

G.R.S. Form #114-B

JAN 7 - 1926

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FULL NAME ..... BEAM, John H. ✓

RANK..... Private ✓ SERIAL..... 550053 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... <sup>3rd. Div</sup> Company C, 38th Infantry ✓

DATE OF DEATH..... *July 15 "18* ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *Pennsylvania* ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. *none* ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	32	23	B
	Date	Grave	Row
			Block

Rec'd World War Div. ✓	608
3 MAR 12 1928	Cemetery

2 A. G. O.  
 JAN 7 1926  
 WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY  
 6/6/24  
*file*  
*2-8-29*

23/306/ARK

*KM,  
7/3*

Co. C. 38th. Inf.  
3rd. Division.

BEAM, John H.- Pvt. 550053.

About 1 A.M. July 15, 1918, while occupying some dugouts in a wood southwest of Crezancy, France, Company C, 38th. Inf. was subject to heavy shellfire. It was one of these dugouts that Beam was killed evidently by shrapnel or concussion of shell. He was found dead later that day. He was buried that day on a bank overlooking a small ravine about 100 yards back of the wood he had been killed in.

Informant: Dooley, James.-Cpl. 550013  
Co. C. 38th. Inf.

Home : 17 Seaview Ave.  
Greenville, N. J.

Signed : James Dooley  
Cpl. 38th. Inf.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: John H Beam,

Number: 550053.

Rank: Pvt

Organization: Co C 38 Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit 304.

Disinterred (Date) June 13, 19. From (Give complete location)

B/A Cemetery Sk # 25 Carr Map 49 N.E. N. 257.6 E. 190.8

Grave 7.

Reburied (Date) June 13, 19. in: (Give complete location) 608

Cemetery # 608 Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne) Map 33 S.E.

Grave ~~56~~ Plot 2 Section ~~E~~ J.

*4/4/27*

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

Buried 5 feet deep. Body badly decomposed.

*11758*  
**CONFIRMED No. D**

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No. One on cr. D

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

Note:

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

Supervised by: Sgt W W Darnell \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Lt O W Forsberg.

C.O. Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit 304.

**IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE**

7. Disinterment supervised by HARRY V. BOSSE. SUP. EMB. Approved: H.S. HARPOLE. 1st Lt. OMC.

(Title) H.S. Harpole

8. Reburial supervised by HARRY V. BOSSE. SUP. EMB. Approved: H.S. HARPOLE. 1st Lt. OMC.

(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 4.27.21

REMAINS OF BEAM, JOHN H

SERIAL NUMBER 550053

RANK PVT

ORGANIZATION

CO. C. 38th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date):

From (give complete location):

4.27.21

Gr 57 Sect J Plot 2

By: Group BOSSE

Unit FIELD SECTION #7

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

4.27.21

Gr 56 Sect J Plot 2

By: Group BOSSE

Unit FIELD SECTION #7

Nature of reburial PINE BOX & BURLAP

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

BADLY DECOMPOSED FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE

U.S. UNIFORM AND BURLAP

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? YES

On grave marker? YES

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

NONE

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

missing parts) \_\_\_\_\_

IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

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

IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

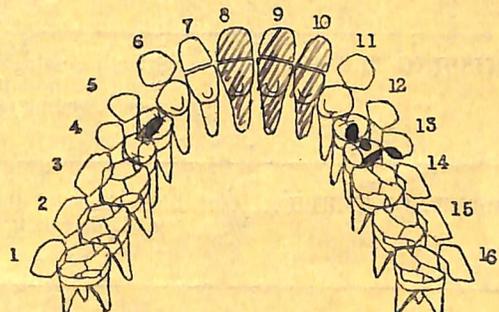
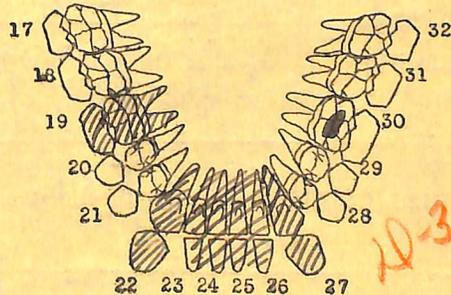


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



5, 12, 13, 30, al. fil. 8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, mis. a. d. 13, dem. fil. 19, ext.

4-305267

7. Disinterment supervised by Harry V. Bosse

HARRY V. BOSSE, SUP. EMB.

Approved: H. S. HARPOLE, 1st LT. QMC.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by Harry V. Bosse

HARRY V. BOSSE, SUP. EMB.

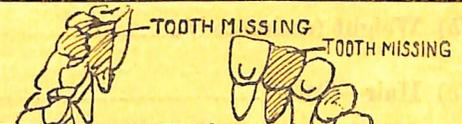
Approved: H. S. HARPOLE, 1st LT. QMC.

(Title)

**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.

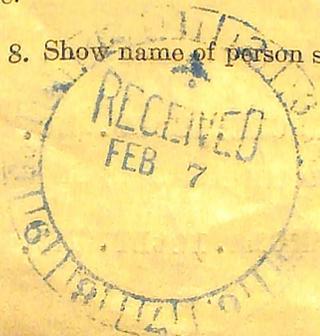
1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial 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:	 <p>TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b> ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	 <p>GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b> ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:	 <p>GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
<b>FILLINGS</b> ..... Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	 <p>SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b> ..... Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	 <p>CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED</p>
<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."	

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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.



CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF CCLS	CODE
NAME	BEA	3	251
BURIED	CEMETERY 607	1	2
	GRAVE 32	2	32
	ROW 23	2	23
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Penn	2	44
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	3	2	03
ORGANIZATION	38	3	038
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARITAL	W	1	2
NAME	Abel Mrs Edna	3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	No Soc no 5 m	1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
. TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

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AUG 5 1932  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boam, John H. 608-S

July 3, 1930.

Miss Edna Boam Abel,  
538 E 26th St.,  
Erie, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Beam, John H. 608

March 5, 1930

Edna Beam Abel,  
538 East 26th Street,  
Erie, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

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 sister of the late Pvt. John H. Beam, Co. C, 38th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

*Never married*

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. 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 deceased*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE February 10 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Beam John H	Pvt	550053	Co C 38th Inf	July 15 1918

STATE	CTY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK
Pennsylvania	608	32	23	B

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>
<p>NAME</p> <p>AND</p> <p>ADDRESS</p>	<p>MOTHER</p> <p>STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)</p> <p>MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)</p> <p>MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)</p> <p>WIDOW (Who has not remarried)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">: : : : <i>no record</i> : : : : : : : <i>Sister</i> : : : : <i>Edna Beam Abel</i> : : : : <i>538 East 26<sup>th</sup> St</i> : : : : <i>Crie Pa.</i> : : : : _____ :</p>
	<i>Single man</i>	: : :

Veterans Bureau Claim Number C 34137  
29/156

*2/13*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 20, 1929.

Beam, John H.

Mr. Adam A. Bean,  
2636 Sigbee St.,  
Erie, Pa.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
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2. If so, give her complete address.
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Very truly yours,

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Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boam, John H.  
608

Aug. 27, 1929.

Mr. Adam A. Boam,  
2656 Sigbee St.,  
Erie, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~June 20, 1929~~ making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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β QM 293 A-C  
Beam, John H.

February 11, 1929.

Mr. Adam A. Bean,  
2636 Sigbee Street,  
Erie, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The inclosed card gives the permanent cemetery and grave location of the late **John H. Beam.**

All American military cemeteries, both in Europe and in our own country, will be maintained by the Government forever, the graves permanently marked by headstones showing the decedent's name, rank, organization, State, and date of death, all of which will be done without the necessity of requests emanating from relatives.

Please understand that in effecting the final disposition of our heroic dead the utmost care and reverence is exercised.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

1 Incl.  
Record card.

Q.M.G.M. 311  
2 FEB 11 1929  
DISPATCHED

LEB

Beam,

John *H*

550,053

Dup *✓*

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co C 38 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

*Father*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*no*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remain's.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

*B*  
(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mr. Adam Beam*

*2636 Sigbee St*  
(Number and street or rural route.)

*Erie*  
(City, town, or post office.)

*Pa*  
(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

drawn by ~~W.H.~~  
as 11/11/12 608-178  
checked 12-11-20

Mr. Edmund Dean,  
263  
Bryant St.,  
East Va.

7690

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 10852

(a) Name BEAM, John H. Ser. No. 550053  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.C, 38th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 7/15/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. EK  
CKR. W33

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

(a) Grave No. 56 Row -- Plot 2 Sec. J TYP. EK  
 (b) Emerg. Address Adam A. Beam (father) 2636 Sigsbee St., Erie, Pa.

*57 auth. drw. report dated 4/15/27*

## III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. ✓

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

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Mrs. Adam Beam (b) Relationship Father  
 (c) Address 2636 Sigsbee St. Erie Pa  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials MA Date 12-11, 1920.

## V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials MA Date 12-11, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? E.M. Yes

Examiner's Initials E.M. Date 12-11, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 608 SHEET No. 178

CARDED

FORM 115-A COMPLETED  
JAN 24 1921 - atp

*Rev. 5-4-21 E.P.*

*Checked 7/12/21 B*



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

STATION Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE January 28, 1928

## 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 BEAM, John H. *Pa*

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

2. No. 550053

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

3. Rank Pvt.

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

4. Org. Co. C. 38th Inf. 3rd Div.

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

5. D.D. July 15, 1918

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

6. C.D. Killed in action

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 32 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

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

8. Plot Block B Row 23

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

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

17. \_\_\_\_\_

18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles20. Dept. or County Aisne21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 60823. Disinterred (Date) January 28, 1928By P.N. McCabe

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BEAM, John H.Serial No. 550053Rank Pvt.Organization Co. C. 38th Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? yes

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

## PREPARATION

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

27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_

28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date January 28, 1928 By P.N. McCabe31. Casket sealed by P.N. McCabeSignature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *P.N. McCabe*  
P.N. McCabe

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

32. Designation of body:

Name BEAM, John H. Serial No. 550053

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C. 38th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Cty., Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) January 28, 1928 By C.E. Spahn

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 C.E. Spahn

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)  
Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred January 28, 1928, Oise-Aisne American Cty.  
(Date)

42. Grave No. 32 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block B Row 23

G.R.S. Representative William E. Moore

William E. Moore, Superintendent

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date January 28, 1928.

1. REMAINS OF BEAM, John H. SERIAL NUMBER ~~550053~~ 550053

RANK Private. ORGANIZATION Co. C, 36th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): January 28, 1928. From (give complete location):  
Grave 32, Block B, Row 23.

By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Cty. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date): January 28, 1928. In (give complete location):  
Grave 32, Block B, Row 23.

By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Cty. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Box.

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

Pine box and buflap.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? T.O.B. On grave marker? Al.Strip.

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

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Weigh, (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

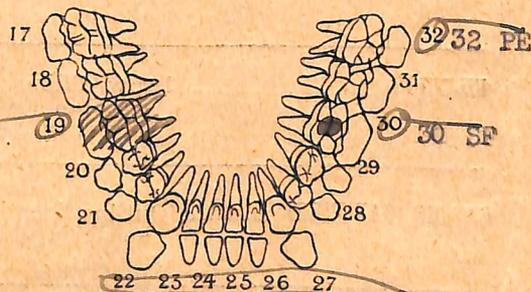
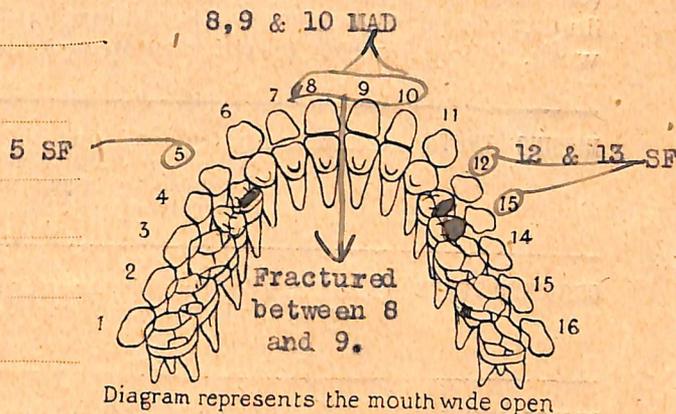
Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Skull shattered.



7. Disinterment supervised by J. H. McCabe

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Reburial supervised by Charles E. Jahn

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 Questions 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

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

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



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



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



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



**CARIES (CAVITIES)** ..... Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



**DENTURES (PLATES)** ..... Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate; block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

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

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 10852

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name **BEAM, John H.** *OK* Ser. No. **550053**  
 (b) Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. C, 38th Inf.** } TYP **EK**  
 (c) Date of death **7/15/18** Cause of death **K/A** } **W B 3**

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

(a) Grave No. ~~56~~ **57** Row **--** Plot **2** Sect. **J** TYP **EK**  
 (b) Emerg. Address **Adam A. Beam (father) 2636 Sigsbee St., Erie, Pa.**

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

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

*A&O Card - Mr. Adam Beam, father  
 2636 Sigsbee St., Erie Pa, desires  
 body to remain in Europe (JEW 1-17-21)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on ..... 192  
 (letter of transmittal on **1/15/1921**)

*Par 2 - Not to be returned (JEW)*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **JAN 26 1921** 192.....

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **5/3** 192 **1.**

COUNTRY **France** CEMETERY NO. **608** SHEET NO. **178**  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A August 1920  
 S-666/MB **✓**

**JAN 24 1921**  
*ACP*

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY** 608-178 e1  
**CEMETERIAL DIVISION**  
~~WASHINGTON~~  
**HOBOKEN, N.J.**

FEB 1 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mr. Adam Beam, 2636 Sigsbee St., Erie, P a.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. John H. Beam, Ser. No. 550053 Co. C, 38th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier remain in France.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
 Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Army.

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

Was soldier married? .....

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow .....			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 .....		
	2 .....		
	3 .....		
Father.....			
Mother.....			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 .....		
	2 .....		
	3 .....		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 .....		
	2 .....		
	3 .....		

Date .....

Signature.....

Address.....

Relationship.....

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

I, the undersigned, am the ..... and nearest living next of kin of the within-named  
(Relationship.)  
soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to .....  
(Name.)  
.....  
(R. R. station.) ..... (State.)

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

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

Signature .....

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.**

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Beam, 550053 John H.*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Priv. Co C. 38th Inf*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

*Disinterred and reburied*  
DATE OF BURIAL..... *10/10/28*

PLACE OF BURIAL..... *Bois de Reguimont*

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

GRAVE NUMBER..... *7*

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....

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

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

*NME. CREZANCY (ALISE)*

*(G. 84) SHT. 49 NE COORD*

*(approx) E 190.5  
N 257.3*

REPORTED BY: *GROUP No 2  
Capt 303. G. B. S.*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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