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AUG 30 1926

DATE 10/4/21

1. NAME *Soldier's Reg.* BERGEM, George

SERIAL No. 2107859

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.F., 23rd Inf. *2 Div*

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne American Cemetery ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON (Meuse) 1232.-Sec.95
CTY. NAME NUMBER

91 GRAVE 95 2 PLOT
95 Sec.

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION *95, Sec. B, P. 2* St Etienne a Arnes (Ardennes)
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 34-N.E. E 264.9 N-283.6

CONCENTRATED TO 6.17.19. 91 95 2.
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232.

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross.

DATE OF DEATH *Oct 6/18*
PLACE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Meuse*

Data form 1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. D. Dickey

1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/4/21 32 35 2.
DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

AUDITED BY *Smle*
4-30-23

Meuse Argonne American Cty # 1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucun

CEMETERY

Robert Q. Davis
Major General
The Adjutant General
By *Sc*

AUG 31 1926

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name ^MBERGEN ^EGeorge

Number: 2107859

Rank Pvt

Organization: Unkn

Co. F, 23rd. Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

17 June 1919

Grave #95 BAC ST ETIENNE A ARNIES ARDENNES

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

17 June 1919

Grave #91 Sec 95 Plot 2

Argonne Amer Cemetery #1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

1232

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

Burial good, in box, badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No

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

CONFIRMED No. D. *11987*

Note:

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

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C.O. Group

Unit



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Bergen, George

Number: 2107859

Rank: Pvt.

Organization: ?

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 2 Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) April 3, 1919. From: (Give complete location)

Isolated Grave #2, Bissell Sketch #37, Map 34 N.E.. N282.50 E266.85

Reburied (Date) April 3, 1919. in: (Give complete location)

Grave #95, Plot B, American B/A Cemetery #1129

1129

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

Buried in shallow grave. Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

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Note:

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CONFIRMED No D

Supervised by: Sgt. Charles F. Pitt

HERBERT G. BISSELL
C.O. Group 2 Unit 304

CODE SLIP



| HEADING | SUB-HEADING | NO. OF COLS | CODE |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| NAME <i>Bergem</i> | <i>BER</i> | 3 | <i>25⁰8</i> |
| <i>George E</i> | CEMETERY <i>1232</i> | 1 | <i>1</i> |
| BURIED | GRAVE <i>32</i> | 2 | <i>32</i> |
| | ROW <i>35</i> | 2 | <i>35</i> |
| | BLOCK <i>G</i> | 1 | <i>7</i> |
| STATE | <i>Minn</i> | 2 | <i>27</i> |
| RANK | <i>Pvt</i> | 1 | <i>2</i> |
| DIVISION | <i>2</i> | 2 | <i>02</i> |
| ORGANIZATION | <i>23</i> | 3 | <i>23</i> |
| ARM | <i>Inf</i> | 1 | <i>1</i> |
| MARTIAL | <i>No</i> | 1 | <i>2</i> |
| NAME <i>Bergem</i> | <i>BER</i> | 5 | <i>25⁰8</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Mart</i> | STATE <i>Minn.</i> | 2 | <i>27</i> |
| RESIDENCE | COUNTY <i>Otter Tail</i> | 2 | <i>56</i> |
| <i>State Asylum</i> | CITY <i>Fergus Falls</i> | 3 | <i>020</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 | | 1 | |
| HEALTH | <i>Insane</i> | 1 | <i>5</i> |
| NO. OF SONS | | 1 | |
| DATE OF | MO. | 1 | |
| TRIP | YR. | 1 | |
| ACCEPTANCE | <i>No</i> | 1 | <i>2</i> |

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

IN REPLY
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M
Bergem, Geo. E. (M MA*)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 13, 1932

SPECIAL

Mrs. Marit Bergem,
State Asylum,
Fergus Falls, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

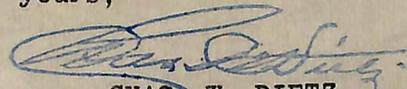
You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space _____, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here _____. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

IMMEDIATE ACTION

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WASHINGTON, D. C.
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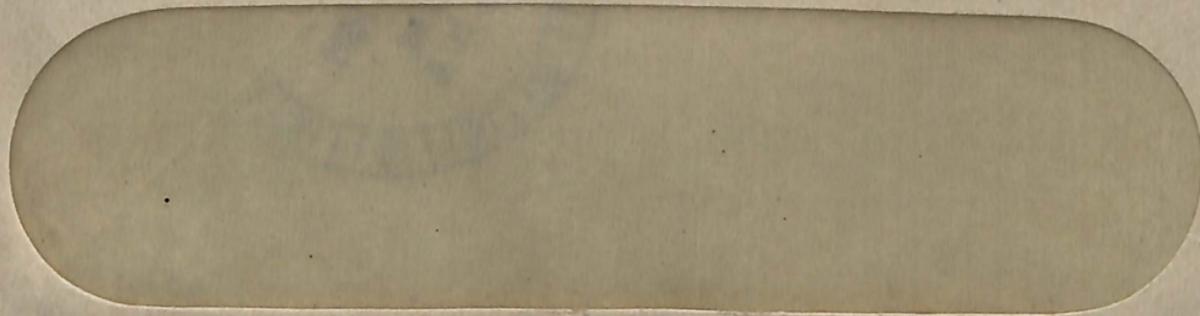
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bergem, Geo. E. (MA) "

Sept. 8, 1932

Mrs. Marit Bergem
c/o Mr. H. M. Gronner
Farmer's State Bank
Underwood, Minn.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No") | <i>No</i> |
| 2. Please state your age and condition of health: | Age: Health: |
| 3. Do you speak English? | <i>Some</i> |
| 4. What other language do you speak? | <i>Norwegian</i> |

H. M. Gronner, Edw
Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Mrs. Bergem is still at the State Hospital for Insane - doubt very much that she ever will be well.

H. M. Gronner, Edw

QM 293 A-M
Bergem, George E. (MA)

July 16, 1932

Mr. H. M. Gronner,
Farmer's State Bank,
Underwood, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to previous correspondence from this office to Mrs. Marit Bergem, relative to her desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private George E. Bergem.

Every effort is being made to assure that each mother or widow who is eligible to make a pilgrimage, be given an opportunity to make the journey. It is noted that Mrs. Bergem has been adjudged incompetent, however, in the hope that her health has improved and she is able to make a pilgrimage, an opportunity is being given her to make the journey during the summer months of 1933. It is requested therefore, the questionnaire enclosed herewith be completed and returned to this office.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Qn.
Env.
RS

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 16, 1932

Bergem, Geo. E. (MA) "

Mrs. Marit Bergem,
State Asylum,
Fergus Falls, Minn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Sign here) _____

Bergem, George E. Pvt. Co. F. 23 Inf. Minn.

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Mother - Mrs Marit Bergem

(~~Is she~~ insane?) in ~~State~~
Hosp

latest address

gdn

H. M. Gronner
Farmer State Bank
Underwood - Minn

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

August 17, 1931

Bergen, George E. Pvt. (MA) M

Mrs. Marit Bergen,
State Asylum,
Fergus Falls, Minn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bergen, George E. 1232 M

August 19, 1930.

Mrs. Marit Bergen,
Route # 2,
Underwood, Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
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Act
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bergem, George E. 1232 M

July 7, 1930

Mrs. Marit Bergem
State Asylum
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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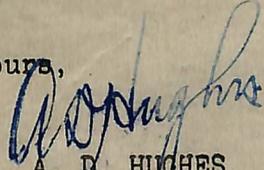
3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

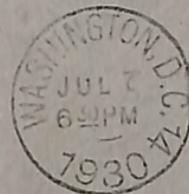
Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

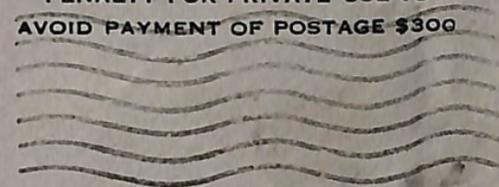

A. D. HUGHES,
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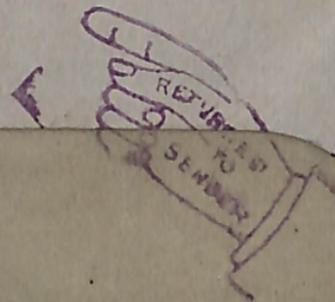
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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bergen, George E.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mr. Ole Bergen,
Route #2,
Underwood, Minn.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

No

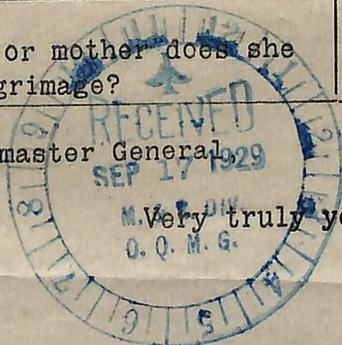
2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

(Mother)
Mrs. Marit Bergem, Incomp.
Now at State Asylum,
Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

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

No

For The Quartermaster General



Very truly yours,
O. Q. M. G.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John T. Harris".

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bergen, George E.

June 29 , 1929.

Mr. Ole Bergen,
Route #2,
Underwood, Minn.

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 George E. Bergen, Co. F, 23rd 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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO. QM 293 A-M
Bergem, Geo. E. (MA) "

Sept. 8, 1932

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c/o Mr. H. M. Gronner
Farmer's State Bank
Underwood, Minn.

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Sign here

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For The Quartermaster General,

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Encl:
Env.

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
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Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
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July 16, 1932

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For The Quartermaster General,

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
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August 17, 1931

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bergem, George E. 1232 M

August 19, 1930.

Mrs. Marit Bergem,
Route # 2,
Underwood, Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
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Act
Amendment

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

Bergem, George E. 1232 M

July 7, 1930

Mrs. Marit Bergem
State Asylum
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bergen, George E.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mr. Ole Bergen,
Route #2,
Underwood, Minn.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bergan, George E.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Ole Bergan,
Route #2,
Underwood, Minn.

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 George E. Bergan, Co. F, 23rd 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.

QM 293 C-R

October 9, 1923.

Mr. Ole Bergen,
Route #2,
Underwood, Minn.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private George E. Bergen, Company F, 25rd Infantry, is Grave 32, Row 35, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

H. H. CHEAL
Assistant.

O. Q. M. G.
Central Mail & P. O. Branch



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Place Rouagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 26, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BERGEM, George E. SERIAL NUMBER 2107859

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. F. 25rd Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 26, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr 91. Sec 95. Plot 2.

By: Group 3 Unit 2

3. Reburied (date): 4 October 1921 In (give complete location): Row 35 Block G Grave 32 Cemetery 1232

By: Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

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

wooden box and burlap and uniform, badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? yes.

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

no effects found.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? 3, 17, 30, 32, MBD.

1, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, S.F.

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

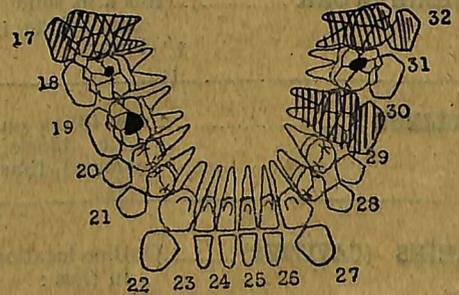
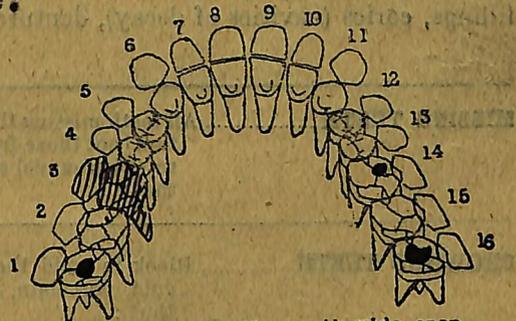
Quantity do

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

missing parts) do

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

do



7. Disinterment supervised by R. P. Jones

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

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Sheild

Approved: James W. Younger
James W. Younger, Capt. QMC
(Title)

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 26, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BERGEM, George E.

10. Name _____

2. No. 2107859

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. F., 23rd Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. 10-6-18

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. none.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 91 Sec. 95

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 2 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. none.

18. Cemetery Argonne American Cemetery

19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232.-Sec. 95

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 26, 1921

By R.P. Jones.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name George E. Bergem

Serial No. none.

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. F. 23rd Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yes.

W.D. Wilson
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

W.D. Wilson.

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

no effects found.

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

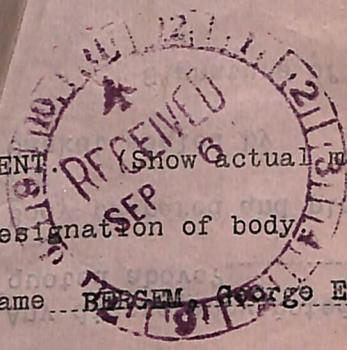
28. Nature of burial wooden box and burlap and uniform.

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 Sept. 26, 1921 By R.P. Jones.

31. Casket sealed by _____

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) R.P. Jones
R.P. Jones.



SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-5320

32. Designation of body

Name BEESEM, George E.

Serial No. 2107859

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. F., 23rd Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amer. Cty. # 1232 ROMAGNE sous-MONTEFAUCON (Meuse)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 26, 1921

By R.P. Jones.

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) Sept. 26, 1921.

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne.

(Name)

Convoyer W.J. Royed.

Signature Shipping Officer

Albert M. Jackson
Albert M. Jackson, Capt. C.A.C. rlr.

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

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232 4 October 1921

(Date)

42. Grave No. Row 35 Block G Grave 32

Section

43. Plot

Row

G.R.S. Representative

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 35981

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BERGEM, George E. Ser. No. 2107859
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F. 23rd. Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10-6-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. hmp
 CKR. Bo

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

(a) Grave No. 91 Row --- Plot 2 Sec. 95 TYP. hmp
 (b) Emerg. Address Ole Bergen, (father) R.#2, Underwood, Minn

CKR. Bo

III. Files of soldiers ~~dying from contagious diseases~~ / /

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt No card in file. (File 5-11-21)

(a) Name _____ (b) Relationship _____
 (c) Address _____
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? _____
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

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

No request for disposition
 (a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes. Ind.

Examiner's Initials F. L. S. Date 5-11-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 95 SHEET No. 11

Checked
MCH 23/21

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on MAY 25 1921, 1920

Sec. #95

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned

met

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*M. L. B. - E. A. - (Ol. Bergen father)
P. 2. Underwood,
Minn.*

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GRAVE LOCATION BLACK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bergen *2107,859* *George*
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt *Co. F. 23 Inf*
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Near Medley Farm*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Gun shot wound*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Oct 7, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Near Medley Farm, Maine*

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

Stene map 266-8-282.9 (ARDENNES)

CMME. ST-ETIENNE-A-ORNES

GRAVE NUMBER: *(0217) SHT 54 NE COORD E266.8*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? *N282.9*

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *Yes, left breast buried*

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:

2nd of five buried together

NEAREST RELATIVE: *Ole Bergen*

ADDRESS: *R #2 Underwood, Maine*

RELATIONSHIP: *Father*

REPORTED BY:

Wm E. Patten, Captain 2nd Inf
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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Communal List No. _____
Daily Report No. _____

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R. S. Form No. 1.

Hq. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 2107859

3. BERGEN GEORGE
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt.
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Isolated grave
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. St. ETIENNE-a-ARNES
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. Probably No. 19 Avery sketch No. 49
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker?
Identification Tag

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

One cross with five tags attached as
Marker for graves from 18 to 22 incl

12. Map 34 N.E. 282.75 N 267.45 E
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. COMMUNE: St. Etienne-a-Arnes

(O-217) SHIP of Chaplain or Burial Officer 5-267.5
N-282.35

Signed

Group 1 Unit B G. R. S.

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FILE

5-13-21
(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 75

FORM 115 Sheet No. 11

JH
(Initials)

OSP-SS
Form No. 1011.

Co. F, 23rd Infantry
2nd Div

BERGEM *George* - Pvt 2107859

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Informant: BLOCK, Re inhart - Pvt 2107972
Co. F, 23rd Infantry
Home: 210 E. 7th St. Morris Minn.

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Co. F, 23rd Infantry
2nd Div

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BERGEM, George - Pvt 2107859

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