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DEC 17 1925

DATE

1. NAME BENSON, Oscar L. SERIAL No. 735410

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. E 11th Inf.

DIVISION

GRAVE LOCATION St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. Thiaucourt M&M 1233

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

172

Sec. 3

4

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION #10

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES 52NB, 236.9N, 368.2E.

CONCENTRATED TO 5/9/19 172 Sec. 3 4

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

St. Mihiel

1233

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross.

DATE OF DEATH Sept 12, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Mo

Data F-1

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

I.H. Joffe, 1st Lt., MC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Aug. 10, 1922 7 9 Block D

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

APR 6/23
DEC 19 1925
AUDITED BY

St. Mihiel American No. 1233, Thiaucourt
CEMETERY
A. G. O.
DEC 17 1925
WORLD WAR DIV.

WLAS 9/12/267 9/11/26

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Benson 735410 O L

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

Pvt. 11th Inf.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Killed in action**

DATE OF BURIAL: **Sept. 15th**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **1 1/2 Klm. N.W. Fey en Hey
1 Klm. from Reynnelle**

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

368.95 = 235.15 coordinates

Bois les Roppes $\frac{1}{20000}$

GRAVE NUMBER:

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

Headboard? **X**..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: **Yes**

Was one buried with body?..... **Yes**

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: **Jesse C. Thomson, Chaplain
344 M. G. Bn.**

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office. A C

Date 27th May 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

1685

Remains of:

Name: BENSON, Oscar L.
(Unknown)

Number: 735410

Rank: Pvt

Organization: Co E 11 Inf

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group _____ Unit _____

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

9th May 1919

B/A Cemetery Grave No 9

REGNIEVILLE, M et M. 52NE 368.2E 236.9N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

9th May 1919

Grave No 172 Sec 3 Plot 4

St. Mihiel Cemetery #1233

THIACOURT, M et M. 52NE 362.03 E 241.44N

1233

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

Condition of body good, burial very poor.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

10923
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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, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. Keating.

R. H. ROSENTHAL

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

C.O. Group _____ Unit _____

RJB

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Benson	3	2 5 0 4
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	3
	GRAVE	2	07
	ROW	2	09
	BLOCK	1	4
STATE	Mo	2	29
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	5	2	05
ORGANIZATION	11	3	011
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	R
NAME	Case	3	3 1 0 9
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	16
	COUNTY	2	97
	CITY	3	071
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	

Audited
DEC 14 1931
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Benson, Oscar L. (STM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Augusta Case,
RD 2, Box 181,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

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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.


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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

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

no ✓
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Augusta Case
her mark

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Benson, Oscar L. Pvt (StM) M

June 13, 1931

Mrs. Augusta Case,
R. D. #2, Box #181,
Sioux City, Iowa.

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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932?

No
Write answer here

Mrs Augusta Case *T*
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Benson, Oscar L. - 1233 M

June 5, 1930.

Mrs. Augusta Case,
RD #2, Box 181,
Sioux City, Iowa.

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.

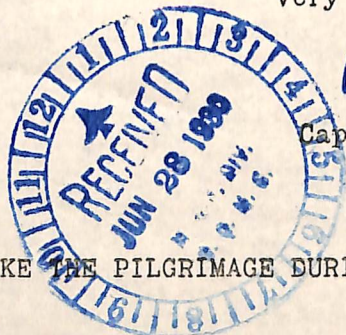
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For The Quartermaster General,

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?

No
(Write answer here)

Mrs Augusta Case

(Sign here)

by M Robinson

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 11, 1930

Denson, Oscar L. 1233 -H

Mrs. Augusta Case,
R.D. #2, Box 161,
Sאות City, Woodbury Co., Iowa.

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,

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

BENSON, OSCOR L
Pvt. COE 11 Inf

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Mother
Mrs. Augusta Case

RD #2 Bx #181

Sioux City

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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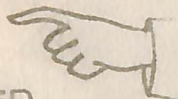
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February 10, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Benson, Oscar L. 1233

Mrs. Augusta Case,
2042 North 21st St.,
Omaha, Nebr.

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Write answers in space below:

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For The Quartermaster General,

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John T. Harris
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Assistant.

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May 27, 1929.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Benson, Oscar L. Pvt (StM) M

June 13, 1931

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(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Benson, Oscar L. 1233 -11

March 11, 1930

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Q. M. G. M. S. DIV.
1930 FEB 11 10 30 AM '30
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 23, 1929.

Benson, Oscar L.
1235

Mrs. Augusta Case,
2042 North 21st St.,
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 27, 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?

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

For The Quartermaster General,

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Major, Q. M. Corps,
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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293 Benson, D. Smith H

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293 Benson, D. Smith H

293 Unknown U-3224.
X-293 each name.

End Ind.

Hdqrs. A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., in H., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, January 11, 1927.
To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. The Unknowns reported in Graves 45, 46 and 49 on the accompanying blue-print are carried as:

U-3224	from	Gr. 6,	Regnieville,	M. & M. Coords.	E-368.2	N-236.9
Benson, Oscar L.	"	"	"	"	"	"
Jones, Robert H.	"	"	"	"	"	"

2. U-3224 is interred in Grave 15, Row 27, Block B, and Pvt. Oscar L. Benson, 735410, Co. E, 11th Inf., in Grave 7, Row 9, Block D, Cty. 1233. The remains of Pvt. Robert H. Jones, 735476, Co. E, 11th Inf., were disinterred from Grave 163, Sec. 3, Plot 4, Cty. 1233, April 25, 1921, and shipped to the United States May 25, 1921.

1 Incl.
(No change).



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

Benson,

Oscar L.

735,410

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co E. 11th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

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

(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)

Mrs Augusta Lease

2042 no 21st

Omaha

Nebr

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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E.M.

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BENSON, Oscar L. - Pvt.

March 11, 1924

Mrs. Augusta Case,
2042 North 21st St.,
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Madam: The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the 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.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.
Record card.

Assistant.

R.L. FOSTER

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O. Q. M. G.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM.



MAR 12 1924

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

90158-CR-10-1-21
 File #110086-
 JRB

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BENSON, Oscar L. Ser. No. 735410 } TYP. evs
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 11th Inf. } CKR. J
 (c) Date of death 9/15/18 (d) Cause of death dwrie K/A } C.R.-10-1-21-JRB

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

(a) Grave No. 172 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 3 TYP. evs
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Auguster Case (Mother) Coatesville, Mo.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases - CKR. J

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -

(a) Name Mrs. Augusta Case (b) Relationship mother
 (c) Address 2042 No. 21 St., Omaha, Nebr.
 (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 lcr Date 1-31, 1920

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

-, dated -
 confirming request in Par. IV., item no correspondence, above, or requesting that -

Examiner's Initials lcr Date 1-31-, 1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials lcr Date 2-1-, 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1233 SHEET No. 228

ms FEB 23 1921

CARDED

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Aug. 10, 1922

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, Oscar L.

10. Name _____

2. No. 735410

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. E 11th Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. 9-15-18

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. D.O.W.ria

(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 172 Sec. 3

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 4 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. None

18. Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer.

19. Commune or town Thiaucourt

20. Dept. or County M&M

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. _____

1233

23. Disinterred (Date) Aug. 10, 1922

By Charles P. Keating

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BENSON, Oscar L.

Serial No. 735410

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. E. 11th Inf.

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

C.T. Brown
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
C.T. BROWN

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).

No evidence on body to disprove identity

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box, burlap and U.S. uniform

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. 10, 1922 By Charles P. Keating

31. Casket sealed by Charles P. Keating

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Charles P. Keating
Charles P. Keating
MMB

ADMITTED BY
11-10-23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - ~~XXXX~~ 29380

32. Designation of body:

Name Oscar L. BENSON Serial No. 735410

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E 11th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. ~~XXXXXX~~ Mihiel Amer. Cty. Thiaucourt
M&M 1233

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Aug. 10, 1922 By Charles P. Keating

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 *O. E. Davis*
O. E. Davis, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

36. Remarks _____

None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Aug. 10, 1922

To point of Concentration _____

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. 1233, Thiaucourt, France.

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer *O. E. Davis*

40. Received: Date _____ O. E. Davis, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Aug. 10 1922 _____

(Date)

42. Grave No. 7 _____ Section _____

43. ~~XXXX~~ Block D Row 9

G.R.S. Representative *A. E. Dewey*
A. E. Dewey 1st Lt. QMC

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Thiaucourt France

Date August 17, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BENSON, Oscar L. SERIAL NUMBER 735410
RANK VC ORGANIZATION Co. 2. 11th Inf

2. Disinterred (date) : _____ From (give complete location) :

August 10, 1922 Gr. 172 Sec 3 Plot 4 Cemetery 1233

By : Group 5 Unit SEC 1

3. Reburied (date) Aug. 10 1922 In (give complete location) : Gr. 7 Bl. D Row 9

By : Group Reburial Unit Casket & shipping Nature of Reburial _____

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

wooden box, burlap and US uniform.

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 :

No evidence on body to disprove identity.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) imp. to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) -do

(c) Hair—Color -do

Quantity -do

Characteristics -do

(d) Hair on face—Color -do

Location -do

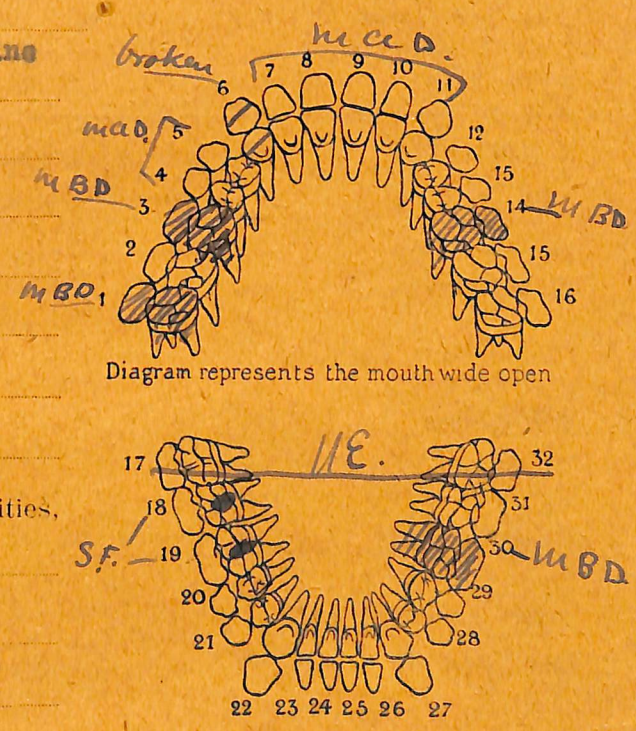
Quantity -do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none visible

missing before death teeth 1, 3, 14, 30.
missing after death 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Broken 6
silver fillings 18, 19 Not erupted 17, 32.

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

none visible



7. Disinterment supervised by Charles Keating Approved : O. R. Davis

Charles P. Keating (Title) O. R. Davis

8. Reburial supervised by H. L. Kramer Approved : A. S. Dewey
H. L. Kramer (Title) A. S. Dewey 1st Lt. 30
concentration

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

90158-C.R-10/11
File #110086
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I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

BENSON, Oscar L.

735410

(a) Name.....**Pvt.**.....Ser.No.....**Co. E, 11th Inf.**
(b) Rank.....**9/15/18**.....Organization.....**dwria M/A**
(c) Date of death.....**death**.....Cause of.....**C.R-10-1-21-278**

evs

TYP.....**J.F.**

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

(a) Grave No.....**172**.....Row.....**-**.....Plot.....**4**.....Sect.....**3**.....TP.....**evs**
(b) Emerg. Address.....**Mrs. Aguster Case (Mother) Coatesville, Mo.**

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases.....CKR:.....**J**

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (letter of transmittal on.....**192**.....
.....**FEB 18 1921**.....

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned

AA

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J.....**MAR 1- 1921**.....**192**.....

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of Relationship and Source.....and name.....Desires.....Action taken.....

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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J.....**192**.....

COUNTRY
G.R.S. FORM 115-A
August , 1920

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

FRANCE

1233

228

S/466/LML

AUTHORITY 104
FEB 23 1921

AN

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON

APR 9 1921

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

To: Mrs. Augusta Case, 2042 N. 21st St., Omaha, Nebr.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Oscar L. Benson, Ser. No. 735410 Co. B, 11th Inf.

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

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.

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

Was soldier married? _____

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

Signature _____

Date _____

Relationship _____

Address _____

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

90158

from

110086

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Benson 735410 Q. J. Benson

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

Priv

11th Inf.

(Rank).

(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in action

DATE OF BURIAL: Sept 10th

PLACE OF BURIAL: 1 1/2 miles N.W. of Engenley

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

36 8.95-235.10 coordinates

Bois les Rappes 20000

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: yes

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: Jesse C. Thomson

Chaplain 3rd M.I. Bn.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bensor

735410

O L

(Surname).

(Number).

(First Name and Initials).

Pvt.

(Rank).

11th Inf.

(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Killed in action**

DATE OF BURIAL: **Sept. 15th**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **1 1/2 Klm. N.W. Fey en Hey
1 Klm. from Roumelle**

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

368.95 - 235.15 coordinates

Bois les Roppes 20000

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: **Yes**

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: **MMY M**)

COMM. REGTIE VIII FEY EN HEY

(C-127) SHT. 528E COORD E368.95

NEAREST RELATIVE: **N 235.15**

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: **Jesse C. Thomson, Chaplain
344 M. G. Bn.**

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Communal List No. 728-127
Daily Report No. _____

G.R.S. Form #8-W; A.G.O. Liaison.

Date 4-22-20

Memo. For: G.R.S. Representative, A.G.O.
 Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed.

✓ Surname BENSON
 ✓ Number 735410
 ✓ First name Oscar L.
 ✓ Rank Private
 ✓ Company Co. E.
 ✓ Organization 11th Inf.
 ✓ Date of death Sept. 15-18
 ✓ Cause Wounds received in action.
 ✓ Emergency address. Mrs. Aguster Case,
 Coatesville, Mo.
 ✓ Relationship. Mother.
 ✓ Authority (C.C.#) 403. Sub P. 141

Note: If this man is not dead show present status, and in case of discharge, show date and place. If case is under investigation, make notation to that effect.

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 CHARLES C. PIERCE;
 Colonel, U.S. Army,
 Chief, Graves Registration Service.
 NS-7133-NJH. *Donnelly*

PMC. *eng Personnel Sec*
May 8 3rd floor 4/23/20

Research Section.

Card Dept.

G.R.S Form No. 8-W; Central Records
Liaison.

OK

Grave 172 City 12 33

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- ✓ Surname: Benson
- ✓ Number: 735410
- ✓ First name: Oscar L.
- ✓ Rank: Private
- ✓ Company: Co. E,
- ✓ Organization: 11th Inf.
- ✓ Date of death: *died Sept 13/18*
- ✓ Cause: *wounds received in action*
- Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "

Class " "

✓ Emergency address *Mrs Agustin*
Cottleville, Mo.

✓ Relationship: *mother*

Authority:

Cablegram No:

Telegram from:

dated:

Reported to Washington:

✓ C.C.Nos.

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

✓ Remarks:

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

✓

Form 1-A shows:

Cemetery #1233,
Grave #172

CENTRAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

FILE

July 27, 1921.

~~XXXXXX~~

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. E, 11th Infantry

ORGANIZATION (Old)

BENSON, 735410, Oscar L.

Pvt.

(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH **9/12/18**

CAUSE OF DEATH **K/A**

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new data and data correcting previous information)

BY: Margaret K. McCarthy

Investigation and Adjustment

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By WKB

Adjustment Made

JUL 27 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT

File No. 90158

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WH wrh 1-208

WASHINGTON

July 25, 1921

IN REPLY
REFER TO

201(Benson, Oscar L.) WW

FILE

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

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

Subject: Date of death of Oscar L. Benson, #735,410, Private, Co. E.
11th Infantry.

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that soldier was killed in action September 12, 1918.

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted May 4, 1917, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Mrs. Augusta Case, mother, Coatsville, Mo.

By order of the Secretary of War.

W. Woodlief
The Adjutant General.

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Classification
Adjustment _____

CEMETERY DIVISION
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
REGISTRATION SECTION

Date 4-22-20

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.
Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files.

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORR.	ADD. DATA		CORR.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		
Rank			Nearest Relative 5 x 8		✓
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		✓
Cause of Death 5 x 8		✓	Blue Card thrown out 5x8	0	0
Date of Death 5 x 8		✓	Reburial → 3 x 5		
Casualty Cablegram Number			White Card set up 4 x 6 5 x 8	0	✓

O.K. Alphabetical Files T.B. 4-29-20
~~O.K. Organization Files~~ _____
~~O.K. State Files~~ _____

Cemetery Audit Department
 ✓ Investigation & Adjustment Dept.
 By V. B. Osborn

4 Cards attached.