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FULL NAME.....
BEISSWANGER, John C., Jr. ✓✓
RANK.....
Pvt. 1st Cl. ✓✓
SERIAL.....

53380 ✓

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DIVISION & ORGANIZATION.....
Co. E, 26th Inf. ✓

1st Div.

✓
DATE OF DEATH.....
7-19-18 ✓✓
STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME.....

Pa

✓
MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.....

Cited in G.O. 1, 1st Div dated 1-1-20

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....

6-7-30

86

10

B

Date

Grave

Row

Block

Aisne-Marne A/C #1764

Cemetery

JAB
5-1-30
OK
5-1-30

OK 45

Beisswanger, J.C.

Pfc.

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Pennsylvania

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S. HARDING, MAY 20, 1931

Berks County

Name: Mrs. Kate Beisswanger (C-14)

Address: 608 Tulpehocken St., Reading, Pa.

Route: Reading Ry., Allentown, Central R.R. of New Jersey, Jersey City

Lv. Reading Train No. 192
Ar. Jersey City

9.28 A.M., May 18
12.28 P.M., May 18

Accommodations: Parlor Car Seat from Reading, Pa. to Jersey City, N.J.

Elapsed Time: 3 Hours

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Hlt.

Ad

ITINERARY OF AISNE-MARNE GROUP

PARTY "C" 1931

Beisswanger John C

Sailed from New York on the PRESIDENT HARDING May 20, 1931, in charge of Captain C. R. McLennan and arrived Cherbourg harbor at 2 P.M. May 29th. Tender used for the ~~seale~~ regular passengers was employed for the use of Party "C". The following personnel met the boat: Major Francis M. Fitts, Captain John P. Lake, Captain Myron J. Conway, Lt. Wm. L. Barriger, Lt. Harry C. Mewshaw, Lt. Hugh F.T. Hoffman, Lt. Brendan M. Greeley, Miss Rulon, 4 other nurses and 2 civilian employees. Arrived at the Gare des Invalides in Paris at 9:53 P.M. and went to hotel for the night.

May 29th - A.M. Free - conference with conducting officer. Lunch at hotel and departed at 3:30 p.m. for Ceremoney at the Arc de Triomphe for placing of wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and then to Restaurant Laurent for tea and reception.

May 30th - Special Church Services in A. M. and Decoration Day services in P.M. at Suresnes.

MAY 31st - Free
June 1st - Departed at 1:40 P.M. for Soissons via La Ferte s/Jouarre

June 2nd - Visited cemetery

June 3rd - Visited Reims and cathedral - also visit to cemetery in P.M.

June 4th and 5th - Visited cemetery

June 6th - Departed Soissons at 10:00 ^A P.M. via Pierrefonds and Carrefour de l'Armistice and Compiègne.

June 7th - Free and night sightseeing trip.

June 8th - Visited Colonial Exposition and Napoleon's tomb.

June 9th - Free in A. M. and visited Versailles in P.M.

June 10th - Free and visited Louvre

June 11th - entrained at 11:25 a.m. at the Gare des Invalides enroute to Cherbourg.

Mrs. Kate Beisswanger

 Name BEISSWANGER, ~~John C. Jr.~~ Mrs. Kate

HOTEL D'IÉNA
Paris Hôtel AVENUE D'IÉNA

Home address 608 Tulpehocken St., Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Party C Group Unit SS. PRES. HARDING

Date of arrival May 28 , 1931 Date of departure SS. PRES. ROOSEVELT, June 11, 1931

Relationship Mother (58)

Name of deceased BEISSWANGER, John C. Jr.

Rank PTC Organization CO.E., 26th Inf.

Cemetery AISNE MARNE G 86-B-10

REMARKS



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PARTYc..... FILE NO.260..

NAME Beisswanger, Mrs. Kate
608 Tulpehocken St., Reading, Pa.

ROUTE OF TICKET

Reading co. to Reading Pa
via Allentown & CR R.R.
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Expiration date May 17-'32

The following stop overs are requested.

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T.M.

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(Signature of Pilgrim)

PARTY "C"
May 6th, 1931.

Mrs. Kate Beisswanger
608 Tulpehocken St.
Reading, Pa.

Dear Madam:

There are enclosed herewith two tags and four identification pasters which have been prepared for the purpose of protecting your baggage while in transit, and to insure its safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece of your baggage and place a paster on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home.

Upon your arrival in New York City, you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will be in uniform. During your sojourn in New York before sailing for Europe, and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel Pennsylvania, 33rd Street and 7th Avenue, New York City.

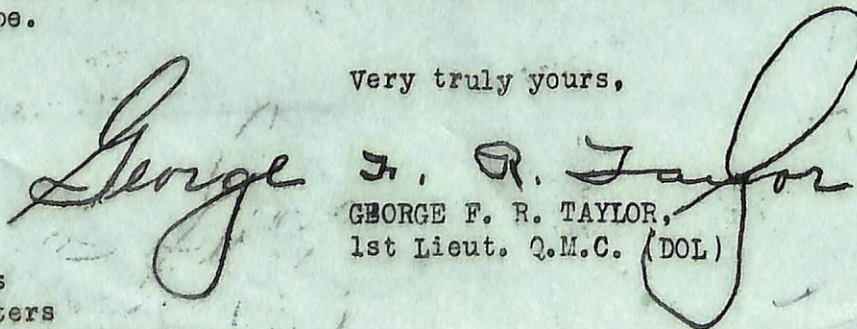
All mail intended to reach you between May 20, 1931, the day you sail from the United States, and June 11, 1931, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,
c/o American Pilgrimage,
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,
Paris, France.

In making reservations for your journey home from New York City, it is necessary for this office to furnish the railroads with the exact time and date of your departure. The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your accommodations will be made with the railroads by this office accordingly. Upon your return from Europe, it will therefore be necessary for you to remain in the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

There is also enclosed herewith information relative to the cemeteries in Europe.

Very truly yours,


GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)

7 Incl:

- 2 Baggage Tags
- 4 Baggage Pastors
- 1 Copy Cemeterial Information

VIA POSTAL TELEGRAPH

Mr. Heiter Beisswanger
608 Tulpehocken St
Reading, Pa.

John D. Daly

June 19, 1931

MRS. KATE BEISSWANGER WILL ARRIVE SEVEN TWENTY TWO
P M JUNE TWENTIETH VIA READING RAILROAD PLEASE MEET HER.

COLONEL POPE

CC#39

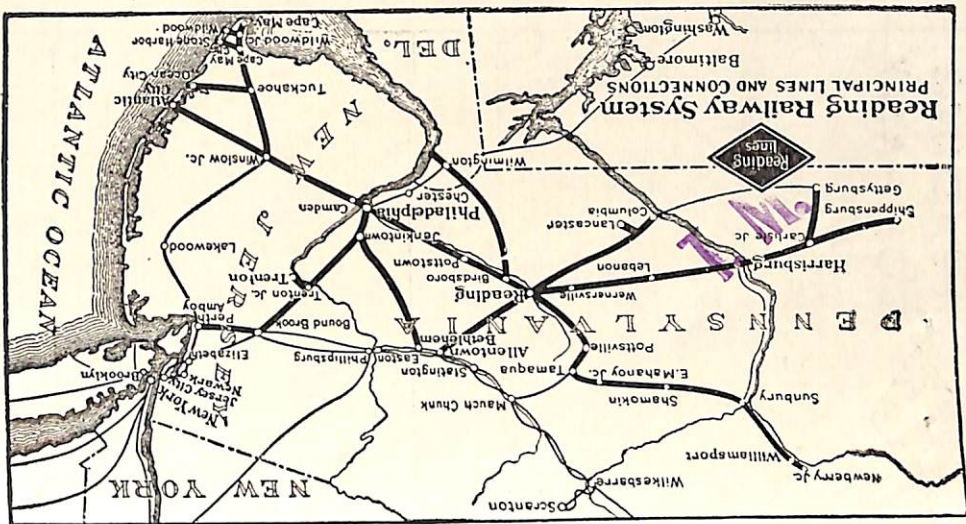
Capt Darrell met her

WAR DEPARTMENT

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Beisswanger, Mrs Kate



FORM F-4.

5-30-25M

READING
COMPANY



Mrs. Kate Beiswanger

ADDRESS _____

READING
COMPANY



MEMORANDUM

Following is a list of principal Ticket Offices where tickets may be purchased or information obtained

PHILADELPHIA

CITY OFFICES,

ADELPHIA HOTEL, CHESTNUT STREET AT 13TH.
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOTEL, 822 CHESTNUT STREET.

HARRY A. KRAUSE, DISTRICT PASSENGER AGENT.

WEST PHILADELPHIA OFFICE,

37TH AND WOODLAND AVE.

C. R. TIPPETT, PASSENGER AGENT.

STATIONS,

READING TERMINAL, 12TH AND MARKET STREETS,
FOOT OF CHESTNUT AND SOUTH STREETS FOR
ATLANTIC CITY, OCEAN CITY, STONE
HARBOR, WILDWOOD AND CAPE MAY.

READING

CITY OFFICE, SIXTH AND COURT STREETS

ERIC C. FEGLEY, DISTRICT PASSENGER AGENT.

STATIONS,

GREEN STREET BETWEEN 6TH AND 7TH
CORNER FRANKLIN AND 7TH STREETS.

WILLIAMSPORT

JOHN M. ROLIN, DISTRICT PASSENGER AGENT.
STATION, FOOT OF PINE STREET.

ATLANTIC CITY

CITY OFFICE, BOARDWALK AND NORTH
CAROLINA AVENUES.

CHAS. F. OSMAN, DISTRICT PASSENGER AGENT.
STATION, ATLANTIC AND ARKANSAS AVENUES.

THE PULLMAN COMPANY
PASSENGER'S CHECK — To Identify
accommodations purchased.

READING to JERSEY CITY, N. J.

SEAT 4 CAR V

LINE NO. _____ VIA _____ R. R. _____

OFFICE **9-175** FORM **2** **\$1.05**

7249

The amount charged is The Pullman Company's rate and a surcharge of 50% of that amount required by and collected as agent for the Railroad Company, as follows:

Pullman Company retains	\$ 0.70
Railroad Company receives	0.35
Total Charge	\$ 1.05

Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk.

READING COMPANY READING COMPANY

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READING, PA. READING, PA.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME BEISSWANGER	BEI	3	259
<i>John C Jr</i>	CEMETERY 1764	1	
BURIED	GRAVE 86	2	66
	ROW 10	2	10
C 117539	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Pa	2	44
RANK	Priv 1/cl.	1	2
DIVISION	1	2	01
ORGANIZATION	26	3	026
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	W	1	2
NAME Beisswanger	Bei	3	259
<i>Mrs Kate</i>	STATE Pa	2	44
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Berks	2	06
608 Tulpehocken St	CITY Reading	3	237
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. 1931	1	2
ACCEPTANCE 29/514/	yes Age	1	58

AUDITED
NOV 9 1931

Age 58

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



Penalty for private use to avoid
payment of postage, \$300.

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS
225 WEST 34TH STREET,
NEW YORK, N. Y.

NAME Beisswanger, Mrs. Kate

ADDRESS 608 Tulpehocken St., Reading, Pa.

DATE June 20th 1931

TO: Officer-In-Charge,
 PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Mrs. Kate Beisswanger

MEDICAL RECORD

COMMODORE

Party: C Hotel McAlpin ~~PENNSYLVANIA~~ Harding S. Roosevelt Eastbound
Westbound

Name Beisswanger, Mrs. Kate (PFC. J.C. Beisswanger, Jr. 86, 10, B.) a.m.

Home Address 608 Tulpehocken St., Reading, Pa.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Mrs. Ethel Yoden,
608 Tulpehocken St., Reading, Pa.

Religion P Age 58 M

History of present complaint: Eastbound: May 20th; Constipation, Hinkles Pill 1
J.P.I.

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

PARTY

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EASTBOUND

STATE

GROUP

A.M.

58 M

PENNSYLVANIA.

Mrs. Beisswanger, Kate, Address 608 Tulpehocken St., Reading,
(Name of Pilgrim) (Street & No.) (City or Town)
Pa. Berks.
(State) (County)

Mrs. Ethel Yoden Address 608 Tulpehocken St., Reading,
(Name of Nearest Kin) (Street & No.) (City or Town)
Pa. Berks
(State) (County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. Central R.R. of N. J. Train No. 192 Date May 18, 1931 - 11.28 P. M.
Hotel Commodore Room No. 791
Roomed with Alone

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date MAY 20, 1931 Vessel HARDING Cabin No. 117-F
In Cabin with Mrs Margaret Spahn & Mrs Theodore Crowner

(Over Westbound)

RPB-2-17-31-4M

WESTBOUND
ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date ... June 19, 1931 ... Vessel Roosevelt Cabin No. ... 117-F
In Cabin with Mrs. Margaret Spahn & Mrs. Theodore Crouner
Hotel Commodore Room No. 620
Roomed with Alone

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. CRR of N.J. Train No. 199 Space S 12 Car No. A Date 6-20-31

REMARKS

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(Over Eastbound)

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No.

INSURED PARCEL

No.

Return to

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number
or Post Office Box

WASHINGTON,

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING

OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

82872

D. C.

4170-C

1764

RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. Harding 5-20-31

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

Mrs Kate Beisswenger

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

April 24, 1931

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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J. C. Beisswenger

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926869

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to _____

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

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

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S. C.

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RETURN RECEIPT

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Mrs Kate Beisswenger

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

April 25, 1931

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Beisswanger, J. C., Jr. (A-M) M

April 24, 1931

Mrs. Kate Beisswanger,
608 Tulpehocken St.,
Reading, Pa.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No 594,043 in the amount of \$ 2.50, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Beisswanger, Mrs. Kate
608 Tulpehocken St., Reading
Berks Co., Pa.
Beisswanger, John C. Jr., 1764 M

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find
the name and address of the person in the United
States whom I desire to be notified in case I be-
come seriously ill or other emergency arises while
I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

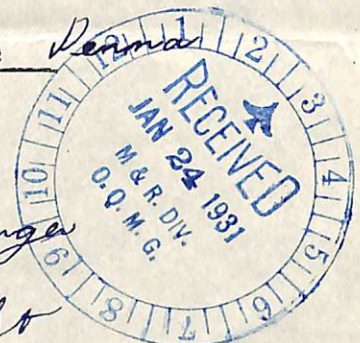
Mrs Ethel Yoder
Name

608 Tulpehocken St Reading Penna
Address

Very truly yours,

Mrs Kate Beisswanger
(Your name)

608 Tulpehocken St
(Your address) Reading Penna



IF YOU DESIRE **STOPOVER** ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE PARAGRAPH, "STOPOVERS IN THE UNITED STATES", ON PAGE 3 OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

John

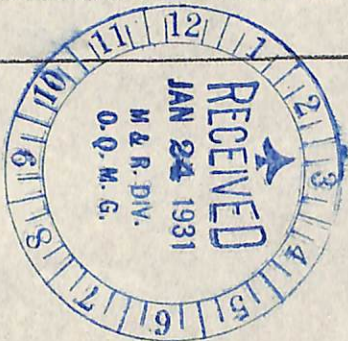
Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Beisswanger, Mrs. Kate
608 Tulpehocken St., Reading
Berks Co., Pa.
Beisswanger, John C. Jr., 1764 M

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the point, or points, listed below, for the number of days shown after the name of the town. If these stopovers will cause me any expense I am to be advised of the amount and may then withdraw this request if I so desire.

<u>Cities where I desire to stopover:</u>	<u>No. of days</u>
<i>none</i>	



Very truly yours,

Mrs. Kate Beisswanger
(Your name)

608 Tulpehocken St
(Your address) *Reading Penna*

Harding

5-20-3

1764

Beisswanger, John C., Jr.

I Accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of
the Government of the United States under the pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Kate Beisswanger,

(Name)

608 Tulpehocken St., Reading, Berks Co., Pa.

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C ¹⁷⁶⁴
Beisswanger, John C., Jr. ~~608 M~~

June 6, 1930

Mrs. Kate Beisswanger,
608 Tulpehocken Street
Reading, Penn.

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

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

yes ✓
(Write answer here)

Mrs Kate Beisswanger
(Sign here)

✓

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C 1764
Beisswanger, John C. Jr. ~~-608-M~~

May 9, 1930

Mrs. Kate Beisswanger,
608-Tulpehocken Street,
Reading, Penn.

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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. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>No</i> (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?	<i>no</i> (Yes) (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>58</i> Health (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)

RECEIVED
MAY 26 1930
U.S. DEPT. OF WAR

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Beisswanger, John C. Jr. ¹⁷⁶⁴ 608-M

May 9, 1930

Mrs. Kate Beisswanger,
608 Tulpehocken Street,
Reading, Penn.

Punched 1931

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 Pvt. 1cl., John C. Beisswanger Jr., Company E. 26th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the ~~Cise-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?

No

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.

Mrs. Kate Beisswanger

608 Tulpehocken St

Reading, Penna

Mother

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 18, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
<u>Beisswanger, John C.</u>	<u>Pvt. 1/c1</u>	<u>53380</u>	<u>Co. E-26th Inf.</u>	<u>7/19/18</u>

STATE	Pennsylvania	CTY. NO.	1764U	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK
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	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
		:	:	:
	MOTHER	:	:	:
		:	:	:
	STEPMOTHER (For the	:	:	:
	year prior to com-	:	:	:
	mencement of service)	:	:	:
NAME		:	:	:
	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION	:	:	:
AND	(For the year prior	:	:	:
	to commencement of	:	:	:
ADDRESS	service)	:	:	:
		:	:	:
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS	:	:	:
	(For the year prior to	:	:	:
	commencement of service)	:	:	:
		:	:	:
	WIDOW	:	:	:
	(Who has not remarried)	:	:	:
		:	:	:

Veterans Bureau Claim Number
29/156/

C 117539

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
1931 MAY 1 4:09 PM WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Beisswanger, Jr., J.C. A-M

May 1, 1931

Mrs. Kate Beisswanger,
608 Tulpehocken St.,
Reading, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Reading	Reading Ry. Train No. 192	9.28 A.M.	May 18
Ar. New York	Central R.R. of N.J. Train No. 192	12.28 P.M.	May 18
	(Jersey City)		

Accommodations: Parlor Car Seat from Reading, Pa. to Jersey City, N.J.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

1931 MAY 1 4:06 PM

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Beisswanger, J. C., Jr. (A-M) M

April 24, 1931

Mrs. Kate Beisswanger,
608 Tulpehocken St.,
Reading, Pa.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 594,043 in the amount of \$ 2.50 , to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Beisswanger, John C., jr. 608 M

June 6, 1930

Mrs. Kate Beisswanger, Mr
608 Tulpehocken Street
Reading, Penn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

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

Beisswanger, John C. Jr. 608-M

May 9, 1930

Mrs. Kate Beisswanger,
608-Tulpehocken Street,
Reading, Penn.

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. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Beisswanger, John C. Jr. 608-M

May 9, 1930

Mrs. Kate Beisswanger,
608 Tulpehocken Street,
Reading, Penn.

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 Pvt. 1st., John C. Beisswanger Jr., Company E. 26th Infantry, 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?

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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

QM 293 A-C (Beisswanger, John C.) 1st Ind.
May 12, 1930. To: The Chief, American Graves Registration
Service in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. You are advised of the identification of the recovery
herein reported as the late Private, first class John C. Beisswanger,
53380, Company E, 26th Infantry, 1st Division, killed in action, July
19, 1918. The remains are to remain in Europe.

2. The authorized inscription for the headstone in this case
is as follows:

John C. Beisswanger - Pvt. 1cl. - 26 Inf. - 1 Div. -
Pennsylvania - July 19, 1918.

The Cemetery Organization Directories and Combined Directories
should be amended accordingly.

3. It is requested that this office be advised of the lo-
cation of the grave when interment has been accomplished.

For The Quartermaster General:



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

293 Beisswanger, John C.

2nd Ind.

CH/ch.

June 12, 1930. To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. With G.R.S. Forms 16-A, 114-A and 1-A covering permanent
concentration of the remains of the late Private first class John C.
Beisswanger, #53380, Company E, 26th Infantry, 1st Div., into Grave
86, Block B, Row 10, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery #1764, Belleau,
Aisne. This name has been added to the Cemetery Organization
Directories and Combined Directories, and removed from the list of
Unlocated Dead.



Incls: 3.
F. 114-A.
F. 16-A.
F. 1-A.

Richard T. Ellis
RICHARD T. ELLIS,
Colonel, U.S. Army,
Chief.

Aisne-Marne American Cemetery #1764

~~City Aisne-Marne~~Place ~~Verdun-et-Berles, Aisne.~~

Belleau, (Aisne)

Date February 28, 1930.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

BEISSWANGER, John C.

1. REMAINS OF

~~Lower, G.P.~~

SERIAL NUMBER 53380

RANK Pvt. 1/cl

ORGANIZATION Co.E. 26th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : February 27, 1930. From (give complete location) : Plowed field southwest of Ploisy Ravine. Commune de Ploisy. Map. soissons 1/20000. Coordinates N.290.760 E.176.700

By : Group Russell H. Dutcher. Unit Chateau Thierry-Soinsons sector.

3. Reburied (date) : June 7, 1930.

In (give complete location) :

Grave #86, Eighty-Six, Row #10, Ten, Block B, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery #1764, Belleau.

By : Group Superintendent.

Unit Aisne-Marne Cty. Nature of reburial ODUS Blanket & French Casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment : Buried in-made grave 40 deep, in ODUS uniform, Army buttons, field shoes, gas mask and web ammunition belt. Flesh entirely decomposed and skeleton disarticulated.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? No. (see below) On grave marker ? No grave marker.

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

No regulation tag found on body, but Gold Maltese Cross inscribed on back, G.F. Lower, also two wound or service chevrons and collar ornament Co.E. 26th Inf.

1 Gold Cross, 1 silver coin swiss, 1 nickel 10ct piece French, personal effects, forwarded.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do.

(c) Hair—Color do.

Quantity do.

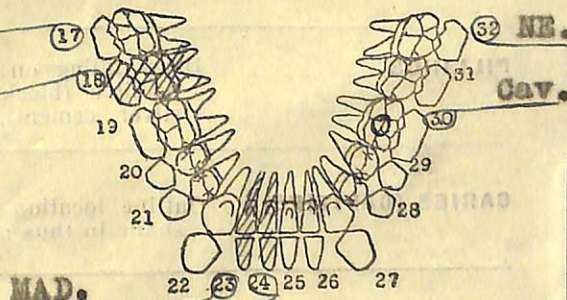
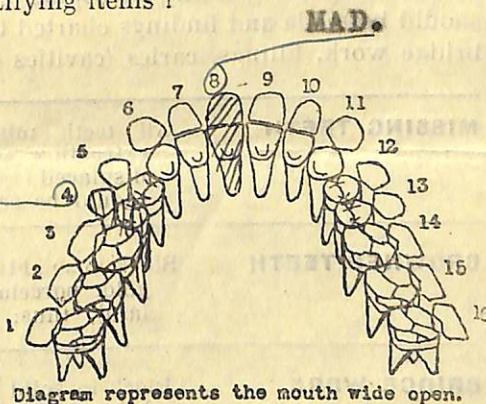
Characteristics do.

(d) Hair on face—Color do.

Location do.

Quantity do.

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



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

Hole made by shrapnell in left side of skull. Teeth Nos. 17 and 32 not erupted. No. 30 cavity. Nos. 4, 8, 18, 23, 24, missing after death.

7. Disinterment supervised by

Russell H. Dutcher, Investigator.

Approved

William E. Moon, Superintendent.

8. Reburial supervised by

Adolph G. Kaess

Approved

Adolph G. Kaess, Superintendent.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE June 7, 1930

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 BEISSWANGER, John C.
 2. No. 53380
 3. Rank Pvt. 1cl.
 4. Org. Co. E, 26th Infantry
 5. D.D. July 19, 1918
 6. C.D. Killed in action

10. Name Gold Maltese Cross found on body inscribed on back "C.F. Lawer".
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____

Recovered from a made grave in a plowed field southwest of Ploisy Ravine, Commune of Ploisy, Aisne, Map Soissons 1/20,000, N-290.760; E-176.700.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____
 18. Cemetery _____
 20. Dept. or County _____
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. _____

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

19. Commune or town _____
 21. Country _____

23. Disinterred (Date) February 27, 1930By Russell H. Dutcher24. Inscription on grave marker : No marker

Name _____
 Rank _____

Serial No. _____
 Organization _____

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker ? No On body ? NoRussell H. Dutcher

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).
Gold Maltese Cross inscribed on back "C.F. Lawer". Two wound or service chevrons and collar ornament Co. E, 26th Inf.

27. Condition of body Skeleton disarticulated, flesh on body entirely decomposed28. Nature of burial Buried in made grave 0m40 deep, in OD US uniform, Army buttons, field shoes, gas mask and web ammunition belt.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above ? No30. Body prepared and placed in casket : Date February 27, 1930 By Russell H. Dutcher31. Casket sealed by Russell H. Dutcher

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

Russell H. Dutcher,
Investigator.

QM 293 A-C
Beisswanger, John C.

May 12, 1930.

Mrs. Kate Beisswanger,
693 Tulpehooken Street,
Reading, Pa.

Dear Madam:

You are advised that the remains of your son, the late Private, first class John C. Beisswanger, 53380, Company E, 26th Infantry, were recovered from a plowed field southwest of Ploisy Ravine, Commune de Ploisy, Aisne, and are being held in the mortuary of the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, for interment in one of the permanent American cemeteries in Europe.

Each grave in the permanent American Military Cemeteries overseas is marked with a white marble headstone inscribed with the name of the soldier, his rank, regiment, division, date of death and the State from which he came, such headstones being erected without necessity for special action or request on the part of relatives. Instructions will be given at an early date for the erection of a suitably inscribed headstone at the grave of your son.

The personal effects found with your son's body which were described in office letter of April 23rd, are being forwarded to the Claims Division, General Accounting Office for transmittal to you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

U.S. M. G. M. C. R. DIV.
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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. C-33408

32. Designation of body:

Name BEISSWANGER, John C.

Serial No. 53380

Rank Pvt. 1cl.

Organization Co. E, 26th Infantry

33. Consigned to :

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne American Cemetery #1764, Belleau, Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) _____ By _____

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

William E. Moore
William E. Moore,
Superintendent.

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 _____

Oise-Aisne American Cty. #608

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date June 7, 1930

To Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne American Cemetery #1764, Belleau, Aisne.

(Name) William E. Moore

Convoyer _____

Signature Shipping Officer _____

William E. Moore,
Superintendent.

40. Received: Date June 7, 1930

G.R.S. Representative _____

Adolph G. Kaess
Adolph G. Kaess,
Superintendent.

41. Reinterred June 7, 1930, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery #1764, Belleau, (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. Eighty-Six (86)

Section

Block B

43. Plot _____

Row

Ten (10)

G.R.S. Representative _____

Adolph G. Kaess
Adolph G. Kaess,
Superintendent.

QM 233 A-C
Boisswanger, John C.

May 12, 1930.

SUBJECT: Personal Effects.

TO: The Claims Division, General Accounting Office,
Washington, D. C.

1. Attached hereto is an envelope containing effects found on the remains of the late Private, first class John C. Boisswanger, 33380, Company E, 26th Infantry, recently recovered from a plowed field southwest of Floisy Ravine, Commune de Floisy, Aisne, France.

2. It is requested that these effects be transmitted to the mother of Private Boisswanger, Mrs. Kate Boisswanger, 608 Tulpehocken Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

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QM 293 A-C
Beisswanger, John C.

May 12, 1930.

SUBJECT: Investigation.

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

1. You are advised that the remains of the late Private, first class John C. Beisswanger, 53580, Company E, 26th Infantry, have been recovered from a plowed field southwest of Floisy Ravine, Commune de Floisy, Aisne, France, coordinates N. 290.760, E. 176.700, Map, Soissons 1/20000, and are being held in the mortuary of the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery pending confirmation of identification by this office.

2. The mother of the above late soldier has this date been advised of the recovery.

For The Quartermaster General;

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

VEB/LEB

Q.M.G.M. & P. DIV.
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QM 293 A-C (Boisswanger, John C.) 1st Ind.
May 12, 1930. To: The Chief, American Graves Registration
Service in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. You are advised of the identification of the recovery
herein reported as the late Private, first class John C. Boisswanger,
53380, Company E, 26th Infantry, 1st Division, killed in action, July
19, 1918. The remains are to remain in Europe.

2. The authorized inscription for the headstone in this case
is as follows:

John C. Boisswanger - Pvt. 1st. - 26 Inf. - 1 Div. -
Pennsylvania - July 19, 1918.

The Cemetery Organization Directories and Combined Directories
should be amended accordingly.

3. It is requested that this office be advised of the lo-
cation of the grave when interment has been accomplished.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

VEB/LEB

Noted by Statistical Clerk:
Date 5/12/30 712

QM 293 A-C
Beisswanger, John C.

May 12, 1930.

SUBJECT: Unlocated World War Dead.

TO: The American Battle Monuments Commission,
Washington, D. C.

1. You are advised that the name of the late Private, first class John C. Beisswanger, 55390, Company E, 26th Infantry, should be eliminated from your list of Unlocated World War Dead.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

VEB/LEB

J.B.M.G.M.C. & R.D.W.
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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name BEISSWANGER, John C., Jr. Ser. No. 53380
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1cl. Organization Co. E, 26th Inf. TYP. -----
 (c) Date of Death 7-19-38 (d) Cause of Death KIA CKR -----

II. Registration Card

(a) Grave No. ----- Row ----- Plot ----- Sec. ----- Block -----
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Kate Beisswanger, Mother, 608 Tulpehocken St., Reading, Pa.

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name John C. Beisswanger (b) Father
 (c) Address 615 Eisenbrown St., Reading, 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 in U.S. -----
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. -----

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

Examiner's Initials ----- Date -----

COUNTRY France Cemetery No. 1764 Sheet No. 2991

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name BEISSWANGER, John C., Jr. Ser. No. 55380
 (b) Rank Pvt.1cl. Organization Co. E, 26th Inf. TYP. ---
 (c) Date of Death 7-19-38 (d) Cause of Death KIA CKR ---

II. Registration Card

(a) Grave No. --- Row --- Plot --- Sec. --- Block ---
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Kate Beisswanger, Mother, 608 Tulpehocken St., Reading

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name John C. Beisswanger (b) Father
 (c) Address 615 Eisenbrow St., Reading, 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 in U.S. ---
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COUNTRY France Cemetery No. 1764 Sheet No. 2991

HEADSTONE LISTING

John C. Beisswanger - Pvt. 1cl. - 26 Inf - 1 Div. - Pennsylvania - July 19, 1918

April 29, 1930.

FROM: Investigation Section.

TO: Cemetery Audit Section.

Cty. 608

Oise-Aisne American Cemetery
Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne.

RECOVERY 2-28-30

MORGUE Private, first class John C. Beisswanger, Jr.,
53380, Company E, 26th Infantry, KIA, 7/19/18
exhumed from a plowed field southwest of Ploisy
Ravine, Commune de Ploisy, N. 290.760 E. 176.700
on February 27, 1930.

BODY HELD IN MORGUE - Cty. 608.

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DECISION ARE THOSE of the Late Pvt. 1cl, John C. Beisswanger, Jr. Co. E, 26th Inf.

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One Gold Maltese Cross, inscribed on back "C.F. Lawer"
One Swiss silver coin.
One French 10 centime piece, also collar ornament Co. E, 26th Inf.

Original burial of body Plowed Field southwest of Ploisy Ravine, Commune de Ploisy, Aisne, N. 290.760 E. 176.700
Original burial of man Isolated Grave Commune of Ploisy (Aisne) SHT 33NE E.176.88 N.290.7

L. E. BURROUGHS.
Investigator

Concur:

APPROVED:

Officer in Charge.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date: February 28, 1930.

1. REMAINS OF *Beisswanger John B.*
Lawer, C.F.

SERIAL NUMBER

53380

RANK

Put, 1st

ORGANIZATION

Co.E. 26th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): February 27, 1930. From (give complete location): Plowed field southwest of Ploisy Ravine. Commune de Ploisy. Map. Soissons 1/20000. Coordinates N.290.760 E.176.700

By: Group Russell H. Dutcher. Unit Chateau Thierry-Soissons sector.

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

Reburied in morgue One-Aisne per gr. report, 1930

By: Group

Unit

Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Buried in made grave 40 deep, in ODUS uniform, Army buttons, field shoes, gas mask and web ammunition belt. Flesh entirely decomposed and skeleton disarticulated.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No. (see below) In grave marker? No grave marker.

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

No regulation tag found on body, but Gold Maltese Cross inscribed on back, C.F. Lawer. also two wound or service chevrons and collar ornament Co.E. 26th Inf.

1 Gold Cross, 1 silver coin Swiss, 1 nickel 10ct piece French, personal effects. Forwarded.

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

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

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Quantity do.

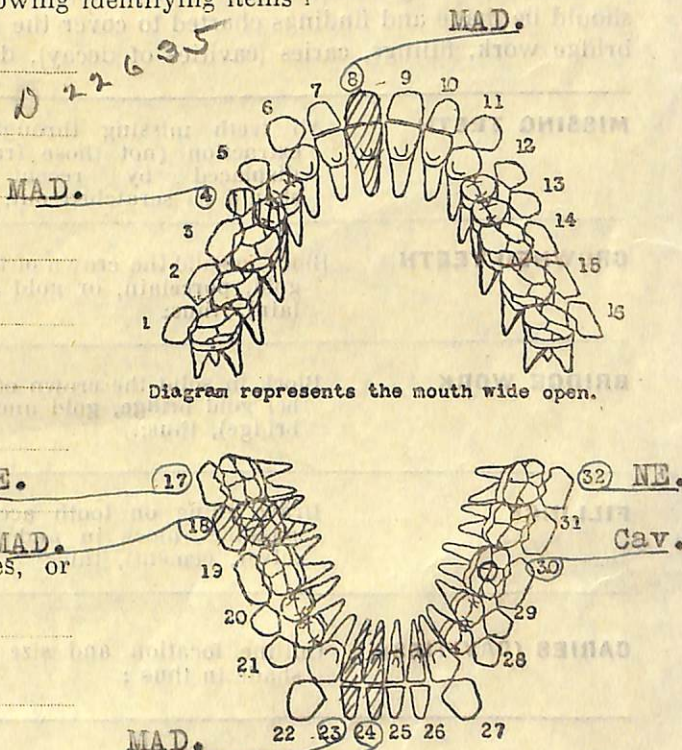
Characteristics do.

(d) Hair on face—Color do.

Location do.

Quantity

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



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Hole made by shrapnell in left side of skull. Teeth Nos. 17 and 32 not erupted. No. 30 cavity. Nos. 4, 8, 18, 23, 24, missing after death.

7. Disinterment supervised by

Russell H. Dutcher
Investigator.

Approved:

William E. Moon
(Title) Superintendent.8. Reburial supervised by
3-7832

Approved:

(Title)

Reading, Penna.,
Friday April 25, 1930.

War Department
Quartermasters Dept.
Washington D.C.

Reply to
Q M 293A-C

Attention Major John F. Harris.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your
letter of the 23rd inst in reference to
collar ornaments and gold pin found on
body of soldier supposed to be my brother,
Private John C. Beisswanger Jr. I, as his
next younger brother and buddy before
enlisting in the army, being the only
member of the family that remembers
this pin I could identify the pin
and I will try to give as good a sketch
at end of letter as is possible.





This is as clear a recollection as I have
of this pin.

NFB.

Send all communications to,

Mrs Kate Beisswanger
608 Tulpchen St.
Reading
Penn.

My brother found this pin several
years before he enlisted that is why
it bears the name C. F. Lawer.

I wanted him to give it to me when he
left home to join the army but he
refused and now I am glad as it
serves as a means of identification.

My brother also had a cheap wrist
watch with his name and company
engraved on inside of back lid.

My mother would appreciate it if
you would send her this pin
and any other of his possessions,
any little thing to you would come
big to her and would be appreciated.

Thanking you for your kind attention
and hoping to hear from you soon
I remain yours respectfully,
Walter Beisswanger

Beisswanger, John C. Jr.

53,380

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt 1cl

Co E 26 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 remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

John C. Beisswanger

615 Eisenbrown St Reading

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

Penna

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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QR 293 A-C
Beisswanger, John C. Jr.

April 23, 1930.

Mrs. Kate Beisswanger,
608 Tulpehocker St.,
Reading, Pa.

Dear Madam:

In the course of investigations which are being made in an effort to locate the graves of missing service men who were killed in action in France, the remains of a former soldier were recently recovered from the Commune of Floisy bearing the collar ornaments of Company E, 26th Infantry. The only means of identification found were the collar ornaments and a gold pin, probably a class or fraternity pin.

As your son the late Private, first class John C. Beisswanger, Jr., who was killed in action on July 19, 1918, while serving with this organization, is carried as without grave location, it will be appreciated if you will advise whether you will recall his wearing a gold pin in the design of a Maltese Cross inscribed on the back "C. F. Lawer". It has been ascertained that no man of this name served with the American Forces.

As the records indicate that your son was buried in the same Commune and approximately in the same location as that from which this body was recovered, the foregoing information is desired in connection with the investigation which is being made.

An early reply will be appreciated. An official envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your use.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.
Envelope.

VEB/leb

O.B.M.G.M. & R DIV.

1930 APR 24 AM 10 30

DISPATCHED

293 Lawer, G.F.
X-293 Beisswanger, John C. Jr.
Roe, Norman L.

SCB/scb.

March 5, 1930.

Subject: Recovery of Remains.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. Inclosed is G.R.S. Form 16-A covering the recovery of the remains of "Lawer, G.F." recently found by the Research Personnel of this office.

2. These remains were recovered from a made grave in a plowed field southwest of Ploisy Ravine, Commune of Ploisy, Aisne, map reference Soissons 1/20,000, North-290.760; East-176.700.

3. Remains were identified by Gold Maltese Cross found on body inscribed on back "G.F. Lawer". Collar ornament Co. E, 26th Infantry.

4. The following named personal effects, found with the remains, are enclosed herewith:

One Gold Maltese Cross, inscribed on back "G.F. Lawer".
One Swiss silver coin.
One French 10 centime piece.

5. There is no record in this office of this casualty and identification and disposition of these remains is requested.

6. The Unlocated List in this office carries 2 members of "Co. E, 26th Inf." reported K.I.A. or M.I.A. July 19, 1918, Ploisy Sector:

Beisswanger, John C. Jr., 53380, Pvt. 1cl. Co. E, 26th Inf. Killed in Action July 19, 1918. Unconfirmed grave location Commune of Ploisy, Aisne, East-176.88; North-290.76. There is no dental information on file for Pvt. 1cl. Beisswanger.

Roe, Norman L., 53560, Pvt. Co. E, 26th Inf. MIA/PD, July 19, 1918. There is no burial information on file here for this casualty.

Incls: 2
F. 16-A, 2/28/30.
env. (P.E.)



RICHARD T. ELLIS,
Colonel, Quartermaster Corps,
United States Army,
Chief.

orig in Cemetery

FROM: O.Q.M.G.,
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room

2442

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON

DEC 8, 1921

FILE 30877
File No. 30877 Registration.

Date 11/21/21

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.

Beisswanger, John C. Jr.
a. Surname. *Beisswanger* or *Buswanger* ✓ f. Date of death. 7/19/18 ✓
b. Christian name. John C., Jr. ✓ g. Cause of death. K/A ✓
c. Serial number. 53380 ✓ h. Authority (C. C. No.) 448-SP-22 ✓
d. Organization. Co. E, 26th Inf. ✓ i. Emergency address. John C. Beisswanger, Sr., 615 Eisenbrown St., Reading, Pa. ✓
e. Rank. Pvt., or Pvt., 1/cl ✓ j. Relationship. Father ✓

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

- a. Age at enlistment.
b. Color of eyes.
c. Color of hair.
d. Height.
e. Weight.
f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)

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.

REC'D MAIL SECTION

W. W. DIV., A. G. O.

NOV 21 1921 4

Miss Knight
ECC

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

By

H. J. Conner
H. J. CONNER,
Captain, Q. M. C.
1st Lt.

Donnelly Pers Sec.
S. V. L. 11-22-21.

24 Nov - 12-8-21

10/24

26th Inf. C° E.

BOISSVANGER John C. Pvt. 1st/cl
5338D

Missing in action July 19th 1918

Sgt. Barta states that he saw Boissvanger killed at Soissons 18 July He was struck by a shell and died instantly the body was buried by the company detail

Boissvanger on list

Informant. Barta Albert Sgt. 53375
C° E. 26th Inf.

Home 6233 South Justine st. Chicago Ill
Camp Pontanenzen Brest
February 19th 1919

Helen Deane searcher

L.M.d.v.

Co. "E" 26th. Infantry
1st. Division.

BIESSWANGER

BIESSWANGER, John G. Jr., Pvt; 55380
HOME: No address given.

KILLED IN ACTION JULY 18th. 1918

We had just crossed the Paris-Soissons road near the town of Messines, France on July 18th. 1918 when I saw Private BIESSWANGER killed by machine gun fire.

He was buried near the same town.

INFORMANT: SICKLE, John A., Pvt., 55573
Co. "E" 26th. Infantry.
HOME: 517 New Grand Street.
WILKES BARRE, Pa.,

Signed: R. W. Dorn. Captain.
26th. Infantry.

Next of Kin:
No name nor address given.

/MTM/

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Date 9/8/25

SUBJECT: Information required for Cemeterial Division.

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army, World War Division, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

a. Surname Beisswanger g. Date of death 7/14/18
 b. Christian name John C Jr. h. Authority _____
 c. Serial number 53380 i. Cause of death 1st
 d. Organization Co E - 26 Inf. j. Place of death A. E. F.
 e. Rank Pvt 1st k. Place of burial _____
 f. Emergency Address _____

1. Date of discharge _____

BODY DESCRIPTION

a. Date of enlistment May 9, 1917 d. Height 5 ft. 8 1/2 in.
 b. Age at enlistment 19 yrs. 5 mo. e. Weight* 130 lbs.
 c. Color of hair Brown f. Fractures or breaks none

DENTAL CHARTS

At Camp

By Local Board

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

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

from what organ. was
he transferred? none

25/446/EYS

A. G. O.
SEP 10 1925
WORLD WAR DIV.

For The Quartermaster General:

Robert C. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General

SEP 12 1925

FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room ~~1128~~ 1109

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

File No. 97083

Registration.

Date March 18, 1921

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. ^{OK} BEISSWANGER or ^{Beisswanger} BUSWANGER

b. Christian name. ^{OK} John C. or ^{John C. Jr.} John C. Jr.

c. Serial number. ^{OK} 53380

d. Organization. Co. E. 26th Inf ^{OK}

e. Rank. Pvt. or Pvt. 1 Cl ^{OK} ^{Pvt 1/c}

f. Date of death. ^{OK} 7-19-18

g. Cause of death. ^{OK} K/A

h. Authority (C. C. No.) ^{OK} 448 Sp 22 - 281

i. Emergency address. ^{OK} John C. Beisswanger
615 Eisenbrown St., Reading Pa.
(Father)

j. Relationship.

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

a. Age at enlistment.

b. Color of eyes.

c. Color of hair.

d. Height.

e. Weight.

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

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.							

Mr. Wilson
DTD

By

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

H. J. CONNER,
1st Lieut Captain, Q. M. C.

World War Div.
Date MAR 19 1921

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
Reference-97083 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

May 12th 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
Private Walter Frederick, Ord. Depot No. 1., A.P.O.701,
TO : American E.F.
Pvt. John C. Beisswanger, Co. E. 26th Infantry,
SUBJECT : American E.F.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the
regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at this head-
quarters, he is buried in

By direction

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

Per MAURICE B. DIX,
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

(Enclosures G.R.S.)
(10-B, .004.5)

MBD-cb

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

File Number

FROM:-

Date: 4-9-18

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BEISSWENGER, John C.

NUMBER 53380

RANK

ORGANIZATION

Pvt. 1/c Co. "E" 26th Inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① BEISSWENGER, John C.
2.	Date of Death.	② 7-19-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ K/A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	④ C.C. # 448 S.P. 22
5.	Date buried.	⑤ not given
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	⑥ C-46 Grave # 1841 Ploisy (Aisne). Sht. 33m E 176. 88 N 290. 76
7.	Who reported burial;	⑦ GRS officer
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑧ yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑨ CROSS.
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑩ one on marker
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑪
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑫
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	⑬
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	⑭

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

John C. BEISSWENGER
615 EISENBROWN ST.
READING, PA.
⑮ 3-26-19

King.

Wednesday, April 3rd 1919.
The Graves Registration Service.

Room #512 Elysée Palace-
Hotel, Paris.

Information Bureau.

Will you kindly give me the location, and
any other information you deem advisable,
of the grave of Pvt - 1st Class - John, C -
Beisswenger - Identification #53380 -
Company - E - 26th Infantry - U. S. A.

Pvt. Beisswenger was killed in
the battle of Soissons, July 19th 1918, and
any information you can give me, relative
to deceased man's grave location etc, will
be highly appreciated by

Very Truly Yours.

Pvt. Walter Frederick.
Ordinance Depot #1.

Censored.

A.P.C. # 701.

By:
1st Lieut, Ord., Dept.,
U. S. Army.

American. E. F.

CARD DEPT

File No.

G.R.S. Form No. 8; Central Records Division.
 Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.
 SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

() Surname: BEISSWANGER
 () Number: 53380
 () First name: John C.
 () Rank: Pvt. 1/c
 () Company: "E"
 () Organization: 26th. Infantry
 () Date of death: 7/19/18
 () Cause: now Rep. KIA
 () Place:

Location of hospital:

Number : " "
 Class " "
 () Relative: John C. Beisswanger
 () Relationship: Father
 () Address: 615 Eisenbroun St
 () Authority: Reading
 Cablegram No: Penn.
 Telegram from:

dated:

- () Reported to Washington:
 C.C. Nos: 448 J.P. 22
 (Underscore the "official" C.C.)
 () Remarks:
 () Show present status on reverse side.

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

Initials of Reporter:

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.
TO : G.O., Co.E 26th. Infantry.
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

Note:



In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

John C. Beiswanger - Sr.

Relationship: Father

Address: 15 Eisenborn St. Reading Pa

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From

9 7 0 8 3

97083

File No:

CONFIRMED
 BELSOMME, 55380 John C.

Company E. 26th Inf.

Date of Death: _____

File No: _____

Date Buried: _____

Cemetery: _____

Grave No: _____ Sect: _____

Commune (No. 46) Ploisy

Dep't: Aisne Sheet: 33 NE

Coordinates: 176.08 - 290.76

Remarks: Not buried

Sketch No: _____

NP ☒ CROSS ☐ HD BD ☐ BTTL

Ident. Tag on Gr. mkr: ☒ b.w.h.

Authority: C.O. Group #1 Unit 302

CONFIRMED

CMME.

(C-)SHT.

COORD

16 AOU 1918

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GI LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BUSWANGER 53380 John C. Jr.

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

Pvt. Co. E. 26th Inf.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Southern

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in action (m.g. fire)

DATE OF BURIAL: Unknown

PLACE OF BURIAL: "

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

GRAVE NUMBER: Unknown

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? Yes

If name unknown and tags missing, description and mark should be given here?

NEAREST RELATIVE: John C. Buswanger Sr.

ADDRESS: 615 Eisenbrown St. - Reading Pa.

RELATIONSHIP: Father

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

Communal List No. 1016-2597
Daily Report No. _____

