

Berens,

(Surname.)

Romulus C.

(Christian name in full.)

2,056,880

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. A, 130th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes

(Yes or no.)

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

No

(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:

Mr. Nicholas Berens, American Railway Ex. Western Union,  
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

558 Normal Ave.

(Number and street.)

Stevens Point

(City or town.)

Wisconsin

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mr. Nicholas Berens

558 Normal Ave.

(Number and street or rural route.)

Stevens Point

(City, town, or post office.)

Wisconsin

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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70-4-13-21

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4-12-21

Drawn S.M.

# LIST OF PAPERS

File under No. 293

*Berens, Romulus C.*

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9-12-38	ARCHIVES AND CLAIMS BRANCH WASHINGTON Q. M. DEPOT  FT. MYER, VA.	9-6-38	Miss O'Reilly for Miss Lobson.	
		9-10-38	File returned to H-Keene	

GM 293 A-M

Berens, Romulus C. SN 2056880  
Pvt. 1st, Co. A, 130th Inf.  
Son

September 9, 1938

Mrs. Marie Veronica Berens,  
558 Normal Ave.,  
Stevens Point, Wisc.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request, instructions have been issued to forward you a flag in honor of the above named decedent, provided a flag has not previously been furnished for him.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

F. C. SIMPSON,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Copy For: Commanding Officer, Washington Quartermaster Depot, Washington, DC  
With instructions to furnish a flag.

SEP 9 4 45 PM '38

DDMG M&R BP

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# American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.  
NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Remains buried  
Put. 10 in Meuse Argonne  
Serial No. 2056880 Co A, 130 Inf.

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved Son SON OR DAUGHTER Name of Deceased Romulus C. Berens.

Address of Deceased 558 Normal Avenue - Stevens Point - Wisconsin.  
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

Army, Navy, Marine Worlds War Army - 33 Prairie Division of United States Army - Co "A" - 130 Infantry  
RANK REGIMENT COMPANY <sup>Exp.</sup>

Stationed at Denneville Woods - City of Gercourt at Dillincourt Meuse, France, or Section No. 26

Lost at Sea  Among the Missing  Or Unknown  Township of Gercourt

Place and Date of Death Killed in action, on the Battle fields of France  
during the "Battle of the Argonne" - October 17th. - 1918

Where Buried In American Meuse, Argonne, Cemetery in France - In Grave No. 18

Name of Mother Mrs Marie, Veronica Berens } Block "E" - Row 9.

Address 558 - Normal Avenue, Stevens Point Wisconsin.  
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.



Respectfully yours,

Mrs Marie Veronica  
Berens.

QM 293 A-M  
Berens, Romulus C.

May 12, 1935.

Mr. B. B. Lewis,  
Stevens Point, Wis.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your application for a Government headstone to be placed in the St. Stephens Cemetery at Stevens Point, Wis., in memory of the late Romulus C. Berens who, according to the records of this office, is buried in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Europe.

Since Government headstones may be furnished only to be placed on the graves of veterans, it is not possible to issue a headstone for use as you request. Your application, therefore, has been filed without action.

For your information, the grave of the soldier in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery is now marked with a Government headstone.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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MAY - 12 - PM 3:28

QMG M&R BR

WAR DEPARTMENT  
O. Q. M. G. Form No. 628  
Approved Aug. 12, 1913  
Revised May 18, 1931

# APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE

(PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)

Enlistment Dates Sept 7, 1917  
Discharge Dates Killed in Action

ORIGINAL

Name	Rank	Company	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel	Date of Death		
BERENS-Romulus CARL	Pvt	A	130 <sup>th</sup> INF	10/17/18		

Name of Cemetery	Located in or near		If World War Veteran		
	City	State	Division	State	Emblem
Saint Stephens	Stevens Point	Wis	33	Wis	Christian Hebrew None

To be shipped to Mrs. Nicholas Berens, at Stevens Point Wisconsin  
(Name of consignee) (Give R. R. station, county, and State)

Whose post-office address is Normal Ave. Stevens Point Wis

DO NOT WRITE HERE
To A. G. O. <u>MAY 18 1936</u>
Ordered _____
B/L _____
Shipped _____

This application is for the UNMARKED grave of a veteran. It is understood the stone will be furnished and delivered at the railroad station or steamboat landing above indicated, at Government expense, freight prepaid. I hereby agree to promptly accept the headstone at destination, remove it and properly place same at decedent's grave at my expense. NO FEE SHOULD BE PAID IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

R. B. Lewis, Applicant.  
Address Stevens Point Wis Date 5/7/36

*Body not claimed*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
O. Q. M. G. Form No. 623  
Approved Aug. 12, 1913  
Revised May 18, 1931

### APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE

(PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)

Enlistment Dates *Sept 7, 1917*

Discharge Dates *Killed in Action*

DUPLICATE

Name	Rank	Company	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel	Date of Death
<i>BERENS - ROMULUS CARL</i>	<i>PVT</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>130<sup>TH</sup> INF</i>	<i>10/17/18</i>

Name of Cemetery	Located in or near		If World War Veteran		
	City	State	Division	State	Emblem
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To be shipped to *Mrs. Nicholas Berens*, at *Stevens Point Wis*  
(Name of consignee) (Give R. R. station, county, and State)

Whose post-office address is *Normal Ave. Stevens Point Wis*

DO NOT WRITE HERE

**MAY 12 1936**

To A. G. O. \_\_\_\_\_

Ordered \_\_\_\_\_

B/L \_\_\_\_\_

Shipped \_\_\_\_\_

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*R. B. Lewis*, Applicant.  
Address *Stevens Point Wis* Date *5/7/18*

jc.

JUN 17 1922

DATE 1/16/22

1. NAME BERENS, Romulus C. SERIAL No. 2056880  
 RANK Pvt/1/c ORGANIZATION Co. A. 130th Inf. 335th  
 & DIVISION  
 GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. ROMAGNE-ss-MONTFAUCON (Meuse) 1232  
 CTY. NAME NUMBER Sec/26

137 Sec. 26 3

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Nothing of record (Meuse) C-211  
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 279.1E 318.15N Verdun N.E. 35 319.5 E. 279. N 35NE

CONCENTRATED TO 6-9-19 137 Sec. 26 3  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232  
 CEMETERY CITY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Oct 17 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Wis

Data from Form 1 MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

ejr.tm

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

*Wm M. Cline*

Wm M. CLINE  
Captain Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 1/16/22 18 9 E.  
 DATE GRAVE ROW BLOCK.

AUDITED BY  
L.A.A. 3-26-23

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-ss-Montfaucou, Meuse,  
CEMETERY

JUN 9 A.G.O. 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV

Rec'd World War Div.  
8 APR 2 1928

*321*

*US 4-6-26*

WR 1411  
**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Bereus*.. *2056880*.. *Rumulus C.*.....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Private*.. *Co. A.*.. *130. Inf.*.....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Thursday Oct. 17, 1918*.....

PLACE OF BURIAL *Gerscourt*.....  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

*Gerscourt st. Bullancourt*.....  
*180-793- Trigon Map 213*.....

GRAVE NUMBER *5*.....

HOW MARKED: ~~Name Peg?~~..... Cross? *Yes*.....  
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:

REPORTED BY:

*Emile S. Harper, Chaplain 105 T. A.*.....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Berens, R. C.  
Pvt.

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU  
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY June 14, 1930

Portage \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of Wisconsin \_\_\_\_\_

Name Berens, Mrs Veronica (G-10)

Address 558 Normal Ave., Stevens Point, Wis.

Route going: MStP&SSM Chicago NYC&StL Buffalo DL&W New York

Return: Same route

Transportation request covering sleeping car accommodations should be drawn on MStP&SSM Ry

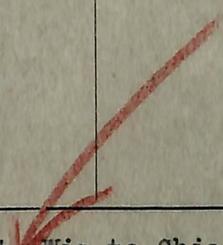
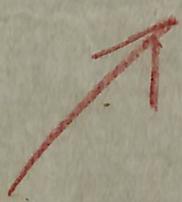
		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
Itinerary going	Lv Stevens Point	Soo Line	2	2:30 PM	June 10
	Ar Chicago	"	"	9:35 PM	" "
	Lv Chicago	NYC&STL	6	11:00 PM	" "
	Ar New York	DL&W	10	6:30 AM	" 12
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Accommodations: Seat in Parlor Car Stevens Point, Wis to Chicago, Ill., Separate transportation request drawn on MStP&SSM Ry and standard sleeper Chicago to New York, N Y separate transportation request drawn on MStP&SSM Ry

Elapsed Time: 39 hours,

Extra Fare:

19/4



Co. A., 130th Inf.,  
33rd Div.

Berans, Romolos, -Pvt.1/cl-2056880

Berans was gassed by Mustard shell at Dannevous Wood, France, about 3 P. M. Oct. 14, 1918, shell directly hit trench he was occupying on outpost line. He was evacuated to hospital and I do not know what became of him afterward. The company to which Berans belonged has never been officially notified of his death. No other information on soldier obtainable.

Informant: Zuelland, Gehart, -Pvt.-2158693.  
Co. A., 130th Inf.  
Home : Alden, Iowa.

Signed : John W. Clinnin.-Col.-U.S.A.

Emergency address:  
Nicholas Berans-Father,  
558 Normal Ave., Stevens Pt.,  
Wis.

G.G.C.

Miss E. Kongsang

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party G. Group i

Berens, Romulus C.

Part 1 of Co A, 1309 Inf.

Station: Verdun

Date: June 26<sup>th</sup> 1920

Name Mrs. Veronica Berens

Home address 558 Normal Avenue, Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mr. Nicholas Berens (Husband)  
same address

Religion Cath.

Age 69 years

History of Present complaint: constipation

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(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Constipation

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) June 26<sup>th</sup> - Also in pill ÷

Disposition: (include dates)

June 27 - Recovered

Remarks:

7/5/30

To Oberbaum

TRUST

BERENS, Romulus C.

Arrived N.Y. June 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 AM - Taken To Lincoln Room 756  
with Mrs. Kamosnik

ITINERARY OF MEUSE-ARGONNE GROUP  
Capt. Heckethorn met her.

Sailed on the PRESIDENT HARDING from Pier #4 Hoboken, New Jersey, June 14th -  
Captain Funk in charge of party.

Arrived Cherbourg some time during the night of June 21st-22nd. Met by Major  
Dailey, Captains Saulnier, Ochs, Mallett and Reynolds, Lieutenants Paquet,  
Freeman, Morin, Captain Kinderman (Medical Corps) Miss Hulon and 5 other nurses  
and 2 civilian employees. Left Cherbourg at 8:25 A.M. arriving at Gare des  
Invalides Station in Paris at 2:30 P.M. Met by Colonel Ellis and members of his  
staff - also interpreters and nurses. Taken to hotel.

June 23rd - Transaction of personal affairs. Left hotel by motor bus at 3 P.M.  
and proceeded to the Arc de Triomphe where a wreath was laid on the tomb of the  
Unknown Soldier by Mrs. E. R. Pannill of Virginia who had been selected for the  
honor by members of the party. Then conducted to the Restaurant Laurent where  
the usual tea and reception tendered by the U. S. Government was held. Prominent  
persons, including Ambassador Edge, were present and spoke to the pilgrims. To  
hotel for dinner and to pack for the trip to the cemetery.

June 24th - Departed at 7:15 for Montmirail-Chalons-sur-Marne - St. Menchould  
VERDUN

June 25th-26th-27th-28th - Visited cemetery every day

June 29th - Visited cemetery then to Suippes-Reims

June 30th - Sightseeing -Reims Cathedral- Lunch at Reims -Then to Chateau  
Thierry and on to Paris.

July 1st - Visited Fontainebleau and taken on night trip.

July 2nd - A. M. free or shopping -visited Napoleon's tomb.

July 3rd - Visited Notre Dame-Versailles

July 4th - Visited Sacre Coeur, Louvre and Suresnes American Cemetery.

July 5th - Train left station for Cherbourg at 2:12 P.M. Sailed from Cherbourg  
on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT at 11:30 P.M. Captain E. H. Darrell in charge of  
party.

July 13th - arrived N. Y. at 9:15 A.M. - taken to McAlpin Hotel - those who  
desired went on a sightseeing trip to Coney Island that evening.  
Roomed with Mrs S. Koehne

Mrs. Veronic Berens

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 -- ROOM 901 --

225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

Party G  
 Number 1161

BERENS, ROMULUS C. M.A.

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Veronica Berens

Name of Traveler

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

Stevens Point, Portage County  
 Home Address

New York, to Stevens, Wis.

Wis.

\$ 12.00

New York, to Stevens, Wis.

Destination.

Via D.L. & W to Buffalo - N.Y.C. & ST.L. to Chicago - SOO LINE to dest.

July 14th, 1930  
 Date of Departure

Ticket expires - Aug. 9/30

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV	Hoboken	DLW	5	14	220P	L 2	L14	9.00
AR	CHICAGO	N.P.	1	15	450P			
LV	"	SOO LINE	1	16	1230A	L	W	3.00
AR	STEVENS POINT	"	1	16	856A		W-1021807	
LV								
AR								
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LV								
AR								

TOTAL 12.00

Remarks:

Sleeper open in Chicago at 10 PM. July 15th

Name **BERENS, Mrs Veronica**

Paris Hôtel **HOTEL AMBASSADOR**

Home address **BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN  
558 Normal Ave., Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin**

Party **G** Group **I** Unit **S/S/ HARDING**

Date of arrival **JUNE 22, 1930** Date of departure **JULY 5, 1930 S/S ROOSEVELT**

Relationship **Mother**

Name of deceased **BERENS, Romulus C.**

Rank **Pvt** Organization **Co. A, 130th Inf.**

Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne**

REMARKS



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NAME BERENS, MRS. VERONICA

S.S. ROOSEVELT JUL 13 1930

HOME Stevens Point, Wisc.  
Portage County

R.R. D.L. + w to Buffalo - N.Y. C + St. L to Chic.  
500 Line to elect

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Aug 9, 1930

126F

No. 3001

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY

# THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF STEVENS POINT

ESTABLISHED 1883

CAPITAL \$200,000.00

J. W. DUNEGAN, PRESIDENT  
P. J. JACOBS, VICE PRESIDENT  
J. V. BERENS, CASHIER  
L. C. LARSEN, ASST. CASHIER

STEVENS POINT, WIS.

June 27th 1930



*201 Berens, Mrs J*

Col. A. E. Williams, Q.W.C.  
Room 901 Penna Bldg  
225 West 34th St  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Mrs. Veronica Berens is with the Gold Star Mothers in France, embarking from your city on June 14th on the S.S. President Harding. Could you advise me from your records where she will be July 7th., so that I may reach her by cablegram or raidogram sending congratulations on her seventieth birthday. Will appreciate your information.

Respectfully yours

*J. V. Berens*

*She will be two days out from Cherbourg on the Roosevelt. you can send Radio to her on S.S. Roosevelt at sea They ask us here to make address S.S. President Roosevelt*

The City of Wonderful Water

File 201.  
(Berens, Mrs. Veronica)

June 30, 1930

Mr. J. V. Berens,  
The First National Bank,  
Stevens Point,  
Wisconsin.

My dear Mr. Berens:

According to the records of the office, your mother should be aboard the S/S PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT on July 7th, two days out from Cherbourg returning to New York. Would suggest that you send a radio to her through your local Western Union office addressed to S/S PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT at Sea. Such a radiogram should reach her very promptly.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Williams,  
Colonel, Quartermaster Corps.

AEW:FVR

May 27, 1930

Mrs. Veronia Berens  
558 Normal Avenue  
Stevens Point, Wisc.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor,  
1st. Lieut., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Enclosures:  
2 tags.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Berens,</i>	<i>BER</i>	3	<i>258</i>
<i>Romulus C</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>18</i>	2	<i>18</i>
	ROW <i>9</i>	2	<i>09</i>
	BLOCK <i>E</i>	1	<i>5</i>
STATE	<i>Wisconsin</i>	2	<i>58</i>
RANK	<i>Priv - 1 Cl.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>33</i>	2	<i>33</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>130</i>	3	<i>130</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>Mar</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Berens,</i>	<i>BER</i>	3	<i>258</i>
<i>Mrs. Veronica</i>	STATE <i>Wisconsin</i>	2	<i>58</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Portage</i>	2	<i>49</i>
	CITY <i>Stevens Point</i>	3	<i>064</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	<i>Org</i>		

*June 19 1930*

*Sailed*

*1*  
*69*  
*Audited*  
*OCT 9 1931*  
*MB*

Berens, Romulus C, Pvt 1cl Cp A 130 Inf. Wise

~~Widow ?~~

Single

XC 122737

NAME Berens, Mrs Veronica

ADDRESS 558 Normal Ave, Stevens Pt. Portage Co. Wisconsin

DATE Wednesday 16th 8:25 PM. 1930.

TO: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED  
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Mrs Veronica Berens

WAR DEPARTMENT

=====  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

..... WISCONSIN .....

BERENS, ROMULUS C.

Mother

558 Normal Ave.,  
Stevens Point

NAME ..... BERENS, MRS., VERONICA ..... HOME ADDRESS ..... Portage County ...

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN ..... Mr. J.V. Berens ..... 558 Normal Ave. ....  
Portage County Stevens Point, Wisc.ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE ..... June 12 ..... HOTEL ..... Lincoln ..... ROOM NO. ..... 756

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE ..... JUN 14 1930 ..... VESSEL ..... S/S HARDING ..... CABIN NO. ..... 126-F

DESTINATION ..... CHERBOURG, FRANCE CEMETERY ..... MEUSE-ARGONNE .....

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE **JUL 13 1930** .....

558 Normal Ave.  
Stevens Point, Wisc.  
Portaga County.....

**Mother**

NAME .. **Berens, Mrs. Veronica**..... HOME ADDRESS

**S/S ROOSEVELT** HOTEL **MCALPIN**

RETURN ON S. S. .... ROOM NO. **667**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE **7/14** .....

ROAD **Delw** TRAIN **5** CAR **L14** BERTH or SEAT **L2** .....

REMARKS .....  
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.....  
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# MEDICAL RECORD

Group G

Station: Verdun

Date: 6/26/30

Name BERENS, Mrs. Veronica

Home address 558 Normal Ave. Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mr. Nicholas Berens (husband)

SA.

Religion Catholic

Age 69

History of Present complaint :

(over)

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Diagnosis and complications : (*include dates*)

Constipation,

Treatment and Progress : (*include dates*)

6/26/30 Aloin Pills No.1 p.r.n.

Disposition : (*include dates*)

6/27/30 No complaint

Remarks :

7/5/30 To Cherbourg

H.W.K.

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RETURN RECEIPT

1232

Harding 6/14/30

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

Mrs. Veronica Berens

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, \_\_\_\_\_

5-22, 1930

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927960

INSURED PARCEL

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

Return to

Q. M. GENERAL

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

(NAME OF SENDER)  
MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
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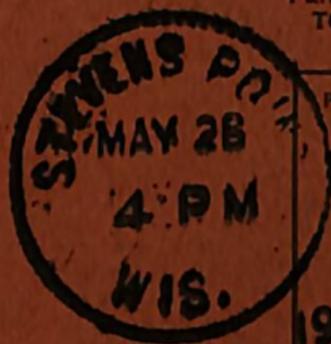
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Berens, R.C. - 1232

May 26, 1930

Mrs. Veronica Berens,  
558 Normal Ave.,  
Stevens Point, Wis.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Stevens Point Train No. 2	2:30 PM June 10
Ar. Chicago	9:35PM June 10
Lv. Chicago NYC&BPL Train No. 6	11:00 PM June 10
Ar. New York DL&W (Hoboken)	6:30 AM June 12

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Berens, R. C. 1232 M

May 24, 1930

Mrs. Veronica Berens  
558 Normal Avenue  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No 317,492 in the amount of \$17.50, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Berens, Romulus C. 1232M  
Harding 6-14

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Veronica Berens,  
558 Normal Ave.,  
Stevens Point, Wis.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Mr. J. V. Berens (My Son)

Address

639 Church St. Stevens Point, Wis.

*noted*

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.



QM 293 A-C  
Berens, Romulus C. 1232-M

April 18, 1930

Mrs. Veronica Berens,  
558 Normal Ave.,  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 4, 1930 stating you desire to have your husband and daughter accompany you on the pilgrimage to the grave of your son in Europe.

Under the law providing for this pilgrimage, the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of a relative or friend accompanying you nor can it make any arrangements for them. This must be entirely a personal matter.

It may be possible for your husband and daughter to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris, but in view of the limited accommodations you could not travel to the cemetery together, and it is doubtful if you could secure accommodations in the same town near the cemetery. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

If your husband and daughter desire to accompany you under these conditions it is suggested they write for further information to the United States Lines, 1027 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C., who will no doubt be able to give them complete information as to cost of transportation. This company is a commercial line which owns and operates the vessels upon which reservations have been made for all mothers and widows making the pilgrimage. It is understood, that they have arranged with some of the tourist agencies to take care of any relatives or friends and make all arrangements for their accommodations while in Europe.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 12, 1930.

Berens, Romulus C. 1232 M

Mrs. Veronica Berens,  
558 Normal Ave.,  
Stevens Point, Wis.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Berens, Romulus Co

I Accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Veronica Berens

(Name)

Mrs. Veronica Berens

558 Normal Ave., Stevens Point, Portage Co., Wis.

(Town or City)

(State)

558 Normal Ave.,  
Stevens Point - Wis.  
April 4th, 1930.

The Quartermaster General,  
Munitions Building,  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir: I expect  
two persons will accompany me. My  
husband + daughter. Can arrangements  
be made for them to accompany me  
on the same boat?

Very respectfully Yours  
Mrs Veronica Berens.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7 , 1929.

Berens, Romulus C. 1232 M

Mrs. Veronica Berens,  
556 Normal Ave.,  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

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) <u>Yes</u>	(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) <u>No</u>	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>69</u> Health <u>Fair</u>	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - <u>Yes</u> (No)	Other language <u>German</u> (Specify language spoken)

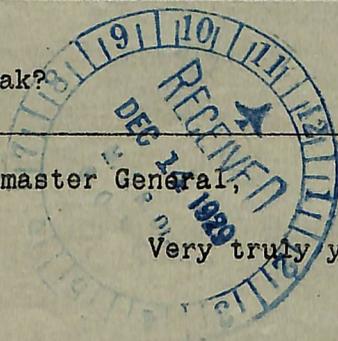
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

*Paired*  
JUN 14 1930



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QM 295 A-6  
Berens, Romulus C.

August 2, 1929.

Mr. L. H. Jenkins,  
Service Officer, American Legion,  
Romulus Carl Berens Post #6,  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 24, 1929, relative to Mrs. Nick Berens making the pilgrimage with the Gold Star Mothers and Widows.

As the Act of March 2, 1929 does not contain any provision that would permit of any member of the family other than the mother or unmarried widow making the pilgrimage, it is regretted to have to advise that it will not be possible for Mrs. Berens to have her daughter accompany her, nor is there any provision in the Act entitling a father to make the trip or share in the expenses of the trip.

Detailed plans for the pilgrimage have not yet been completed, and should it be found at a later date that Mr. Berens would be allowed to accompany his wife at his own expense, you will be so advised.

You may be assured that suitable personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comforts of the mothers and widows making the journey.

Within a reasonable time, Mrs. Berens will be furnished blank forms upon which to make formal application for the pilgrimage. Space will be provided on these blanks for her to indicate the time during which she desires to make the trip.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

(Berens, Romulus C.)

June 29 1929.

Mr. Nicholas Berens,  
558 Normal Ave.,  
Stevens Point, Wisc.

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 father of the late <sup>el</sup> Private Romulus C. Berens, Co. A, 130th 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.

*Romulus*

Berens, R.C. - 1232

May 26, 1930

Mrs. Veronica Berens,  
558 Normal Ave.,  
Stevens Point, Wis.

Dear Madam:

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

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R. E. SHANNON,  
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Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Berens, Romulus C. 1232M  
Harding 6-14

May 10, 1950

Mrs. Veronica Berens,  
558 Normal Ave.,  
Stevens Point, Wis.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

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Name

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Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Berens, Romulus C. -1232 M  
Harding 6-14

May 5 1930

Mrs. Veronica Berens,  
558 Normal Avenue,  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C  
Berens, Romulus C. 1232-M

April 18, 1930

Mrs. Veronica Berens,  
558 Normal Ave.,  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Berens, Romulus C. 1232 M

April 12, 1930.

Mrs. Veronica Berens,  
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evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

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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 A-C

Berens, Romulus C. 1232-M

March 25, 1930

Mrs. Veronica Berens,  
558 Normal Ave.,  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin  
Dear Madam:

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

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.

**Berens, Romulus C. 1232 M**

**Mrs. Veronica Berens,  
558 Normal Ave.,  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin.**

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,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

GH 295 A-6  
Berens, Romulus C.

August 2, 1929.

Mr. L. H. Jenkins,  
Service Officer, American Legion,  
Romulus Carl Berens Post #6,  
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Dear Sir:

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As the Act of March 2, 1929 does not contain any provision that would permit of any member of the family other than the mother or unmarried widow making the pilgrimage, it is regretted to have to advise that it will not be possible for Mrs. Berens to have her daughter accompany her, nor is there any provision in the Act entitling a father to make the trip or share in the expenses of the trip.

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You may be assured that suitable personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comforts of the mothers and widows making the journey.

Within a reasonable time, Mrs. Berens will be furnished blank forms upon which to make formal application for the pilgrimage. Space will be provided on these blanks for her to indicate the time during which she desires to make the trip.

For The Quartermaster General.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
(Berens, Romulus G.)

June 29 1929.

Mr. Nicholas Berens,  
558 Normal Ave.,  
Stevens Point, Wisc.

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 father of the late Private Romulus C. Berens, Co. A, 130th 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.

In reply refer to:  
293 C-R

June 26, 1923.

*Berens, Romulus C.*

Mr. Nicholas Berens,  
558 Normal Ave.,  
Stevens Point, Wisc.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of **Private 1/c Romulus C. Berens, Company A, 130th Infantry, is Grave 18, Row 9, Block E, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.**

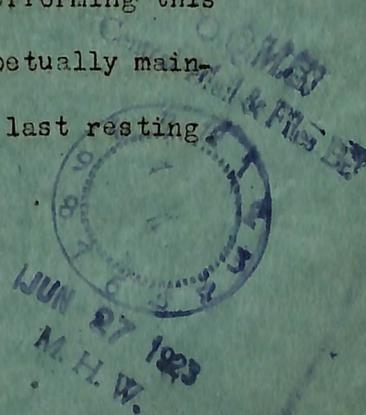
This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The headstones will be 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.

RD  
L  
23/236/ARK



Place Romagne sous Montfaucon

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan, 14, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BERENS ROMULUS C. SERIAL NUMBER 2056880  
RANK Pvt. 1/c ORGANIZATION Co., 130th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan, 14, 1922. From (give complete location):  
Gr. 137 sec 26 pt 3 Cem., #1232.

By: Group 1 Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): Jan. 16, 1922, Grave 18, Block E, Row 9, Cemetery 1232.  
In (give complete location):  
Unlined Casket

By: Group Reburial S Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial \_\_\_\_\_

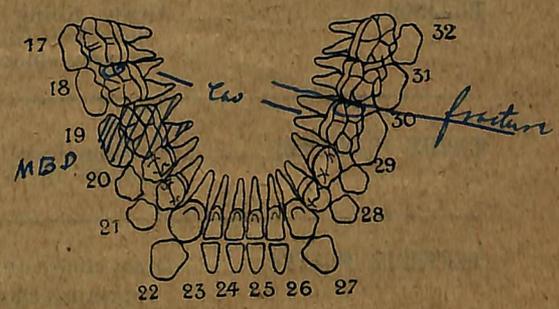
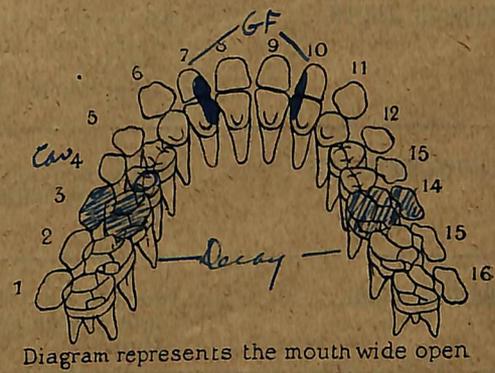
4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
decomposed unrecognizable. US uniform burlap and box.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
GRS plac on body checks O.K.

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

- (a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.
- (b) Weight (estimated) do
- (c) Hair—Color do  
Quantity do  
Characteristics do
- (d) Hair on face—Color do  
Location do  
Quantity do
- (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)  
lower jaw fractured.

7. Disinterment supervised by H. H. Foster

Approved: Geo. C. Bland  
Geo. C. Bland 1st. Lt. QMC  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault  
JEL concentration

Approved: James W. Younger  
James W. Younger,  
Captain Q.M.C.  
(Title)

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.

2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.

3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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



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



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



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



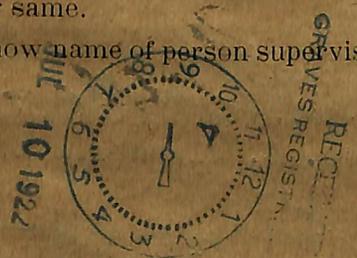
**CARIES (CAVITIES)** ..... Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



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

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

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



To be prepared in triplicate.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY



DATE Jan 14, 1922.

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters <sup>jc.</sup>

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BERENS, Romulus C.  
 2. No. 2056880  
 3. Rank Pvt. 1/c  
 4. Org. Co. A. 130th Inf.  
 5. D.D. Oct. 17th  
 6. C.D. KIA.

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. none.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 137 Sec. 26  
 8. Plot 3 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

none.

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse

19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-SS-MONTFAUCON  
 21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232--Sec. 26

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan 14, 1922

By H.H. Foster.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Romulus C. Berens  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 2056880  
 Organization Co. A. 130th Inf.

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

John W. Crawford  
 Signature Junior, Technical Assistant

J.H. Crawford.

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 on body checks

27. Condition of body body decomposed, unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial wooden box and 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 Jan 14, 1922 By H.H. Foster.

31. Casket sealed by H.H. Foster.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H.H. Foster.  
H.H. Foster.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-20757

32. Designation of body:

Name Romulus C. BERENS Serial No. 2056880

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A. 130th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232, ROMAGNE-ss-MONTFAUCON (Meuse)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Jan 14, 1922 By H.H. Foster.

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 *Geo. C. Bland*  
Geo. C. Bland 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks  
  
none.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Jan 14, 1922.

To point of Concentration R omagne Morgue. (Name

Convoyer W.J. Royed. Signature Shipping Officer *G.F. Spann*  
G.F. Spann, Capt. Q.M.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. Jan. 16, 1922,  
(Date

42. Grave No. 18 Section

43. ~~118~~ Block B Row 9

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*  
JWL James W. Younger,  
Captain Q.M.C.

AUDITED BY

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #82641

(a) Name BERENS, Romulus C. Ser. No. 2056880  
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. A, 130th Infantry  
(c) Date of death ~~Apr.~~ 10/17/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. DMA  
CKR. 13 J  
102

4/18/22 Exhumed  
for Concentration  
Menas - Argonne  
Sat 9/25/22  
1232

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

(a) Grave No. 137 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 26 TYP. DMA

(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Nicholas Berens (father) 558 Normal Ave., Stevens Point, Wisc.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases/ CKR. 13 J

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mr. Nicholas Berens (b) Relationship Father  
(c) Address 558 Normal Ave., Stevens Point, Wis.  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Mr. Nicholas Berens, 558 Normal Ave., Stevens Point, Wisconsin, American Railway Exp., Western Union Tel.

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

Examiner's Initials S.M. Date 4-12-1921

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

dated

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials S.M. Date 4-12-1921

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

Mr. Nicholas Berens, Father, 558 Normal Ave., Stevens Point, Wisconsin, 1-29-21, withdraws request to

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? have remains of unmarried

Examiner's Initials S.M. Date 4-12-1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 26 SHEET No. 14

JUN 2 1921 - WP

4-13-21

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 192

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter on **MAY 25 1921**, 192

*See 26* **PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED** *(H. G. S.)*

IX.

REMARKS

*son, brought home. 4-12-21. 8.M.*

**MAY 25 1921**

COMPILED OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

Form 115  
att 4/25/22  
See

.File #82641

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(a) Name BERENS, Romulus C. Ser. No. 2056880  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A, 130th Infantry } TYP. DMA  
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IV. Information on which advice to Europe in letter of transmittal was based:

.....  
 .....  
 .....

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on ....., 192  
 letter of transmittal on MAY 25 1921, 192

See 26 **PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED** (H.A.S)

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. ....

FRANCE

1232-sec.26

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82641

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name BERENS Roumalus C

Number: 2956880

Rank: Pvt;

Co A 130th Inf.

Organization:

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

9th June 1919

Isolated Grave

GERCIURT MEUSE 35NE 319.5E 279.N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

9th June 1919

Grave # 137 Sec <sup>26</sup> 3 Plot 3

1232

ARGONNE AMER. CTY: # 1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good, buried in Uniform, and Blanket body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

Note:

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

r/s

R. H. ROSENTHAL  
2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.  
Unit

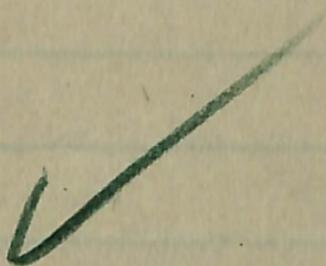
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FILE

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

June 6th, 1921

MEMO FOR:  
Cards Department.

1.  
CASE OF:

Company A, 130th Infantry.

ORGANIZATION (Old)

BORENS, #2056880, Romulus C. -- Private.  
(Name)

FILE

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

CAUSE OF DEATH

	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)

5x8 White Card File No. 82641 cancelled in favor of White Card, same File No, BERENS, #2056880, Romulus C.

BY: Muriel D. Towne.

Investigation & Adjustment.  
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By mgk

S/1105/LML

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82641

4-13-21

(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION

26

FORM 115 Sheet No.

14

F.D.

(Initials)

OSP-SS  
Form No. 1011.

S/2053/LML

FROM: O.QM.G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1189

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

INVESTIGATION & ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

8264

Date May 13, 1921.

File No. Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

FILE

a. Surname. **BORENS** Berens  
b. Christian name. **Romulus C.** O.K.  
c. Serial number. **2056880** O.K.  
d. Organization. **Co. A, 130th Inf.**  
e. Rank. **Pvt.** 1st O.K.

f. Date of death. ~~abt.~~ **10/17/18** O.K.  
g. Cause of death. **W/A** K. I. a.  
h. Authority (C. C. No.) **488 SP 50 - 463-70**  
i. Emergency address. **Nicholas Berens,**  
**558 Normal Ave.,**  
**Stevens Point,**  
**Wisc.**  
j. Relationship. **father**

**BODY DESCRIPTION.**

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

**DENTAL CHARTS.** (See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Age at 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.)

Donnelly - asst  
Enl. Rec. Sec. - 8310  
**H. L. ROGERS,**  
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,  
5-16-21

RECEIVED

Mr. Wilson,  
DTD.

By

**H. J. CONNER,**  
1st Lieut. ~~captain~~, Q. M. G.

World War  
Date May 13, 1921

MAY 1921

82641

File  
J.P.

February 8, 1921.

293.8-Cem. #82641 (Berens, Romulus C. Pvt.)

FILE

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

To: Mr. Nicolas Berens, 558 Normal Ave., Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Subject: Permanent burial in France.

1. In reply to your letter of January 29, 1921, cancelling your previous instructions for the return of the remains of your son, the late Private Romulus C. Berens, Company A, 130th Infantry, be returned to you for private interment and directing that his body be permanently interred in France, you are advised that instructions will be issued that your wishes be complied with, provided there is no relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over yours.

2. The remains of the deceased are interred in Grave #137, Section 26, Plot 3, Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, which cemetery has been designated as one of the permanent American Cemeteries in France.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MVB CHARLES J. WYNNE, 2nd Lieut., Q. M. C. HW

MAILED  
FEB 8 1921  
G.R.S.

RECEIVED  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON

FEB 8 1921

RECEIVED

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON

*Besens*

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY *9/3/21*

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| ..... Change of Address.<br>(G. R. S. Form 106.)                                     | ..... Instructions for Disposition of Remains.<br>(Par. 7, Bul. 10-F-W.) |
| ..... Monument.<br>(Par. 10, Bul. 10-F-W.)                                           | ..... Photographs.<br>(Par. 12, Bul. 10-F-W.)                            |
| ..... Discrepancies in Inscription.<br>(Par. 11, Bul. 10-F-W.)                       | <b>Permanent Burial in—</b>                                              |
| ..... Personal Effects.<br>(Par. 13 (a), Bul. 10-F-W.)<br>(G. R. S. Form 111.)       | ..... (a) France.<br>(G. R. S. Form 106.)                                |
| ..... <del>Accrued Pay.</del><br>(Par. 13 (b), Bul. 10-F-W.)<br>(G. R. S. Form 111.) | ..... (b) Other Countries.                                               |
| ..... Maintenance.<br>(Par. 9, Bul. 10-F-W.)                                         | <b>Return of Bodies from—</b>                                            |
| ..... Liberty Bonds.<br>(Par. 13 (c), Bul. 10-F-W.)<br>(G. R. S. Form 111.)          | ..... (a) France.<br>(Par. 4, Bul. 10-F-W.)<br>(G. R. S. Form 106.)      |
| ..... War Risk Insurance.<br>Par. 13 (d), Bul. 10-F-W.)<br>(G. R. S. Form 111.)      | ..... (b) Other Countries.                                               |
| ..... "Zone of the Interior."<br>(Par. 5, Bul. 10-F-W.)                              | ..... Expenses of Shipment.<br>(Par. 6, Bul. 10-F-W.)                    |
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Remarks: .....

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Date FEB 2 1921

FOLLOW UP NO 714  
DATE FEB 1921

TO: 1. Inquiry Branch for reply:  
(a) ~~Forms 124 not necessary.~~  
(b) Form 124 attached.

2. Miss Barry
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5. Miss Critchett

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6. Lt. Daniel
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9. Lt. Hanson

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10. Mr. Hughitt
11. Mrs. Landman
12. Miss Olenin
13. Miss Rex
14. Mrs. Ruth
15. Mr. Saxton

16. ~~Miss Schlegel~~

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

File Number 82641

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 2-3-21

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME: Berens, Romulus C. Serial Number 2056880  
RANK: Pvt. ORGANIZATION: Co. A. - 130th Inf.

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	(2) Yes Oct. 10-17-18 ✓
2.	Date of death.	(3) D W R D A
3.	Cause and place of death.	(4) 419
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	(5) 10-17-18
5.	Date buried.	(6) Grave 5, Isolated, C-2115 Gerbourt-et-Drillancourt (Meuse)
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(7) Re: 6-9-19 Grave 137, Sec. 26, Plot 3 Argonne Amer. Cty. # 1289, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon Meuse. ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	(8) a - yes b - yes
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	(9) Mr. Nicholas Berens (father) 558 Normal Ave., Stevens Point, Wis.
9.	Report as to grave marker.	(10) 2-5-19 1-16-20-107
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(11) D-85942
11.	Complete emergency address?	
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	
14.	What is the photograph number?	
15.	Inquiry made by.	

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X Confirmed.  
Unconfirmed.

M. M. E  
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293.8 Cem. Div., #82641, BERENS, Romulus C.

Romulus C. Berens No. 2056880  
Pvt. Co. A. 130 Inf.  
Grave No. 137.  
Section No. 26.  
Plot No. 3.  
American, Military, Cemetery Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

29. January 1921

Charles J. Wynne,  
2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

My relationship to the above deceased soldier is that of a father, the nearest of kin, as he is not married, I wish to withdraw my request, to have remains brought home.

Yours truly,

Nicolas Berens  
558 Normal Ave.  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

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C O P Y

293.3 Cem. Div., #82641, BERENS, Romulus C.

Romulus C. Berens No. 2056880

Pvt. Co. A. 130 Inf.

Grave No. 137.

Section No. 26.

Plot No. 3.

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Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 2938 # 82641

Romulus C. Berens No. 2056890.  
Pot. Co. A. 130 Inf.  
Grave No. 137.  
Section No. 26.  
Plot No. 3.  
American, Military. Cemetery Romagnous - Montfaucon (Meuse)

29 January 1921

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Washington D.C.

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Nicolas Berens

558 Normal Ave. Stevens Point - Wisconsin.

Berens Romulus C.

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J.P.

January 26, 1921. ✓

FILE

293.8-Cem.#82641-(Berens, Romulus C. Private)

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

To: Mary Hauley, Executive Secretary, American Red Cross, Portage County Chapter, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Subject: Disposition of remains.

1. In reply to your letter of January 14, 1921, you are advised that the records of this office contain a request from Mr. Nicholas Berens, that the remains of his son, the late Private Romulus C. Berens, Company A, 130th Infantry, be returned to him for private interment. Before these instructions may be cancelled, it will be necessary for Mr. Berens to write this office to that effect. His wishes will be complied with in the event that the deceased is not survived by a widow or child. It is, therefore, requested that he advise definitely whether or not such relatives survive and if so, that the name, or names, and address, or addresses, of each be furnished this office without delay. Your attention in this connection is invited to paragraph 7, of the enclosed Cemeterial Division Bulletin No.10-F-W.
2. The remains of the deceased are now interred in Grave 137, Section 26, Plot 3, Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, which cemetery is one of the permanent American Cemeteries in France, referred to in paragraph 9 of the above mentioned Bulletin.
3. The present instructions on file in this office will remain unchanged awaiting further advice from the father.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.

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JAN 26 1921  
G.R.S.

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JAN 26 1921

File Number 8-2641

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 1-24-21

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME: Berens, Romulus C. Serial Number 2056880

RANK: Pvt. ORGANIZATION: Co. A. - 130th Inf.

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	Yes.
2.	Date of death.	(2) Oct. 10-17-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) DWR & A
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	(4) 419
5.	Date buried.	(5) 10-17-18
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave 5, Isolated, C-211, Fercourt-et-Drillancourt (Meuse).
7.	Who reported burial?	(7) Re: 6-9-19, Grave 187, Sec. 26, Plot 8, Argonne Amer. Cty. #1292, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) a. yes b. yes.
11.	Complete emergency address?	(11) Mr. Nicholas Berens (father) 558 Normal Ave., Stevens Point, Wisc.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	(12) 2-5-19 1-16-20-107
14.	What is the photograph number?	(14) D-35942
15.	Inquiry made by.	RELEASED BY INFORMATION CONTROL DEPARTMENT. M.M.E.

N. B.—All proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

.....X..... Confirmed.  
..... Unconfirmed.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON

*Berens*

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

*1/22/21*

- ..... Change of Address.  
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- ..... Monument.  
(Par. 10, Bul. 10-F-W.)
- ..... Discrepancies in Inscription.  
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- ..... Permanent Burial in—
  - ..... (a) France.  
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  - ..... (b) Other Countries.
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Remarks: .....

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Date JAN 19 1921

FOLLOW UP NO. 714  
DATE JAN 29 1921

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*City 1232*

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~~17. Miss Schlegel~~

18. \_\_\_\_\_

To: Inquiry Section.  
From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. <sup>1232</sup> (furnished by: Z, K.) (date 1-22-21)  
Data sent Overseas None  
Operations to commence (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Operations to be completed (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Bodies shipped from European Port \_\_\_\_\_  
Bodies arrived at Hoboken \_\_\_\_\_

II. CASE OF Berens, Romulus C. Pvt. Co A. 130th 2056880  
The following information was abstracted (Date) 1-22-21 from: Files

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		Clk.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>Z. K.</u>	<u>Yes</u>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent <u>No</u> )		
A. G. O. Corresp.	_____	_____	To _____		
G. R. S. Corresp. relative to disp.	_____	_____	OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

A. G. O. Card DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN		REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt. Int.		
Widow				
Children (Name oldest first)				
✓ Father <u>Mr. Nicholas Berens,</u>				
Mother <u>558 Normal Ave.,</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Brothers <u>Stevens Point,</u>				
Sisters <u>Wisconsin</u>				

Z. K. 1-22-21

Body to be shipped to Mr. Nicholas Berens, 558 Normal Ave., Stevens Point, Wisconsin was shipped (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS Cty 1232 Not-Credited, 13413/21-21

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PORTAGE COUNTY CHAPTER  
STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN

*Wm Kott*

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January 14th, 1921

Serial #2056880

Re: Romulus C. Berens. Dec'd.  
First Private Co. A, 130 Inf.  
33rd Div. A.E.F.  
Killed in action Oct. 17, 1918  
at Dannevoux Woods  
(Single)

Chief of Cemeterial Division  
War Department  
Washington  
D.C.

Gentlemen:

The mother of the above named soldier called on us today and wished us to write you concerning disposition of body of her deceased son.

She states that she had wished the body of her son brought home and has so informed you, but now since a friend has been overseas and has visited the grave, she wishes the body to remain where it now is. She does not wish body brought home. She states that her husband joins with her in this wish. Present address of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Berens, parents of above soldier are: 558 Normal Ave. Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Yours very truly

*Mary Hauley*

Executive Secretary

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Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # *nd 38* # *82641*

*Berens, Romulus C.*

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1-22-21  
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293.8 Cem. Div., #82641, BERENS, Romulus C.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS  
Portage County Chapter  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

January 14th, 1921.

Chief of Cemeterial Division  
Was Department  
Washington, D. C.

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Executive Secretary

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Copied by H. Barclay

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

June 5

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Adolph Beranek, Unit 302 G.R.S. & Detachment % British P.O. S  
- 26 Amiens France  
SUBJECT : Private Romulus C. Berens.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the  
regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these  
headquarters he is buried in isolated grave #5 at GERCOURT ET-DRILLANCOURT  
department of the MEUSE. The grave is marked by the regulation cross  
with identification tag attached..

By direction:

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

Per

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

CCP.sp.

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

April 24, 1919.

MEMORANDUM FOR SGT. HOFFECKER.

1. With reference to your memorandum of April 5th asking for burial information of certain soldiers.

2. There is no burial information on record in this office at this writing regarding the following:

PETERSON, Kimball C., Pvt. Co. C. 6th Marines  
HYRE, Vern. H. Pvt., 1568277, Co I. 4th Infantry  
BISHOP, George Thomas, Pvt. 86171, Co. I. 162nd Infantry  
PRYBYSKI, Frank 1946499, Co. F. 16th Infantry  
COCKLE, Charles Morris, Cpl. 551412, Co. H. 38th Infantry.  
COLLI, Louis, Cpl. 1696999, Co. A. 305th Infantry  
COLLEY, Oakey, Pvt. 462195, Co. C., 38th Infantry.

3. The records of this office show

COLE, Thos. Pvt. 2563102, Co. C., 116th Infantry to have been buried Oct. 19, 1918 in grave #18, Row #86, French Glorieux Cemetery, Verdun (Meuse). Grave is marked by a cross to which is attached one identification tag; one tag is buried with body.

BRUTON, James, Pvt. 1709136, Co. G. 308th Infantry to have been buried (date not shown) in Grave #31, Plot B, American battle area Cemetery Binarville (Marne) Map reference: Map 35SW: Co-ordinates; E. 295.8: N. 274.3. Nature of grave marker not shown. One identification tag buried with body.

4. This office has no record of

BERENS, Romulus Carl, Pvt. 2056880, Co. A. 130th Infantry and  
DOUGLAS, Roy A. Pvt. 2665305, Co. D., 515th M.G. Bn.

Please advise Casualty Cablegram No. on which the names of these soldiers appeared.

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

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GENERAL RECORDS OFFICE  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT  
A. P. O. 902. FRANCE.

103444  
April 5, 1919.

Memo. To Chief, Graves Registration Service, HQS SOS AEF

1. It is requested that this office be furnished with burial data on the following named soldiers:-

Bishop, George Thomas Pvt. Co. L. 162d Inf. Trns to Co. D 8th Inf Killed in action 9.12.18 CC 264	60171
Prybycki, Frank Co. F. 16th Inf. Died of Wounds 7.23.18. CC 289	1946499
Hyre, Vern H. Pvt. Co. I. 4th Inf. Died of wounds 7.17.18. CC 231-2	1568277
Cole, Thos. Co. C. 116th Inf. Died of wounds 10.15.18. CC 363	2565102
Colley, Oakley Pvt. Co. G 38th Inf. Killed in action 10.11.18. CC 300	462195
Cockle, Charles Morris Cpl Co H 38th Inf. Killed in action 10.11.18 CC 296	551412
Berens, Romulus Carl Pvt. Co A. 130th Inf. Died of wounds about 10.17.18 CC 419, also reported as killed in action 10.17.18. CC 463 sub-par 70	2056880
Bruton, James Pvt., Co G 308th Inf. Killed in action 10.8.18. CC 297	1709126
Douglas, Roy A Pvt. Co D 315th MG BN Died of gastro enteritis 10.17.18 CC 390	2665305
Colli, Louis Cpl. Co. A 305th Inf. Killed in action 9.26.18 CC 291	1696999
Peterson, Kimball G. Pvt. Co. C 6th Marines Reported buried date and cause of death to be determined CC 468 sub-par 73.	

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Peterson, Kinball G.

Pvt.

Co. C 6th Marines.

of death

Reported buried date and cause/to be determined

CG 469 sub par 73



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

FILE NUMBER

FROM:-

DATE: 4/24/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BERENS, Romulus Carl

NUMBER 2056880

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. A., 130th Infantry

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	
2.	Date of Death.	
3.	Cause and place of death.	
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	
7.	Who reported burial:	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record).	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
NB All proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.		



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TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

File Number 82641.

FROM: *A.R.C.*

Date: *4/3/19*

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME

*BERENS - ROMAN*

NUMBER

*2056880*

RANK

ORGANIZATION

*Co. A. 133 INF.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	1. BERENS. 2056880, Romulus C. Pvt., Co. A, 130th Inf.
2.	Date of Death.	2. About 10-17-18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. DWRIA.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4. 419.
5.	Date buried.	5. 10-17-18.
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	6. Grave #5, Cmme. 211, Gercourt-et-Drillancourt (Meuse), SHT 35 NE E. 318. N 279.3. Unconfirmed information.
7.	Who reported burial;	7. <i>G.R.S. on F#1, A.</i>
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	8. <i>yes</i>
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	9. Cross.
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	10. One buried with body. One attached to grave marker.
11.	Who is nearest relative?	11. Mr. Nicholas Berens, (Father) 558 Normal Ave., Stevens Point, Wisc.
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	12. Yes. 2-5-19.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	
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N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.



HEADQUARTERS.  
Unit 302 G.R.S. & Detachment,  
Amiens, Somme, France.

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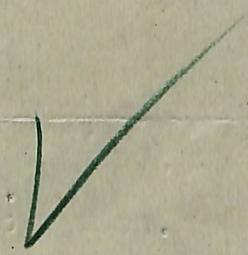
March 27, 1919

From: Adolph Beranek, Unit 302 G.R.S. %British P.O. S-26 Amiens, France  
To: Chief Graves Registration Service Bureau, Tours, France.  
Subject: Burial Location of Roman Berens, #2056880 Co.A. 133 Inf 33rd Div.

1. Grave location of Roman Berens #2056880 Co.A. 133 Inf. 33rd Division is requested.
2. Deceased in question died on Oct. 17, 1918 in hospital, of gas wounds.
3. Any information regarding grave location and Photograph of grave if possible, will be greatly appreciated.

*Adolph Beranek*

Adolph Beranek  
Unit 302 G.R.S. & Detachment,  
British P.O. S-26  
Amiens, France



Form GHS .004.5 sent  
April 24, 1919.

RE:

87641  
Name;- Romulus Berens,  
Rank;- Private,  
Age;- When he died, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> years, 1918.  
Entered Service;- September 8, 1917  
Died at;- Dannevroux Woods cr. Bois de Dannevroux

Buried at;- Commune of Gercourt et Drill-  
an court, Meuse, France.

Chief, Graves Registration Service,  
Headquarters Services of Supply,  
A.P.O # 717,  
AmEx Forces, in France.

My Dear Sir; I received your communication on Feb. 28, 1919, and wish to have you please send me the photograph of the grave of my son, the above named deceased man.

I bear the relation of Mother to this soldier, and I will appreciate any trouble you are put to to comply with my request. It will be very comforting to me to be able to see where my son is buried and how the Graves Association is protecting his grave.

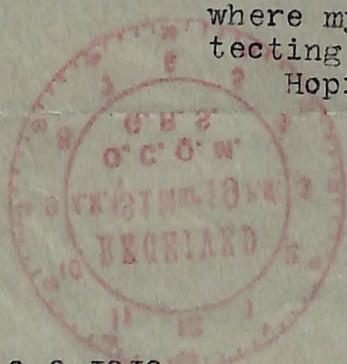
Hoping you will not overlook my request, I remain

Yours very truly,

*Mrs. Nicholas Berens*

Mrs. Nicholas Berens--( Mrs. Marie Berens  
558 Normal Avenue,  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

3-3-1919  
Per F.H.B.



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201. (Berens, Romulus C.)

14th. Ind.

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GRH/bb.

Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P. O. #902, A.E.F. May 28, 1919.  
To: Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. #717.

It is requested that you advise this office as to who reported the burial of this soldier.

H.M..NELLY,  
Adjutant General.

15th. Ind.

ACL/RH.

Chief, Graves Registration Service. HQ., S.O.S. Am.E.F. June 14, 1919.  
To : Central Records Office. A.G.D., APO. #902. A.E.F.

Returned. Records of this office show Pvt. ROMULUS C. BERENS, #205688 O, Co.A. 130th. Infantry, to have been buried October 17, 1918, in Grave #5, Commune of Gercourt-et-Drillancourt, Dept. Meuse.

Grave is marked by a Cross to which is attached one identification tag: one tag was buried with body.

CHARLES C. PIERCE.  
Colonel., Q.M.C. USA.  
Chief, G.R.S.

201. Berea, Romulus C.

15 th Inc.

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O.Q.M., Base Section #1, S.O.S., France, May 15th, 1919. To: Central  
Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. 902, American E.F., France. Returned.

1. Attention invited to 11th indorsement.

2. As this soldier's organization has returned to the United States,  
this Depot is unable to communicate further concerning disposition  
made of effects.

3. Neither effects nor service record have been received at this  
Depot in this case.

By direction:

Wm. Korst  
Major, Q.M. Corps  
Asst to Base Quartermaster  
In Charge of Effects Depot.

DKB.

10th Ind.

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C.O.Co "A" 130th Infantry., American E.F., France. 5th May, 1919.  
To: Captain L.M. Tomlinson, Surgeon, 1st Bn 130th Infantry.

1. Private Romulus C. Berens was sent to your Aid Station immediately upon being gassed. Please advise what disposition was made of his personal affects, that I may comply with 7th Indorsement.

Harrison M. Hutchings,  
Captain 130th Infantry.  
Comd'g A.

11th Ind.

Infirmary 1st Bn, 130th Infantry, American E.F., France. 5th May, 1919.  
To: C.O.Co "A" 130th Infantry.

1. Returned with information that records show that Pvt. Romulus C. Berens 2056880 passed thru our First Aid Station Oct 14, 1918., as being wounded and gassed. No Personal Effects were ever retained at First Aid Station.  
2. Attention is called to 4th Ind. stating burial of soldier. It was customary at the front during this period for the Chaplain to retain effects of men deceased, latter sending them to Effects Depot, Base Section No# 1.

Louis M. Tomlinson,  
Captain M.C., 130th Infantry.

12th Ind.

C.O. Co "A" 120th Infantry, American E.F., France. 5th May, 1919.  
To : O.Q.M. Base Section #1, S.O.S., France.

1. Private Romulus C. Berens upon being gassed was immediately sent to First Aid Station as stated in 10th Ind. No Personal Effects were retained in this organization.

Harrison M. Hutchings,  
Captain 130th Infantry.

DKB.

201.  
Berens. Romulus O.

9th Ind.

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O.Q.M., Base Section #1, S.O.S., France, May 3rd, 1919. To:  
C.O., Co. A, 130th Infantry, American E.F., France. Referred.

1. For compliance with 7th indorsement which was addressed to  
you.

By direction:

Wm. Korst,  
Asst to Base Quartermaster  
In Charge of Effects Depot.

DKB.



201.

Berens, Romulus G.

8th Ind.

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O.Q.M. Base Section #1, S.O.S., France, April 19th, 1919. To:  
Commanding Officer, Co. A, 130th Inf., American E. F. France.

Referred.

1. Attention invited to the 7th Indorsement.
2. Information is desired as to what disposition was made of the Effects of this soldier, as same have not been received at this Depot.
3. Prompt return of these papers to this Depot is desired.

By direction:

William Korst  
Major, Q.M. Corps,  
Asst to Base Quartermaster  
In charge of Effects Depot.

DKB.

201. (Berens, Romulus C.) 5th Ind.

GRH/htw

Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. 902, A.E.F., March 21, 1919.  
To Personnel Adjutant, 130th Infantry.

Who will furnish by indorsement hereon all available information concerning the death of Pvt. Romulus C. Berens, Co A, 130th Infantry. Information is desired as to which hospital this soldier died in.

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By Command of General Pershing:

WM. A WOODLIEF  
Adjutant General.

201 (Berens, Romulus C.) 6th Ind.

Headquarters 130th Infantry, Luxembourg A.E.F. 26th March 1919., To- Central Records Office, AGD APO #902 A.E.F.

1. Pvt. 1e1 Romulus C. Berens, 2056880, Co. "A" 130th Infantry was reported on 14th October 1918 as slightly wounded. So far as was known at the time the soldier was evacuated to a hospital, but due to the fact that a hospital report was never received, it is impossible to state as to what hospital he was evacuated to. On or about the 27th December 1918 the soldier was reported by the Graves Registration as dead and buried, Map Verdun B, Gercourt et Drillancourt, 18. 3-79-0. Grave No. unknown. In view of this fact it is quite possible that the soldier was never evacuated to a hospital.

2. Captain Harrison M. Hutchings, Commanding Officer Co. "A" 130th Infantry, states that Pvt, Berens was severely gassed on the 14th October 1918, and although he does not know for certain, states that he would not be at all surprised that the soldier died before he could reach medical aid.

Wayne Hight  
Captain 130th Infantry  
Personnel Adjutant  
GRH/htw

201. (Berens Romulus C) 7th Ind.

Central Records Office A.G.D., A.P.O., 902., A.E.F. , April 4, 1919.  
To Officer in Charge, Effects Depot, Base Section #1.

Information is desired as to whether personal effects of this soldier have been received, and if so, disposition of same.

By Command of General Pershing.

WM. A. WOODLIEF.

201. (Berens, Romulus C.)

3rd Ind.

JMT/htw

Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. 902, A.E.F., March 6, 1919.  
To Personnel Adjutant, 33rd Division.

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Who will furnish by indorsement hereon all available information regarding the circumstances surrounding the death and burial of this soldier.

The records of this office show this soldier reported to Washington as died of wounds received in action and later reported in Sub-Paragraph 70, Casualty Cablegram 463 as killed in action October 17, 1918. Authority for changing status of this casualty was contained in telegram from Headquarters, 33rd Division. When the original report of this death reached this office, there was some doubt as to the correctness of same and for this reason this case was put in suspense until proper investigation could be made, and not until January 16, 1919 did this office receive sufficient evidence to justify a report of death in this case.

By Command of General Pershing:

WM. A. WOODLIEF.  
Adjutant General.

201. (Berens, Romulus C.)

4th Ind.

Hdqrs. 33rd Div. Stat. Sec., Amer. E.F. March 14, 1919.  
To: Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. 902, A.E.F.

1. Returned. Up to Dec. 27 we were carrying this man as Wounded Oct. 14th. Your telegram GROKS 5827 dated Dec. 24 stated Buried Oct. 17, the first information we had of his death. Your wire GROKS 6680 dated Jan. 7, answering our Stat #1061 of Dec. 27, informed us that Pvt. Romulus was buried on Oct. 17 by Chaplain Emile S. Harper, 1st Lieut, National Guard, 105th Field Artillery. We never received notification from any hospital nor from the Graves Registration Service covering burial of this man.

2. On Jan. 3 we received supplementary form 17 from Personnel Adjutant, 130th Infantry, reporting this soldier "died of wounds Oct. 17" as noted in our casualty telegram #75 dated Jan 15. Our Graves Registration Officer has record of this man's grave, showing buried at Montfaucon, map reference 1/40000, 18.3-79.0. having found Berens' grave when searching for other men dead who belonged to our division. Our Stat #1119, Jan. 3 should have read Died of Wounds Oct. 17 instead of KIA.

FRANK A. BLIEDMAN  
1st Lieut. A.G.D.  
Div. Personnel Adjt.

DKB.

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A.G. 201 (Berens, Romulus C)Enl.

1st Ind.

War Dept. A.G.O. January 30, 1919.- To the Commanding General,  
American Expeditionary Forces.

It is requested that a statement be furnished this office showing the reasons why the fact of the death of Private Berens was not reported to this office until January 16, 1919; also the statement will show all available information concerning the soldier's death, place of burial and the disposition made of the effects of the soldier.

By order of the Secretary of War;

Alfred G ?  
Adjutant General.

14336-D-110  
(Berens, Romulus C.)

2nd Ind.

R.S.B/c

G.H.Q., A.E.F., France, 21 February, 1919.  
Records Office.

To Central.

DKB.



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HEADQUARTERS  
314th FIELD SIGNAL BN.  
GERMANY

25 April 1919.

MEMORANDUM to Base Quartermaster, Base Section No. 1, S.O.S., France.

The attached papers were evidently forwarded to this office through  
error.

H. E. Strider  
Major, Sig. Co., Comdg.

DKB.



EDWARD E. BROWNE.  
8th Dist. Wisconsin.

Residence Waupaca.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington.

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January 28, 1919.

Central Bureau of Information,  
Adjutant General's Office,  
Department of War.

Gentlemen:

Inre: Pvt. Romulus G. Berens,  
Company A,  
130th Infantry,  
A.E.F.

The parents of the above named soldier were informed by the War Department, January 19th, of the death of their son, stating that he had died of wounds on or about the 17th day of October, 1918.

They are very much grieved to think that their son has been dead all these months without their knowing before this late date, and have urgently requested me to ascertain all available information concerning his death, place of burial etc.

I would appreciate greatly if your department would look into the matter thoroughly and try to ascertain the facts.

Yours very truly,  
Edward E. Browne.

DKB.

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

FILE NUMBER 82641

FROM:-

DATE: 6/10/19 10 JUN 19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BERENS, ROMULUS C. NUMBER 2056880

RANK PVT. ORGANIZATION Co. A - 130 Infantry

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① Yes
2.	Date of Death.	② about 10/17/18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ DWR 1A
4.	Number of Casualty Sablegram	④ 419 ✓
5.	Date buried.	⑤ 10/17/18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥
7.	Who reported burial.	C-211. GRAVE 5.
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	GERCOURT-et-DRILLANCOURT
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	(MEUSE)
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑦
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑧ Yes
12.	Has W/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑨ CROSS
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑩ One-body One-marker
14.	What is the Photograph No. ?	⑪
	N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.	NICHOLAS BERENS (father) 558 NORMAL AVE. STEVENS POINT, Wisc. ⑫ 2/5/19

P.P. 7.

201 Berens, Romulus.  
(S.F. 4/25/1919)

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E.S.R.

CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
A.P.O. 902. FRANCE

April 10, 1919.

Memorandum for:- Chief, Graves Registration Service, APO 717.

1. It is requested that this office be furnished with all available information respecting the burial of the late Private Romulus Berens, formerly a member of Co. A., 130th Infantry.

2. The records of this office show this soldier to have died of wounds on (or about) October 17, 1918.

W. A. WOODLIFF,  
Adjutant General.

ACL:WVA.

1st Ind.

Chief, Graves Registration Service, Headquarters, A.O.S. Am.E.F. June 16, 1919 -  
TO: Central Records Office, A.G.D. A.P.O. 902, Am. E.F. Returned.

1. Records of the Graves Registration Service show Private ROMULUS G. BERENS, 2056880, Co. A., 130th Infantry to have been buried October 17, 1918 in Grave 5, Commune of Cercourt-et-Drillancourt, Department Meuse, map reference; map 35NE, Coordinates: E.318 - N279.3. Grave is marked by a cross to which is attached one identification tag; one tag is buried with body. Grave location has been confirmed by the Graves Registration Service.

ACL:WVA.

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Colonel, C.M.C. U.S.A.  
Chief, GRS.



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

FILE NUMBER

82641

FROM:-

DATE: 4-12-19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Berens Romulus

NUMBER

RANK

Pvt.

ORGANIZATION

Co A. 130th INF.

NO,	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① BERENS-2056880 ROMULUS PVT. Co. A. 130th INF.
2.	Date of Death.	② 10-17-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ W/A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	④ C.C. 419.
5.	Date buried.	⑤ 10-17-18
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	⑥ Commune 211 Grave # 5 Sercourt-et-Dullancourt (Meuse) SHT 35 NE. E. 318 N. 279.3 C.L. 211-891
7.	Who reported burial:	⑦ Cross
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑧ One buried with body One attached to grave marker
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑨ MR. Nicholas Berens (father) 558 Normal Ave. Stevens Point, Wisc.
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑩ No
11.	Who is nearest relative?	
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record).	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	

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

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⑧ No

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BERENS, Romulus C.

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

April 16th 1919.

Reference-82641

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Miss Marie Berens, Box 35, Stevens Point, Wisc.  
SUBJECT : Private Romulus C. Berens, Co 2, A. 130th Infantry,  
American E.F.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in Grave No. 3, Commune of CERCOUÏT-en-DRIFLANCOURT, Department of the MEUSE. The grave location has not as yet been confirmed by the field force of this Service, but the notification of burial has been made to us, as herein stated, and is officially entered. I am today requesting the Chaplain of your brother's organization to communicate with you, giving, if possible full particulars of death.

By direction

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

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

(Enclosures G.R.S.:)  
(6, 10-B, .004.5)

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

FILE NUMBER

✓ 82641

FROM:-

A.R.

DATE:

3/21/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BERENS, ROMULUS, C. NUMBER

RANK

ORGANIZATION

Co. A. 130th INF.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① PVT.
2.	Date of Death.	② About 10-17-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ WIA
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ CC# 419
5.	Date buried.	⑤ 10-17-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ C# 21157 AVE# 5-CMME. BERCOURT-EN-DRILLANCOURT (MEUSE)
7.	Who reported burial?	SH# 35 NE 15-318. N279.3
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.?	⑦ ✓
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑧ No
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑨ Brass
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑩ 1. J. J. with body 1-4 to marker
12.	Has N/R been notified?	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑪ MT. NICHOLAS BERENS (FHL)
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	558 NORMAL AVE, STEVENS, POINTE WISE.

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

⑫ yes - 2-5-19

APB

Stevens Point, Wis

Feb. 18, 1919

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Gentlemen:-

We would appreciate it very much, if you could give us the location of our beloved brother's grave.

On January 19<sup>th</sup> we received a telegram stating that "Romulus C. Berens Co. A 130 Inf 33<sup>rd</sup> Division died from wounds about Oct 17<sup>th</sup>". We have heard nothing since, and are very anxious to have further details

2.

We have made numerous inquiries, but to date have heard nothing.

It would be some consolation to at least know where the dear boy is buried. Also let us know when we can have his body.

Any information you can give us will be appreciated.

Thanking you, I am

Gratefully yours,  
Miss Marie Berens  
Box 35

82641.

June 23rd, 1919.

Pvt. Adolph Baransk, Headquarters, Unit 302, G.R.S., American E.F.,  
c/o British P.O. S-26, Amiens, FRANCE.  
Grave Location.

1. In reply to your enquiry concerning the grave location of Roman Berens, 2056880, Co. A, 133rd Infantry, you are informed that the records of this office do not show the grave location of any soldier of this name, but there is on record Romulus C. Berens, Private, Co. A, 130th Infantry, who is reported to have died on October 17th, 1918, of wounds received in action and to have been buried on August 17th, 1918, in an Isolated Grave in the Commune of Gercourt, Department of the MEUSE, FRANCE. ✓
2. The grave is marked by a regulation cross, to which is attached one of the identification tags of this soldier.
3. It is entirely probable that by this time the body of Private Berens has been removed to the American Concentration Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, although no official report of the transfer has yet been received by this office.

REH/eg.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, G.M.C., U.S.A.,  
Chief, G.R.S.

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

FILE NUMBER

82641

FROM:-

DATE:

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME **Berens, Roman**

NUMBER **205680**

RANK

ORGANIZATION **Co A. 133rd Inf.**

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① <b>part Co A 130th Inf. Romulus C</b>
2.	Date of Death.	② <b>10-17-18</b>
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ <b>W/A</b>
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	④ <b>419</b>
5.	Date buried.	⑤ <b>10-17-18</b>
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ <b>Com. # 211 5th St 9th Court - Et Drill and Court (name) 35th St E. 318 N. 279.3</b>
7.	Who reported burial.	⑦ <b>SR Officer</b>
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑧ <b>Yes</b>
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑨ <b>Cross</b>
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑩ <b>None with body or on grave marker</b>
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑪ <b>Mr. Nicholas Berens</b>
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑫ <b>558 normal Ave. (father) Stevens Point Wis.</b>
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No. ?	

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

⑬ **Yes. 2-5-19**

5/13-19  
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HEADQUARTERS, Unit 302, G.R.S. & Detachment  
Amiens, Somme, France.

March 27, 1919.

From: Adolph Beranek, Unit 32, G.R.S. % British P.O. S-26, Amiens, France.  
To: Chief, Graves Registration Service Bureau, Tours, France.  
Subject: Grave Location of Roman Berens, 2056880 Co.A, 133rd Inf. 33rd Div.

1. Grave location of Roman Berens 2056880 Co. A, 133rd Ind. 33rd Div. is requested.
2. Deceased in question died on October 17, 1918, in hospital, of gas wounds.
3. Any information regarding grave location and Photograph of grave if possible, will be greatly appreciated.

Adolph Beranek,  
Pvt. Unit 302, GRS, & Det.  
% British P.O. S-26,  
Amiens, France.



ACL\*NWA.

1st Ind.

Chief, Graves Registration Service, Hq., S.O.S. A.E.F. May 17, 1919. TO:  
Private Adolph Beranek, Unit 302, G.R.S. & Det. % British P.O. S-26, Amiens,  
France. Returned.

Records of this office show Private REMILUS C. BERENS (2056880) Co.A, 130th Infantry to have been buried October 17, 1918 in Grave 5, Commune of Gercourt-et-Drillancourt, Department Meuse, map reference: map 35NE, Coordinates E.318 - N279.3. Grave is marked by a cross to which is attached one identification tag; one tag buried with body.

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Lieut. Col. Q.M.C. U.S.A.

Address re. to  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON  
October 21, 1919

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293.3 ( Berens, Romulus C. Pvt.)

Graves Registration Service, Washington, D. C.

Miss Mary Berens, Stevens Point, Wisconsin Box 35

Location of Grave.

1. Replying to a request from Mr. Adolph Beranek, late of the American Expeditionary Force, France, recently received, I beg to state that the records of this office show that the body of your brother, Private Romulus C. Berens, Company A, 130th Infantry, has been reburied in the Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, Grave 137, Section 26, Plot 3.

By authority of the Quartermaster General, Director of Purchase and Storage:

Charles C. Pierce,  
Colonel, Quartermaster Corps  
Chief, Graves Registration Service

By:

Charles J. Wynne  
Captain, Q. M. Corps  
Graves Registration Service.

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G. R. S. MAILED  
OCT 21 1919  
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TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 10/18/19

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Berens, Romulus C. Serial NumberRANK ORGANIZATION, 30<sup>th</sup> Inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier: given above agree with Records?	No. <u>2056880</u> , <u>Pvt.</u>
2.	Date of Death.	<u>Co. A.</u>
3.	Cause and place of death.	
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	Rebid. - ✓ Gr. 137, Sec. 26, Plot 3, Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232, Romagne sous Montfaucon, Meuse.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	Mr. Nicholas Berens, (Fid.) 558 Normal Ave., Stevens Point, Wis.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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UNIT 302, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,  
AMIENS, SOMME, FRANCE.

April 30, 1919.

From: Adolph Beranek, Unit 302, G.R.S., % British P.O.S-26, Amiens,  
France.  
To: Chief, Graves Registration Service Bureau, Tours, France.  
Subject: Grave location.

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2. Have received a letter from the soldiers' sister and from that I learn that the full name of the soldier is, Romulus G. Berens, and that he belonged to the ~~133rd~~ 130th inf., 33rd Division instead of the 133rd as stated in my former letter. I also have been informed by her that he has been buried in the department of Meuse, France.

3. As his sister is very anxious about locating the exact burial location of her brother, I am submitting this information as it may be of some assistance to you in advising her as to the grave location.

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HEADQUARTERS,  
Unit 302, G.R.S. & Detachment,  
Amiens Somme, France.

March 27, 1919.

From: Adolph Beranek, Unit 302, G.R.S., % British P.O.S-26 Amiens, France.  
To: Chief, Graves Registration Service Bureau, Tours, France.  
Subject: Grave Location of Roman Berens, #2056880 Co.A., 133rd Inf 33rd Div.

1. Grave location of Roman Berens #2056880 Co.A., 133rd Inf, 33rd Div. is requested.
2. Deceased in question died on October 17, 1918, in hospital, of gas wounds.
3. Any information regarding grave location and Photograph of grave if possible, will be greatly appreciated.

*Adolph Beranek*  
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Pvt. Unit 302, G.R.S. & Det.,  
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