

To The A. G. O.

12690

G.R.S. Form #114-B

OCT 6 - 1926

FULL NAME BERLIN, Otto W. *Sol. Leg*

Pvt. 1679696

RANK SERIAL

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. D, 306th Inf. *77 Div*

DATE OF DEATH 10-4-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *New York*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED: *None*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION	Date	Grave	Row	Block
	10-23-21	22	8	H

Meuse-Argonne, 1232
Cemetery

A. G. O.
OCT 6 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BERLIN 1679696 OTTO W
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

(Rank). 305 Inf
(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Bais de Noye

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in action

DATE OF BURIAL: Apr 8 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Bais de Noye

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

map - Ford - d'Argonne
17.2 - 75.7

GRAVE NUMBER:

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

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? ?

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: Peter Leo Johnson, Chap

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer). 305 Inf

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

Date 28th., June, 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name BERIIN, Otto W.Number: 1679696Rank Unkn Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group _____ Unit _____

Disinterred (Date) _____ From: (Give complete location) _____

20th., June, 1919Grave ISOLATED. APREMONT ARDENNESMap. 35 S. W. E. 297.5 N. 275.6

Reburied (Date) _____ in: (Give complete location) _____

20th., June, 1919Grave 100 Sec. 105 Plot 2ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY. #1232ROMAGNE. MEUSE1232

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

Burial good. Buried in uniform Badly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon body? NoWhat other means of identification were found upon the body? None12090

Note:

CONFIRMED No. D

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.C., 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation thereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by Lt. Hanes.R. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A

C.O. Group _____

Unit _____

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Berlin	Ber	3	258
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 22	2	22
	ROW 8	2	08
	BLOCK H	1	8
STATE	ny	2	37
BANK	Pnt	1	2
DIVISION	77	2	77
ORGANIZATION	306	3	306
ARM	ny	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME Berlin		3	258
Mr. Paul R. Bro.	STATE	2	37
RESIDENCE (Adm. of est)	COUNTY Oswego	2	30
	CITY	3	114
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER	no sm loco	1	3
ELIGIBILITY	Dead 7-5-25	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

AUDITED
 APR 11 1932
 RB

KPB

RM

Berlin, Otto W. XC 88 794 Pvt. Co. D, 306th Inf. N.Y.

Date of Mother's death?

7-5-25 (n.y)

~~SM?~~

Loco?

father died 1890

Seebode

Bro. Paul Berlin
95 W. 8th St
Harlem - n.y.

Single

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Berlin, Otto W. 1232 B

July 7, 1930

Mr. Paul B. Berlin
95 W. 8th Street
Oswego, New York

Dear Sir:

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:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

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

(B.)

Paul R. Berlin
(adm of estate)

95 West 8th st

Oswego

N. Y.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Berlin, Otto W.

August 30, 1929.

Mr. Paul R. Berlin,
95 W. 8th. St.,
Oswego, New York.

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 administrator of the estate of the late Pvt. Otto W. Berlin, Co. D. 306th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

He was never married

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. 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 deceased



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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
Berlin, Otto W.

June 29 1929.

Mrs. Bertha Ecker,
Sterling Station,
New York.

XC-88794
8-15-Bm.

Dear Madam:

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 mother of the late Private Otto W. Berlin, Co. D. 306th 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 widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

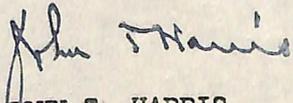
In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

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The records of this office show that you are the administrator of the estate of the late Pvt. Otto W. Berlin, Co. D. 308th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Berlin, Otto W.

June 29 1929.

Mrs. Bertha Baker,
Sterling Station,
New York.

Dear Madam:

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 mother of the late Private Otto W. Berlin, Co. D. 506th 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 widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

Berlin

(Surname)

Otto W.

(Christian name in full.)

1,679,696

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co D 306 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *no*

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? } (Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Bertha Ecker
(over)

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

First letter sent to Mrs. Bertha Ecker, Sterling Station,
N.Y.

MB 5/26/21

1232-See. 105-13

check 27W

5-26-21

October 20, 1923.

Mrs. Bertha Ecker,
Sterling Station,
N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private Otto W. Berlin, Company D, 306th Infantry, is Grave 22, Row 8, Block H, 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,

R. L. FOSTER
Assistant.

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YDR



OCT 20 1923

Co. D. 306th Inf.
77th Division.

BERLIN, Otto W. - Pvt. 1679696
Home: Sterling Station, New York.

On the morning of Oct. 2, 1918 I led a reconnoitering patrol in the Ar-
gonne Woods. We had traveled but a short distance when the ennemy opened
up a heavy machine gun fire. On returning to the lain position of the Comè
pany, I discovered that Pvt. Berlin was missing. Two combat patrol were
sent out to attack the ennmy's attention while I and another man attempted
to find Pvt. Berlin. We were unsuccessful. That morning we were relieved
About 4 days afterwards, the company went forward past that spot and saw
Pvt. Berlin lying there. He had been killed by two machine gun bullet in the
head.

Informant: Jamison, Anthony S. - Sgt. 1701536
Co. D. 306th Inf.
Home: 561 Bain bridge St. Brooklyn N.Y.

Emergency address:
Mrs. Bertha Ecker (Mother)
Oswego, New York.

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RMV
7/16/24*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #88141

(a) Name BERLIN, Otto W. Ser. No. 1679696
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.D, 306th Infantry
 (c) Date of death 10/4/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DMA
 CKR. B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 100 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 105 TYP. DMA
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Bertha Ecker (mother) Oswego, N.Y.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ CKR. B. J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs Bertha Ecker (b) Relationship Mother
 (c) Address omitted (Rev. of Card - Sterling Station, N.Y.)
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

Examiner's Initials MB Date 5/26/21, 192

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

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 192

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

no request for disposition.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials MB Date 5/26/21, 192

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec.105 SHEET No. 13

MB 7-2-21

checked
5/26/21
MB

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept 13, 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 BERLIN, Otto W.

10. Name

2. No. 1679696

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co.D., 306th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 10-4-18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. none

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 100 Sec. 106

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 2 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. no discrepancy

18. Cemetery Argonne American

19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON

20. Dept. or County House

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232.-Sec. 105

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept 13, 1921

By Ed Lavelle

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Otto W. Berlin

Serial No. 1679696

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co.D, 306 Inf.

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

Rex M. Moody
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
Rex M. Moody

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)

Disc on cross agrees with GRS records. No other means of identification or effects found.
Bodies in graves 98 and 99 identified.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and US 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 13, 1921 By Ed Lavelle

31. Casket sealed by Ed Lavelle

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Ed Lavelle

AUDITED BY
M.M.G.
50 5-23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-8647

32. Designation of body:

Name BERLIN, Otto W. Serial No. 1679696
Rank Pvt. Organization Co.D., 306th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne American, #1232 ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON (House)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept 13, 1921 By Ed Lavelle

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 F. B. Daniel

36. Remarks F.B. Daniel, Capt., MC
Bodies in graves 98 and 99 identified.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept 13, 1921

To point of Concentration Morgue at Romagn (Name)
Convoyer V. J. Royed Signature Shipping Officer Albert Jackson

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Albert H. Jackson, Capt., CAC

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 Sept 13, 1921

G.R.S. Representative Alfred M. Moynihan

41. Reinterred Oct. 23, 1921 House-Argonne Cty. #1232 (Date)

42. Grave No. 22 Section

43. Plot xxxx Bl. H Row 8

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger
JAMES W. YOUNGER, CAPT., Q.M.C.

Place Magne Cem. 1232

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept 13, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BERLIN, OTTO W. SERIAL NUMBER 1679696

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. D, 306th. Inf.

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

Sept 13, 1921 Gr. 100 Sec 105, Pl 2, Cem. 1232

By : Group 7 Unit Sec 2

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

Oct. 23, 1921 Meuse-Argonne Cty. #1232 Gr. 22, Bl. H, row 8.

By : Group Reburial S Unit Nature of reburial Unlined Casket.

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

Wooden box and US uniform

Body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

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

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

Bodies in graves 98 and 99 identified. Tag on grave marker agrees with GRS records. No other means of identification or effects found.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ? 30 Comp Fil

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to determine

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1BD
16, 17 MAD

(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

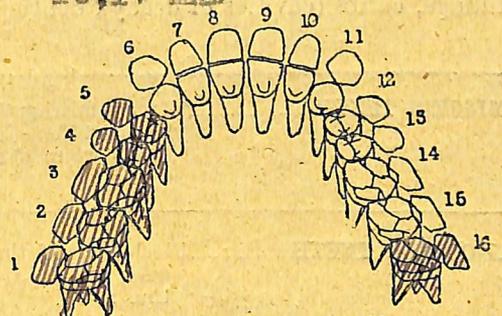
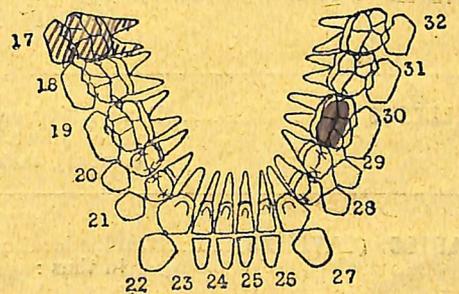


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) none visible

7. Disinterment supervised by Ed Lavelle

Approved : F. B. Daniel
F. B. Daniel, Capt. QMC
(Title)

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

Approved : James W. Younger
(Title) JAMES W. YOUNGER,
CAPT., Q.M.C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #88141

(a) Name BERLIN, Otto W. Ser. No. 1679696
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.D, 306th Infantry
 (c) Date of death 10/4/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DMA
B.J.

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

(a) Grave No. 100 Row Plot 2 Sec. 105 TYP. DMA
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Bertha Baker (mother) Oswego, N.Y.

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

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on, 192
 letter of transmittal on JUN 8 1921, 192

Sec # 105
Par. 1 To be returned. Par. 2. Not to be returned.
AP 7-2-21

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.

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

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec.105 SHEET No. 13

AP 7-2-21

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BERLIN 7679696 OTTO W
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

(Rank). 305 Inf (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Bois de Noza

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in action

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct 8 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Bois de Noza

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

Map - Forest d'Argonne 120000
97.2 - 75.7

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: Headboard? Bottle?

Was one buried with body?

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:

CMME. Apremont (Meuse)
(C-224) 35 S.E. COORD {E-297.24
{N-275.7}

NEAREST RELATIVE: ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: Pte Leo Phern, Chap. (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer) 305 Inf

26 OCT 1918

294-593

~~293~~ PRETTON + CORDENNES

~~293~~ 35 SE COORD

Municipal List No. _____ E297.2

Report No. _____ N275.7

Berlin, Otto W. #1679696

U. S. Army

88141

See letter to

1st Lt. Peter Leo Johnson
Chaplain Hqrs 305th Inf.
2nd Batt'n

dated 12/20/18

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

No Cond

COURIERGRAM #17

Present status:- k/a about 10/4/19

Casualty cablegram: 303 SP 56

Nearest relative: Mrs. Bertha Ecker
(Mother) Oswego, New York

WAR DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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CC*



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1876



1679696

Co. D. 306th Inf.
7th Division.

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G.P.

7-88141

Co D. 306 Infantry

BERLIN Otto W. Pvt. 1679696

Missing about September 27, 1918

" There was only one Berlin in the company, but I do not know his first name, He was killed the 7th day of the Argonne drive which started Sept. 26th. I was not an eye witness; he was out on patrol early in the morning about 6 o'clock when he was hit by a machine gun bullet. He was shot through the head and must have been killed instantly, We saw his body there a couple of days later. 11 men had gone out on this patrol and the other ten got back safely. Sgt. Jameson was one of the ten. I do not know what became of his body as we were relieved right after the by the 302d. I think he came from New York."

Informant : Moll Leonard Pvt. 3128039

B.H. 65

Co D. 306 Inf.

Home : RR 1 - Bx 97, Grande Rapids, Wis.

March 3, 1918

M.M.

Josephine Sherzer, Searcher.

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Co D. 306 Inf.

BERLIN Otto W. Pvt. 1679696

Missing about September 27, 1918

" I do not know Pvt. Berlin's first name. I was a replacement so I did not know him very well. He was killed Sept. 29th by liquid fire at the Argonne. He went on a patrol with eight others that morning. He was the only one killed. He was black burned to a crisp, with nine machine gun bullets in him also. The grass and everything else around was burned. Liquid fire is a substance in a can that soldiers carry on the backs like a fire extinguisher. When it strikes the air it turns to fire. I was one of the patrol."

Informant : Pearson Andrew Pvt. 311197 .

B.H. 65

Co D. 306 Inf.

Home : Long Prairie, Mich.

March 20, 1919

M.M.

Beulah Whitney, Searcher.

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