

112
6/16/23

JUN 1 - 1927

DATE 12/15/21

1. NAME *holders Fritz E.* BENSON, Fritz E. SERIAL No. 1627603

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.M., 109th Inf. *28 Div*

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Arg.Amer.Cty.Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232.Sec.40

CTY. NAME NUMBER

202 Sec.40 4

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 1 Pte Bourevilles Meuse *c-277*

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35SE 271.7N 302.7E

CONCENTRATED TO 5/7/19 202 Sec 40 4

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

Data concerning any identification found on remains when concentrated, such as collar insignias, letters, broken bones, missing parts, etc.

Tag on cross and body *Sept 28/1918* data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Colo.*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *None*

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR *M. B. Birdseye* M. B. BIRDSEYE
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

5. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/15/21 39 5 Block E.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. Meuse.

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
2024-6-43

MAY 11 1927
WORLD WAR DIV.

JUN 9 1927
WORLD WAR DIV.

*Body to be Shipped Foreign - Remain with letters
3/9/23 from mother. also letters 9/21/23*

CODE SLIP

| HEADING | SUB-HEADING | NO. OF COLS | CODE |
|---|----------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| NAME <i>Benson</i> | <i>BEN</i> | 3 | <i>25⁰7</i> |
| BURIED <i>Fritz E.</i> | CEMETERY <i>1232</i> | 1 | <i>1</i> |
| | GRAVE <i>39</i> | 2 | <i>39</i> |
| | ROW <i>5</i> | 2 | <i>05-</i> |
| | BLOCK <i>E</i> | 1 | <i>5-</i> |
| STATE | <i>Colo</i> | 2 | <i>05-</i> |
| RANK | <i>Pvt</i> | 1 | <i>2</i> |
| DIVISION | <i>28</i> | 2 | <i>28</i> |
| ORGANIZATION | <i>109</i> | 3 | <i>109</i> |
| ARM | <i>Inf</i> | 1 | <i>1</i> |
| MARITAL | <i>not</i> | 1 | <i>2</i> |
| NAME <i>Oleson</i> | <i>OLS</i> | 3 | <i>0-0-0 3-2-9</i> |
| RESIDENCE <i>Mrs Carolina No 48 No Sm</i> | STATE | 2 | |
| | COUNTY | 2 | |
| | CITY | 3 | |
| RELATION | <i>mother</i> | 1 | <i>1</i> |
| OTHER | | 1 | |
| ELIGIBILITY | <i>Foreign</i> | 1 | <i>4</i> |
| NATIVITY | | 1 | |
| RACE | | 1 | |
| ENGLISH | | 1 | |
| ATTENDANT | | 1 | |
| HEALTH | | 1 | |
| NO. OF SONS | | 1 | |
| DATE OF | MO. | 1 | |
| TRIP | YR. | 1 | |
| ACCEPTANCE <i>29/514</i> | | 1 | |
| <i>8.7</i> | <i>Sweden</i> | 2 | <i>08</i> |

AUDITED

JAN 28 1932
Rm

2a

DATE 7-23-29

its E.

RANK

SERIAL

ORGANIZATION

DATE OF DEATH

Pvt.

1627603

Co. M, 109th Inf. 9-28-18

CTY. NO. 1232

GRAVE 39

ROW 5

BLOCK E

Check relationship Living - Deceased

MOTHER

ins + cont ✓

~~STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)~~

~~MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)~~

~~MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)~~

~~WIDOW (Who has not remarried)~~

*C 75-007
7/26/39*

Single

1-10-33

Bureau Claim Number _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Benson, Frits E.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mr. Oscar E. Benson,
Collbran, Colo.

*Je Beque Sep 14th 1929
Yours very truly
Oscar E Benson*

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:

Deceased not married.

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
Mrs. Carolina Olsson
Drottninggatan 29
Hässelholm*

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

do not know Sweden

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

Reply By Oscar E Benson

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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

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

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Co.M. 109 INFANTRY

BENSON, Fritz E. Pvt. 1627603

28
Missing July 28, 1918

He was killed close to Varennes, in the Argonne drive, Sept. 29th (He was missing in July - some days he was gassed at Courmont - returned to Company.)

We had taken Varennes and had advanced 1 1/2 km from Varennes toward Apremont. We were in some reserve German trenches and they were firing on us with machine guns. About 4 P.M. Benson was hit by two bullets in the head, as he was shooting at them. We asked if he was hurt and he didn't answer. So we rolled him over, his face was all blood and he was dead. He was buried by a Chaplain near where he fell. At the time the grave was marked by a board with his tag and his helmet. He was tall, spoke like a Swede. "He was a Cattleman in Colorado".

1. Yes, I was 8 ft. from him.

5. Yes,

6. No

8. Good.

DH

Informant: Dailey, Chas D. Pvt. 1627719
Evac. Hosp. No 1
Co.M. 109th Inf.
Home: Curtis, Nebraska
Feb 10, 1919

FILE

11/14/38
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Lucy O. Mather, Searcher

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

IN REPLY REFER TO _____

SUBJECT: Investigation.

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

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

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- (c) Places of death and burial, if of record,
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- (e) Names and addresses of

For The Quartermaster General:

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

8, AVENUE DIENA
20 rue Molitor

PR

File No. *293.9 Disp. Cty 1232-E*

PARIS September 21st, 1923

293 Benson

SUBJECT: Disposition of remains

TO : Quartermaster General, Munitions Bldg., Washington, D. C.

1. Reference your letter dated August 4th, 1923, File #QM 293 C-R, Benson, Frits E., Pvt., subject: "Disposition of remains", this office communicated with the mother of deceased with regard to her wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the late Pvt. Frits E. Benson, Co. M, 109th Inf., with the result that the enclosed communication was received from her advising us that it was her wish to allow the remains to be buried permanently in France.

Inter



R.P. Harbold
R.P. HARBOLD
Chief

1 encl.



CULBERTSON

See 10/20/23

Noted by Statistical Clerk.
Date 10/10/23 *PRD*

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
20 rue Molitor

File No.

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R. P. HARBOLD
Chief

Translation.

Hässleholm 3/9 1923.

American Graves Registration Service Q.M.C.

I have received your letter concerning the transportation of Private Fritz E. Benson's dead body (1627603 Co.M.109.th Inf. I thank you for your great kindness. After having thoroughly thought over the matter I find that it would be preferable if the dead body could rest in peace in its grave in France.

I thank you most heartily for all the proofs of sympathy you have given me.

Yours sincerely

Carolina Olsson

Drottninggatan 29, Hässleholm

Sweden



In reply refer to:
QM - 293 C-R

July 21, 1923.

Mrs. Carolina Olsson,
Bokalycken Hassleholm,
Sweden.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Private Frits B. Benson, Company M, 100th Infantry, is Grave 39, Row 5, Block E, 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 headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The 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.

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing 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,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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OF 232 C-3

Benson, Frita E. Pvt.

Aug. 4, 1923.

SUBJECT: Disposition of remains.

TO: Chief, AGRS, GQG in Europe.

1. With reference to the case of Private Frita E. Benson, #1627602, Co. B, 108th Inf., concentrated into Grave 39, Row 5, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, you are advised that there is on file in this office a request made on A.G.O. disposition card, by the mother, Mrs. Carolina Olsson, La Bomlycken, Hasselholm, Sweden, that the remains of this soldier be shipped to her for final burial.

2. In forwarding disposition advice to your office on April 19, 1921, Cyt. 1232-S.c. 40, Cable Ref. No. 15, the body was ordered not to be returned and no mention was made as to the shipment of same to Sweden. If the records of your office do not contain a request from the mother that the body remain, it is requested that you communicate with her in terms similar to those used by this office in like cases, copy of which is inclosed. Should she confirm her request for return, you are authorized to make shipment when found practicable. This office will be advised as to the action taken.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

1 incl.
extract.
LN

H. J. CONDER,
Assistant.

LN
EED
ESM 4870

Noted by Statistical ~~Dept~~
Date 8/14/23



AG 14 15
C. E. H.

Benson,

Frit^S E

1,627,603

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co M 109 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

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:

Mrs. Carolina Olsson

(Name of person to receive remain's.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

Bokalychan 14

Hasselholm

Sweden

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Carolina Olsson

Bokalychan 14

Hasselholm

Sweden

(Number and street or rural route.)

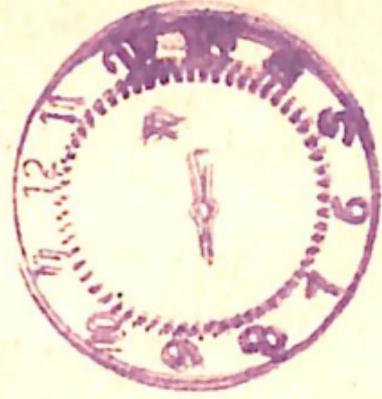
(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

1010
1232

RECEIVED



MAR 29 1920
G. H. S.

4-9-21

check 1010

Drawn by per
1232 - Dec 10 - 12
4-9-21

~~Call Davis.~~

I should have been
shipped to Sweden
~~Don't you think~~

Benson Fritz B.

Please return case to me
~~no~~

✓ JOR 4-6-23

Co. M. 109th Inf.
28th Division.

BENSON, Fritts E. - Pvt. 1627603

Killed in action Sept. 27th, 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Hit by a machine gun bullet in stomach. Death instantaneous. Eye witness 1st. Lieutenant Jack Chambers, Co. M. 109th Infantry. Killed on left of Varennes. Received decent burial, with service said over grave by Chaplain, Tetrow.

FILE
rkn
1/14/30

Informant: Chambers, John H. - 1st. Lt.
Co. M. 109th Inf.
Home: Osawatomie, Kansas.
Searcher: Chas. McFadden 3rd - 1st. Lt.
109th Inf. U.S.A.
2/18/19.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

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For The Quartermaster General:

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 30382

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BENSON, Fritz E. Ser. No. 1627603
(b) Rank pvt. Organization Co. M, 109th Inf.
(c) Date of death 9-28-18 (d) Cause of death k/a
TYP. ob
CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 202 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. 40 TYP. ob
(b) Emerg. Address Oscar E. Benson, (Brother), Collbran, Colo.
G. G. O. Corlene Olsen Benson (mother), Hassleholm, Sweden.
CKR. 30

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt 3-29-20

(a) Name Mrs. Carolina Olsson (b) Relationship omitted
(c) Address Bokalyckan 14, Hassleholm, Sweden.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no - Sweden.
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no.

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Mrs. Carolina Olsson
Bokalyckan 14, Hassleholm, Sweden.

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials BOR Date 4-9-1920

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

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials BOR Date 4-9-1920

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials BOR Date 4-9-1920

COUNTRY France. CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 40. SHEET No. 12

checked 4-16-21

#. S. 4-22-21

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on 4/19, 1920

see 40
Par 2 not to be returned SW
Benson, Fritz E.

IX.

CORRECTIONS

| CHANGE OF ADVICE. | ACTION TAKEN. |
|--|---------------|
| Desires body be _____ _____ | |
| Body to be shipped to _____ _____ _____ _____ | |

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

B. A. W. R., Mrs. Carolina Olsson
(mother) 14 Bokalyckan Hassleholm
Sweden, 6/28/21 M.E.B.

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

A.G.O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

checked H11

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4-9-21

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4-11-21,
S.O.*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 30382

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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases G.O. Carlana Olsen Benson (mother), Haverholm, Sweden. CKR. 30

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
 { letter of transmittal on 4/19, 192/

See 40
 p. 2 not to be returned LPO
 Benson, Fritz E.

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. _____

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF **BENSON, Fritz ^S ^E** SERIAL NUMBER **1627603**

RANK..... **Pvt** ORGANIZATION..... **Co M 109th Inf**

2. Disinterred (date): **Dec 14 1921** From (give complete location):
gr 202, sec 40, plot ⁴, cem 1232

By: Group..... **4** Unit..... **Field Section 1**

3. Reburied (date): **Dec. 15, 1921** In (give complete location):
Meuse-Argonne Cem. 1232, Gr 39, Row 5, Block E

By: Group **Re-burial S** Unit..... Nature of reburial **unlined casket**

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
US uniform, burlap and pine box, body badly decomposed features unrecognizable

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Body tag checks with records

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) **Impossible to determine**

(b) Weight (estimated)..... **do**

(c) Hair—Color..... **do**

Quantity..... **do**

Characteristics..... **do**

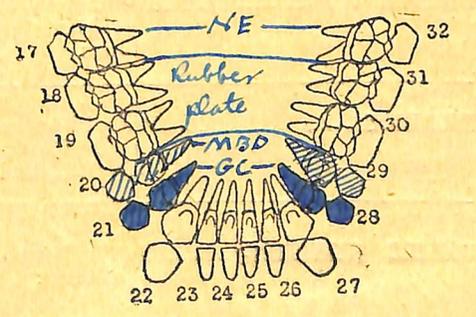
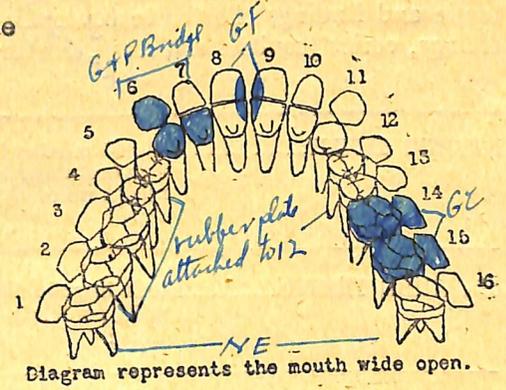
(d) Hair on face—Color..... **do**

Location..... **do**

Quantity..... **do**

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty).....
Impossible to determine



7. Disinterment supervised by **E. E. Goodrich**

Approved: **A. E. Dewey**
(Title)..... **1st Lieut QMC**

8. Reburial supervised by **A. U. Dufault**

Approved: **James W. Younger**
(Title)..... **Captain, QMC**

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec 14 1921

gc

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 BENSON, Fritz E.

10. Name

2. No. 1627603

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co.M., 109th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Sept.28th

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 202 Sec. 40

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 4 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-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.40

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec 14 1921

By E E Goodrich

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Fritz Benson

Serial No. 1627603

Rank Pvt

Organization Co M 109th Inf

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

J L White
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).

None

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial US Uniform, burlap and 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 Dec 14 1921 By E E Goodrich

31. Casket sealed by E E Goodrich

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor E E Goodrich)

E E Goodrich

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-18386

32. Designation of body:

Name Fritz BENSON Serial No. 1627603

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.M., 109th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Arg Amer.Cty.# 1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon Meuse.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec 14 1921 By E E Goodrich

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 A E Dewey

36. Remarks A E Dewey 1st Lt.



37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec 14 1921

To point of Concentration Morges Romagne

Convoyer W J Royed Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole

(Name 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 (Name

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232 Dec. 15, 1921

(Date

42. Grave No. 39 Section

43. ~~Plot.~~ Block. E Row 5

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger
Captain, QMC

MR

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

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Remains of:

Name: BENSON Fritz. E

Number: 1827603

Rank: Unknown

Organization: Unknown

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

7th May 1919

Grave # 1 Isolated

PTE VOUREVILLES MEUSE 35SE 302.7E 271.9N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

7th May 1919

Grave # 202.Sec 40 Plot 4

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETARY # 1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

1232

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

Bur ial good, buried in U_niform, body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

Yes

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

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Note:

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, G.R.S.

Lt. Gordon.

Supervised by:

r/s

C.O. Group

R. H. ROSENTHAL

Unit

2nd Lieut. O. M. C. U. S. A.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Benson 1627603 Fritz J.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private in Co. 109 Infantry
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: near Varennes

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in action

DATE OF BURIAL: Sept. 26 - 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: N.E. of last wire entanglement near old trench.
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Co. 02.4 - 72.6

Map Fort D'Argonne Scale 1:20,000

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

MME. VARENNE (TIED USE)

(U156) SHT. 355E COORD E302.4

NEAREST RELATIVE: N772.6

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: E. Tetreau 1st Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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Hq. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 1627609

3. Benson Fritz E.
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. - - -
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Sept. 26, 1918
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. - - - Isolated
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Varennes Meuse
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 2 -
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

100 M S of road leading from

Varennes to Argonne Forest. 1. K.

SW of Varennes. 35 SE. 272. 2 N.

12. 302.7 E.

Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

OMM. Bourevilles (Meuse)

13. (O. 277 BHT, 35 S. E. COORD { E 302.7
{ N 272.2

Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

149 Signed Pvt John W. Ash

Sketch #4

Group... 5 ... Unit. 306 G. R. S.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

Harlow C.W.

| NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER | CEMETERY NO. | DATE |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Benson, Fritz E., Pvt. | 1232-Sec. 49 - 12 | 4/11/21. |
| SERIAL NUMBER | ORGANIZATION | DATE OF DEATH |
| 1627603 | Co. M, 109th Inf. | 9/28/18. |

Original Attached to
Form 115

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Date 6/28/21 MEB. DATE _____

| PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE | RELATIONSHIP |
|---|---------------|
| <i>Mrs. Carolina ^{Olson,} ^{Olson}</i> | <i>Mother</i> |

ADDRESS

14 Bokalyckian, Hassleholm, Sweden

| PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION | RELATIONSHIP |
|---|---------------|
| <i>14 Bokalyckian, Hassleholm, Sweden</i> | <i>Sweden</i> |

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Missing July 28, 1918

He was killed close to Varennes, in the Argonne drive, Sept. 29th (He was missing in July - some days he was gassed at Courmont - returned to Company.)

We had taken Varennes and had advanced 1 1/2 km from Varennes toward Apremont. We were in some reserve German trenches and they were firing on us with machine guns. About 4 P.M. Benson was hit by two bullets in the head, as he was shooting at them. We asked if he was hurt and he didn't answer. So we rolled him over, his face was all blood and he was dead. He was buried by a Chaplain near where he fell. At the time the grave was marked by a board with his tag and his helmet. He was tall, spoke like a Swede. "He was a Cattleman in Colorado".

1. Yes. I was 8 ft. from him.

5. Yes. QR 9-3-18 m -

6. No QR 8799. K. J. A -

8. Good. #1

Lucy O. Mather, Searcher

Informant: Dailey, Chas D. Pvt. 1627719
Evac. Hosp. No 1
Co.M. 109th Inf.
Home: Curtis, Nebraska
Feb 10, 1919

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

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

Date 4/11/21.

File No. Requisition

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & D 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~~ Benson *OK*
- b. Christian name *Fritz E. Fritz E.*
- c. Serial Number 1627603 *OK*
- d. Organization *Co. M, 109th Inf. OK*
- e. Rank *Pvt. OK*
- f. Date of death *9/28/18. OK*
- g. Cause of death *K/A. OK*
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. ~~Emergency address~~ *Carlens Alvar Benson
Wassleholms Sweden*
- j. ~~Relationship~~ *mother*

NOTED FORM 115

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of 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
- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Eul Pers Sec*

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

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BY:

[Signature]
H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

C.W.

CEMETERY NO: 1232-Sec. 40/

SHEET NO: 12

TYPED BY: I.W.

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