*  
CAPTAIN WYNNE

MR. HUGHITT  
MR. MAHAR  
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Quartermaster General  
Colonel Penrose  
Lt.Col.Davis, O.R.C.  
Captain Wynne  
Lieutenant Conner

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From *J. H.*



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 Vaguois-  
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.

alt



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

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 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.

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*gtr*  
*and*  
*WNA*

*Mailed 11/7*

J. R. R. H.  
NOV 5 1921



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

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

File No. 47707 Registration. Date 11-3-21.  
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.)

vac 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.

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Mr. J Macaulay  
Mr. &

Adj. Refd

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Investigation  
+ adjustment



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Date .....

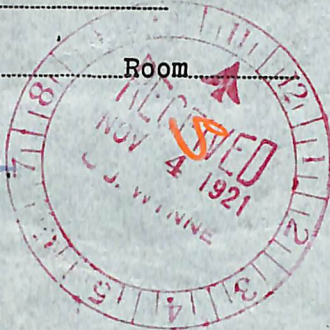
To ..... Room .....

All Officers,  
Col. Penrose

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

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Prepare reply ( Sec'y of War  
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FOR:

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From: .....

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*Result*  
*Special Investigation*  
*Res. return*  
*for further*  
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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 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. TRAUBHART,  
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 milled 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.

*J. Macaulay*  
INVESTIGATOR.

Letter to mother from Chaplain states he buried this soldier around coordiantes 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.  
Comd'g Co. "M".

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

M J M.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Date 7-27-21

To Sur Adj. File Room \_\_\_\_\_

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

FILE

Mr. Robb - Principal Clerk  
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Prepare reply( Sec'y of War  
for( General Rogers  
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See other side for remarks

Final return to: Sur Adj. File

From: J. H. D. (C.A.B.)

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
INQUIRY SECTION.

File No.

Date 7-23

Time 11

TO REGISTRATION SECTION,  
INVESTIGATION SUB-SECTION.

Attention of Inv & Adj

FOR VERIFICATION OF

Grave location

☒ (a) original  
☐ (b) reburial

Serial number

File number

Organization

Cause of death

Emergency Address

Identification

Rank

Spelling of

☐ (a) first name  
☐ (b) last name

Date of

☐ (a) death  
☐ (b) burial or reburial

Condition of Body

Burial of Body

Other burials in same vicinity

REGISTRATION SECTION  
INVESTIGATION SUB-SECTION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Remarks:  
See other side.

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INQUIRY ACKNOWLEDGED  
Examined

forwarded for action.

Date 7-27-21  
adj.



July 27, 1921.

293.S-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:

MVB

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

A.S.  
JEW

MAILED  
JUL 28 1921  
U.S.



Landrum SC  
July 18<sup>th</sup> 1921

Quarter Master General U.S.A.

Emetierice Division  
Please Advise us

if any Information has as yet  
been received in regard to the  
Remains or Grave in France of  
Walter T. Beach Private Co M  
361 Ref NO 2291433 (293.8 Com #47707  
on Jun 4<sup>th</sup> 1921 we were advised you would  
make further <sup>INVESTIGATION</sup> advise as per chaplain  
E. V. Bronson Report in detail given us  
+ copy furnished. Dept June 4<sup>th</sup>

Very Respt awaiting your Reply

W. H. Beach Father

E. C. Beach Mother

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

1.000.00. Cemetery Div. U. S. A. M. G.  
#293.8  
#47707

Beach, Walter



June 4, 1921.

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

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Comater, 1 Division)

Mr. and Mrs. W.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 therein.

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. WYNN,  
Captain, U. S. A.

ccg

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JW

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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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Mr. Houghton - Files  
Mr. Saxton - Cemeterial Branch  
Mr. Grant - Inquiry Branch  
Mr. Plotner - Supplies

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From: K. S. H.

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File #293.8136  
477071  
O. M. G.

Landrum S

Capt

May 21/1921

Charles J. Wynne

For Quarter Master, U.S. Army

in answer to your favor of 19th 1921  
I leave to enclose some information  
taken from the report of Lt. Eugene V  
Bronson <sup>NCH 21. 1919</sup> 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  
361st Reg who was the first man  
of Co M killed in action Sept 26  
at 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 Respt

W. H. Beach. Father  
Emile C. Beach. Mother



IN RE. WALTER T. BEACH

PRIVATE CO. M, INF. 361 REG  
91 DIV KILLED IN ACTION  
SEPT 26<sup>th</sup> 1918 A. E. F. IN FRANCE

NO 293,800 EM #4707

SUBJECT: UNCONFIRMED GRAVE LOCATION  
1 RECEIPT OF LETTER MAY 19<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>

4 HE GIVES MAP REFERENCE <sup>1918</sup>  
OF BURIAL AS "Vagnois (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<sup>15</sup> 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  
LT. A.R.C. 91<sup>ST</sup> DIV HE GIVES THE NO  
OF PRIVATE WALTER T. BEACH AS  
2,292,954, OR 2,291,433 (DISCREPANCY)

W. H. BEACH FATHER  
Emily Caroline Beach MOTHER



CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

Date

5/24/21

TO:

CAPTAIN HANSON

MR. HUGHITT,

MISS BOLAND

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

From

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

Recording

Coding

File Papers

Returned

Report

Forwarded.

Memo:

(Revised 3-23-21)

S/1333/LML



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Date 5-19-21

To Investigation & Adj Room

~~All Officers,~~  
Col. Penrose  
Lt. Col. Davis, O. R. C.  
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( Lt. Col. Davis

FOR:

*Investigation*  
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From: Adj Sec (Jaw)

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OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
INQUIRY SECTION.

File No.

Date 5-16-21

Time \_\_\_\_\_

*Beach, Walter J.*  
TO REGISTRATION SECTION,  
INVESTIGATION SUB-SECTION.

Attention of Inv & Adj

FOR VERIFICATION OF

Grave location

Spelling of

☒ (a) original  
☐ (b) reburial

☐ (a) first name  
☐ (b) last name

Serial number

Date of

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Identification

Rank

REGISTRATION SECTION  
INVESTIGATION SUB-SECTION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

TO INQUIRY SECTION:

Attention of: Supervisor

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INQUIRY ACKNOWLEDGED  
forwarded for action.

Examiner

Remarks:

See other side. Date 5-19-21

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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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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:

NR

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

*July*  
JEW

ORANGE CARD MADE

MAILED  
MAY 20 1921  
J.R.S.



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

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 26<sup>th</sup> 1918 near Epionville  
Commune of Cherbourg France

Request was made on Form in  
FROM OFFICE WAR DEPT  
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

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 2938  
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