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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME ..... BELDEN, Samuel A. ....

RANK ..... Pvt. .... SERIAL ..... 2940912 .....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... 311th Infantry Co. H. ....

DATE OF DEATH ..... 10-18-18 .....

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... Ill. ....

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED ..... None .....

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ..... 10-21 -1921 30 26 F .....

Date Grave Row Block

... Meuse-Argonne. American. Cemetery. 1232. ....  
Cemetery

Rec'd World War Div  
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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BEADEN 2940912 SAMUES  
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. H. 811. Inf.  
(Rank) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct. 18-1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Lancaster, Dept. of Ordnance  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Verden map No. 35 144585 : E 50 80  
in church about 100 yds opposite  
Church

GRAVE NUMBER

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:

REPORTED BY:  
J.B. Collier 1st Lt. Chaplain 303500 T. S.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BELDEN, Samuel

Number: 2940912

Rank: Pvt.

Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

23rd, May 1919.

Grave #26 A.E.F. Cemetery

LANCON, ARDENNES.

E 291.9 E 278.8 N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

23rd, May 1919.

Grave #51 Sec. 111 Plot #1.

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY NO. 1232.

ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

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

Burial good. Buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.

Remains of:

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

Note:

**CONFIRMED No. D**

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 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: Lt. Shelton

**R. H. ROSENTHAL**

**2nd Lieut. Q.M.G.U.S.A.**

C.O., Group

Unit

HLW

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

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Belden	3	25 <sup>0</sup> 2
BURIED	Sam'l a.	1	1
	CEMETERY 1232	2	30
	GRAVE 30	2	26
	ROW 26	1	6
	BLOCK 7	2	13
STATE	Ill.	1	2
RANK	Priv	2	78
DIVISION	78	3	311
ORGANIZATION	311	1	1
ARM	Inf	1	2
MARTIAL	no	5	9 08 12
NAME	Mrs Jaunettie Krue	2	56
RESIDENCE	A. Krumboltz	2	27
	STATE Washington	3	030
	COUNTY Pierce	1	1
	CITY Tacoma	1	1
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	(Bad)	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No	1	2
29/514/PJ	Age		54

**AUDITED**

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QM 293 A-M  
Belden, Samuel A. (MA)

August 18, 1932.

Mrs. Jeannette A. Krumbach,  
1603 So. K Street,  
Tacoma, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Samuel A. Belden, during the summer of 1933.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country, and it is deeply regretted that your health will not permit you to make the journey as it is believed you would derive great comfort from a visit to the last resting place of your son.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Belden Samuel A (MA)

July 7 1932

Mrs Jeannettie A Krumback  
222½ Crosly St  
Portland Oregon

Dear Madam:

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

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


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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

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

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? *favorable account of sickness*  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) *Mrs. Jeannettie A. Krumback*  
*1603 So. K. St.*  
*Tacoma Wash.*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Belden, Samuel A. (M-A) M

August 7, 1931

Mrs. Jeannettie A. Krumbach,  
222 1/2 Grosly St.,  
Portland, Ore.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Belden, Samuel A. Pvt. (MA) M\*

July 20, 1931.

Mrs. Jeannettie A. Krumbach  
222 $\frac{1}{2}$  Crosly St.,  
Portland, Ore.

Dear Madam:

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

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

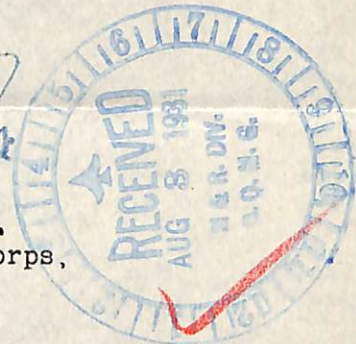
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? *Improvised course of it known*  
Write answer here

*Mrs. Jeannettie A. Krumbach*  
Sign here

President Harding

7-8-31

1232 M

Belden, Samuel A., Pvt.

I Decline----- 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.

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Mrs. Jeannettie A. Krumback

(Name)

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222 $\frac{1}{2}$  Crosly St., Portland, Multnomah Co., Oregon

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Belden, Samuel A. 1252 M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Jeannettie A. Krumback  
222 1/2 Grosly Street  
Portland, Oregon

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)

QM 293 A-C  
Belden, Samuel A. 1232 M

April 23, 1930

Mrs. Jeannette A. Krumback,  
222 $\frac{1}{2}$  Cowley Street,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, declining the invitation to sail on the SS "Harding" July 9, 1930.

The Act of March 2, 1929, provides for pilgrimages to be made during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933. Your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1931, and we will communicate with you when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Harding

7/9/30

1232



*Declines*

*Belden, Samuel A*

I ~~cannot~~ *cannot* ~~wish~~ *decline* the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

*1931*

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Mrs. Jeannettie A. Krumback

(Name)

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222 $\frac{1}{2}$  Crosly St., Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore.

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Belden, Samuel A 1232 -M

Mrs. Jeannettie A. Krumback,  
222½ Crosly Street,  
Portland, Oregon.

*Declines Harding 7-9-30  
Listed for 1931*

Dear Madam:

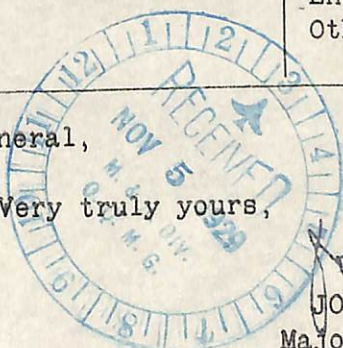
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries,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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	( <del>No</del> )
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(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?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	54 Age (Years)	Bad Health (Good) (Poor) <i>J. Br.</i>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) ( <del>No</del> ) Other language <i>English</i> (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

BELDEN Samuel A.

Plt. Co H 311 Inf

S-2940912

10-18-18

C 123905

Mother

Mrs Jeannette A Krumbach

222½ Crosby St.

Portland

Ore.

VETERAN  
SINGLE

1232

(10-16-29)

New Berlin Ill 9.9.29

As requested have filled out the form for your department. Sam'l Belden was single and I never knew his mother. She was at one time in Peoria Ill. The deceased however had insurance. The policy was sent to me also his gold star. Would appreciate it very much if you would inform me in regard to his insurance.  
Respyly W H Owen

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Belden, Samuel A.  
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mr. William H. Owen,  
RFD #1,  
New Berlin, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated <sup>June 29, 1929</sup> 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:

Single

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

Mother

address unknown

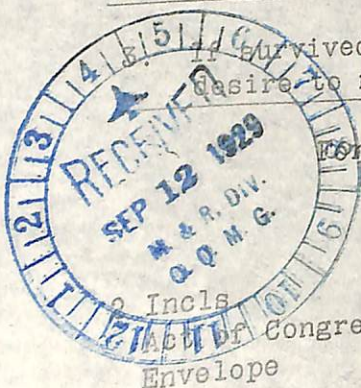
3. If the deceased is survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

Had no permanent ad.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

*Belden*  
IN RE ~~Soldiers' Samples~~ OM-293, A-C

June 29, 1929.

Mr. William H. Owen,  
RFD #1  
New Berlin, Ill.

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 friend of the late Pvt. Samuel A. Belden, Co. H, 311th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Belden Samuel A (MA)

July 7 1932

Mrs Jeannettie A Krumback  
222 1/2 Grosly St  
Portland Oregon

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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

QM 293 A-M  
Belden, Samuel A. (MA)

August 18, 1932.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Belden, Samuel A. (M-A) M

August 7, 1931

Mrs. Jeannette A. Krumback,  
222 1/2 Crosby St.,  
Portland, Ore.

Dear Madam:

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

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Belden, Samuel A. Pvt. (MA) M\*

July 20, 1931.

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? \_\_\_\_\_  
Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Belden, Samuel A. 1232 M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Jeannettie A. Krumback  
222 1/2 Grosly Street  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Madam:

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

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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)

QM 293 A-C  
Belden, Samuel A. 1232 M

April 23, 1930

Mrs. Jeannette A. Krumbach,  
222½ ~~Crosby~~ Street,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, declining the invitation to sail on the SS "Harding" July 9, 1930.

The Act of March 2, 1929, provides for pilgrimages to be made during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933. Your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1931, and we will communicate with you when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

M. G. H. DIV.

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*Am. Comm. List*

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Reiden, Samuel A. 1232-M

March 29, 1930

Mrs. Jeannette A. Krumback,  
222 1/2 Crosly St.,  
Portland, Oregon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Belden, Samuel A 1232 -M

Mrs. Jeannettie A. Krumback,  
222 $\frac{1}{2}$  Crosly Street,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Belden, Samuel A.  
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mr. William H. Owen,  
RFD #1,  
New Berlin, Ill.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Belden, Samuel A.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. William H. Owen,  
RFD #1  
New Berlin, Ill.

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 friend of the late Pvt. Samuel A. Belden, Co. H, 311th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

November 10, 1923.

Mr. William H. Owen,  
R.F.D. #1,  
New Berlin, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private Samuel A. Belden, Company H, 311th Infantry, is Grave 30, Row 26, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

O. Q. M. G.  
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM  
R. L. FOSTER  
Assistant.



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B. O. C.

Belden, Samuel A.

Dup.

2,910,912

(S. name.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army or naval number.)

Pvt. Co. H 311th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

3. Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(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)

Rural Route #1

New Berlin Illinois

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

SA - 6/3/21

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6-3-21

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 43646 ✓

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BELDON, Samuel. A. <sup>9 (7-5-21) W.</sup> Ser. No. 2940912 } TYP. hmp  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H. 311th Inf. } CKR. 30  
 (c) Date of death 10-18-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

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

(a) Grave No. 51 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 111 TYP. hmp  
<sup>a.s.o. (7-5-21) W.</sup>  
 (b) Emerg. Address William H. Owen, (friend) R.F.D. #42, Pleasant Plains.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases / / CKR. Ill 30

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

o.k. card.  
7-5-21.  
W.

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Wm H Owen (b) Relationship none  
 (c) Address Rural Route #1 New Berlin Ill  
 (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 SH Date 6/3, 1921

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

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

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 192

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

Marshall Route, rel. omitted  
Box 92, Berlin, Ill. 4/6/19 no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? -

Examiner's Initials SH Date 6/3, 1921

COUNTRY

FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 111

SHEET No. 9

7-5-21  
W

no card



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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases / / CKR. *B*

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
*Sec. 111* letter of transmittal on JUN 1 A 1921, 192  
Par. # 2 Not To Be Returned (*EW*)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. \_\_\_\_\_, 192

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_

Place Romagne s/s Montfaucon

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date August 31, 1921

1. REMAINS OF Belden, Samuel A. SERIAL NUMBER 2940912

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. H. 311th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): August 31, 1921 From (give complete location) Gr. 51 Sec. 111 Pl. 1  
Cemetery #1232

By: Group Duriscoe Unit Sec. #1

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

Oct 21st 1921 Muse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 30 block F row 26

By: Group re-burial Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

In Us Uniform, blanket and pine box. Badly decomposed.

Features Unrecognizable.

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

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

GRS plate in box reads "2940912 -- Belden, Samuel" Plate found on body.



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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color Apparently brown

Quantity very little left

Characteristics straight never combed

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

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

missing parts) Impossible to determine

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) M.A.D.

None visible

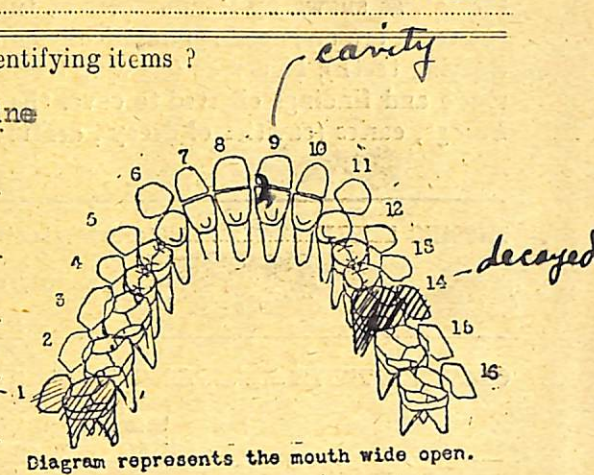
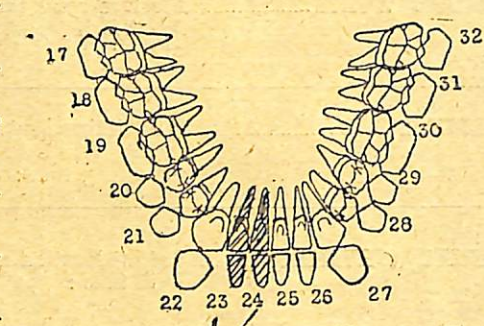


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by W. G. Duriscoe Approved: James W. Younger  
W. G. Duriscoe, Sup. Embalmer (Title) Inspector.

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault Approved: Tom Ward  
A. U. Dufault (Title) Tom Ward, Capt QMC.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Aug. 31. 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BELDON, Samuel A  
 2. No. 2940912  
 3. Rank Pvt  
 4. Org. Co. H, 311th Inf.  
 5. D.D. Oct. 18th  
 6. C.D. DOW R.I.A.

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 51 Sec. 111  
 8. Plot 1 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. no discrep.

18. Cemetery Argonne American

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #1232 Sec. 111

23. Disinterred (Date) Aug. 31. 1921.

By G.W. Durisoe

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BELDON, Samuel A.  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 2940912  
 Organization Co. H. 311th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? no

*G. W. Durisoe*  
 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).

G.R.S. Plaque in box reads "2940912 Belden Samuel " Plate found on body.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, Unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial In Uniform, blanket, & pine box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Aug. 31. 1921. By G.W. Durisoe

31. Casket sealed by G.W. Durisoe

AUDITED BY

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*W. G. Durisoe*

*Mr. J. Younger*

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-4269

32. Designation of body:

Name BELDON, Samuel A Serial No. 2940912

Rank Pvt Organization Co.H, 311th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne American Romagne-sous-Montfaucon #1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Aug. 31. 1921. By G.W. Durisoe

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

*James W. Younger*  
James W. Younger, Capt. QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Aug. 31. 1921.

To point of Concentration Moragne Cem. #1232.

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

(Name) J. Gerald Cole  
**J. GERALD COLE**  
Captain, C. A. C.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
SEP 3 1921

40. Received: Date Aug 31, 1921.

G.R.S. Representative Mr. Paul Moragne Capt

41. Reinterred \_\_\_\_\_

42. Grave No. MeuseArgonne Cemetery # 1232 (Date) Oct 21st 1921 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot 30 Row \_\_\_\_\_

xxxxx block F 26

G.R.S. Representative Tom Ward

Tom Ward, Capt QMC.

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BELDEN 2940912 SAMUEL  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Post. Co. H 311 clmf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct. 18 - 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Lancon, left of Ardennes  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Norden map no 35 NW 25, 29 & 1084  
Ch orchard about 100 yds opposite  
the church

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Peg Cross?  
Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

NAME: MARC A. CARDESS  
254 SHT. 35 NW. COORD  
E 295  
N 284

REPORTED BY: E. B. Collier 1st Lt, Chaplain, 303 Sor Tr  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

28 OCT 1918

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Annual List No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

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1. U. S. Form No. 1. Hq. G. S. File

2. Soldier No. 2940912

3. BELDEN SAMUEL  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. X X X  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. X X  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. X BATTLE AREA CEMETERY  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. LANCON ARDENNES  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 5 A  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross? YES Headboard? Bottle?  
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker? YES  
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

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12. 291.8 E. 278.8 N. VERDUN S.W. 35  
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery  
35 YDS. W. OF ROAD

13. SKETCH # 169  
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer  
Signed Orville Hamilton

Group... 2... Unit. 305... G. R. S.

Gibson, Samuel A  
Pvt Co H 311 Inf

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*Red Cross*  
American Expeditionary Forces  
Headquarters Services of Supply  
Office of the C.Q.M., A.E.F.  
Graves Registration Service.

June 9, 1919.

FROM : The Chief, G.R.S.

To : Chaplain

Sub-inspector, G.R.S.

SUBJECT : Information for relatives.

1. Information as to the circumstances connected with the death of

Pvt. Samuel A. Beldon,  
Co. H.  
311th Inf.

which are not of record in this office, is desired by

Mr. Marshal Antle,  
Box 92,  
Berlin,  
Illinois.

2. I am sure it will be your pleasure to give what comfort you can in writing directly to the above address, and I deeply regret that the desired information is not available for me to use, without the delay involved in this request for your aid.

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

Copy furnished for the information of the family of the deceased.

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

American Expeditionary Forces

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

*Return to Sender*

The Chaplain,

Co.H. 311th Inf,

c/o Senior Chaplain,

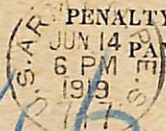
General Headquarters,

American Expeditionary Forces.

*W. Hartwell*  
Mort., Q.M. Corps U.S.A.



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

*C. H. 311th Inf*  
Returned to U.S.A.  
A.G.P.O., G.H.Q.  
American E.F.  
6-16-19

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

June 9th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Mr. Marshal Antle, Box 92, Berlin, Illinois.  
SUBJECT : Pvt. Samuel A. Beldon.

With an assurance of very deep sympathy, and in reply to your letter of enquiry, you are advised that information has been filed in this office by the burial officer concerned, to the effect that the above named soldier is buried in the American Battle Area Cemetery at LANCON, department of the ARDENNES. The grave, which is #26, is marked by a regulation cross with identification tag attached.

CCP/ES.

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

NAME

Samuel A Belder

FILE NUMBER 43646.

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

ORGANIZATION

311th Inf 78th Div

NO.

QUESTION

REPLY

- |      |   |   |
|------|---|---|
| ✓ 1. | Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records? | 1. BELDON. 2940912. Samuel A. Co. H, 311th Inf. Pvt.        |
| ✓ 2. | Date of Death   | 2. 10-18-18.  |
| ✓ 3. | Grave Location:   | 3. Grave #26, Plot #3, Amer. Cty. #1015, Lancon, Ardennes.  |
| ✓ 4. | Who reported burial?                                      |   |
| ✓ 5. | Confirmed by G.R.S.?                                      |   |
| 6.   | How is grave marked?                                      | 6. Cross.   |
| 7.   | Identification Tags:                                      | 7. One buried with body. One attached to grave marker.      |
|      | (a) Buried with Body?                                     |   |
|      | (b) Attached to grave marker?                             |   |
| 8.   | Emergency address:  | 8. William H. Owen, (Friend) RFD #42, Pleasant Plains, Ill. |
| 9.   | Has above been notified? (Give date).                     | 9. Yes. 1-28-19. <i>Record</i> <i>DS7</i>                   |

CONFIRMED No. D

## ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags etc.  
(Par. #5, Bul, 10-B)

Effects (G.R.S. Form Nos  
7 & 7-A)

Monuments (Par. #6, Bul.  
10-B)

Accrued Pay (G.R.S.  
Forms 19 & 22)

Disinterments (Par. #8,  
Bul. 10-B)

Liberty Bonds  
(G.R.S. Forms 21 & 22)

✓ Circumstances of death  
(G.R.S. Form No. 6)

War Risk Insurance  
(G.R.S. Forms 20 & 22)

✓ Photograph requested  
(File 004.5)

Disposition of Remains  
(a) Return to U.S.) Form 23

✓ Grave Location

(b) Remain in France Form 24

(c) Miscellaneous letter

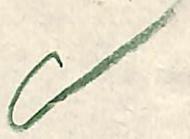
REMARKS:

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WAR CAMP COMMUNITY SERVICE

for

War Department and Navy Department  
Commissions on Training Camp Activities



Headquarters Club  
Rockford, Ill.



SURROUND THE CAMPS WITH  
HOSPITALITY

Rockford, Ill. Apr. 6 1919

To the Graves Registration Bureau  
Tours, France.

Dear Sir:

Kindly send to me all the in-  
formation you have concerning  
Samuel A. Belden of the 311<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
78 Division, home ~~at~~ Pleasant Plains  
Illinois R. R. # — He gave as his  
friend William Owen, Pleasant Plains.  
He was listed as killed in action.  
The writer of this spent several months  
in France as a member of the 327<sup>th</sup> I. A.  
and was stationed in Tours (quartered in  
Raxner barracks) on detached service for  
about five weeks through December and  
first of January. I have just been discharged  
here at Camp Grant.

Yours respectfully  
Marshall Antle,  
Box 92, Berlin, Illinois.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-O

Information requested of A.G.O.

JUL 9 1921

Date 6/25/21.

File No. 43646

Registration.  
File No.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., 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 ~~Beldon or (Belden)~~ OK f. Date of death 10/18/18. OK
- b. Christian name Samuel A. OK g. Cause of death DWRIA. OK
- c. Serial Number 2940912 OK h. Authority (C.O.#)
- d. Organization Co.H, 311th Inf. OK i. Emergency address
- e. Rank Pvt. OK j. Relationship *William H. Owen*

*Friend RFD #42 Pleasant Plains Ill.*  
DENTAL CHARTS (See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight

- 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

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

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

BY:

*H. J. Conner*

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

CEMETERY NO:

N.C.  
1232-Sec. 111

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SHEET NO:  
TYPED BY:

I.W.

Rec'd S & S Div. A.G.O.

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*EPJ 6/29/21 wfg*

World War Div.  
1921

*noted on 4-115.  
7-5-21--9.*

FROM: O.Q.M.G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Bu[redacted]g  
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PLEASE  
EXPEDITE