

G.R.S. Form #114-B

JAN 7 - 1926

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FULL NAME ..... BERNER, Robert B. ✓ *Solzig*

RANK ..... Private ✓ SERIAL ..... 1038919 ✓  
1033919 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... *3rd. Div.* Battery E, 10th Field Artillery ✓

DATE OF DEATH ..... *July 15, '18*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... *Oregon*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. *none* ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ..... 13 10 B  
Date Grave Row Block

608  
Cemetery

*Mother &  
not married*

23/306/ARK

*KM  
8/3*

3 A.G.O.  
JAN 7 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

*File  
2-8-29*

AUDITED BY

FDZ 7-24-24

9 GRAVE LOCATION BLANK R

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Berner 1038919 Robert B.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Btry "E", 10th FA  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL July 16, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL

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

LeRocq Farm, Vicinity of Carboin,  
Map Conde-en-Brie.

Co-ordinate-18930, 25633.

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? no Cross? yes

Headboard? no Bottle? no

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? no

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? no

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

REPORTED BY:

J. H. Howard Capt 10th FA  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co."E".10th F.A.  
3rd.Division.

BERNER ,Robert B.Pvt.I038919.

On July 16,1918,about 4:00 P.M.,at La Rocque Ferme,near Courboin I buried Private Berner along with Cpl.LeRoy Ray and Pvt.Elderidge.He was buried in a dugout,his right arm was shot almost off also he was shot in the neck and side his identification tags were shot off of him and I made h im a cross with his name on k it in indelible pencil instead of his identification tags.He was buried wrapped in his own OD blanket I did not search him as I had no orders to that effect.

No one saw Private Berner when he was killed he was a member of a Machine gun crew and was with Corp Ray who also was killed at the same time as I found them both near their gun position early on t he morning of July 15,1918.

Informant: Etheridge,Guy L.Ch.Mech.  
Co.E.10th.F.A.

Home: III6-Paseo Ave.Kansas City.  
Mar.10.1919.

Signed: Guy L.Etheridge.C.Mech.

P.S.



293.5-Cemeterial.

January 25, 1919.

Office, Quartermaster General of the Army.

Mr. J.J. Berner, Flora, Oregon.

Disposition of the remains of Robert Berner, Private, 10th Field  
Artillery.

1. This office is in receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, requesting information as to the place of burial of your son, Robert Berner, 10th Field Artillery, who was killed in action July 15, 1918, and a photograph of his grave.

2. In reply it is regretted that this information cannot be furnished to you, as the place of burial has not yet been reported to this office. However, in regard to the photograph, your letter has been forwarded this date to Lt. Col. Pierce, Chief of the Graves Registration Service, A.E.F., for his consideration and action.

R. E. Wood,  
Acting Quartermaster General,

By:

H. R. Henly,  
Major, Q.M. Corps.

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JAN 25 1919

293.5 Berner, Robert

# Flora State Bank

Flora, Oregon,

January 3, 1918.

Bureau of War Risk Insurance,  
Washington,  
D. C.

Gentlemen:-

My son Robert Berner was killed in action in France on the 15th of July being a member of 10th F. A. A. E. F.. What I am anxious to get is the number of his grave so that a photograph may be taken thereof. He is buried as near as I can ascertain on La Greve farm in the Chateau Thierry district.

If your department has nothing to do with this will you kindly see to it that the letter reaches the department having charge of such matters.

Thanking you for any attention you may give the matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

*R. J. Berner*

*293.3 Berner, Robert*



BUREAU OF  
WAR RISK INSURANCE

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

Jan. 13, 1919.

FROM: Compensation & Insurance Claims Section.

TO: The Adjutant General.

SUBJECT: C-26331. BERNER, Robert E. Pvt. Btry. 10" F. A.  
A. E. F.

You are respectfully requested to furnish information incorporated in the attached letter if it is possible for you to do so.

H. C. HOULIHAN.  
Deputy Commissioner  
Compensation

HLB/lms

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Received A.G.O. JAN 16 1919

RECEIVED MISCEL. DIV.  
JAN 18 1919

*201 Day 201 Berner, Robert*

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201 Berner, Robert (Misc. Div.)

1st Ind.

JCA/MB

War Department A. G. O., January 23, 1919. -To the Quartermaster General, (Cemeterial Branch), for such information as he may be able to furnish. The records show Robert E. Berner, Serial #1038919, killed in action July 15, 1918.

By order of the Secretary of War:

1 incl.  
(synopsis made) <sup>n</sup>

*J. C. Arthur*  
Adjutant General.



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CEMETERIAL

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JAN  
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1st Ind.

In answer refer to file No. 293.5-Cemeterial.

Office, Quartermaster General, January 25, 1919. -- To Lt. Col. Chas. C. Pierce, Chief of the Graves Registration Service, Hdqrs. Service of Supply, A.P.O. 717, A.E.F., France.

1. Forwarded for your consideration and action.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General.

H. R. Lealy,  
Major, Q.M. Corps.

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JAN 25 1919

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J O. Ashburn  
Adjutant General.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BERNER	3	258
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	2
	GRAVE	2	13
	ROW	2	10
	BLOCK	1	2
STATE	Oregon	2	43
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	3	2	03
ORGANIZATION	10	3	010
ARM	M.A.	1	6
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME	Berner	3	258
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	43
	COUNTY	2	32
	CITY	3	XX
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No age	1	2
			63

**AUDITED**  
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IN REPLY QM 293 A-M  
REFER TO Berner Robt B (OA)

## WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 13, 1932

Mrs Gertie B Berner  
WallaWa County  
Flora Oregon

**SPECIAL**

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 no, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here Mrs Gertie B Berner. 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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Berner, Robt. B      OA

September 6, 1932.

Mrs. Gertie B. Berner,  
Flora,  
Oregon.

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")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

\_\_\_\_\_  
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,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Berner, Robert B. (OA)

July 9, 1932.

Mrs. Gertie B. Berner,  
Flora,  
Oregon.

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) \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Berner, Robt. B. Pvt (OA) M

December 19, 1931.

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Mrs. G. B. Berner,  
Flora, Oregon

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

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-AM  
Berner, Robt B. Pvt.(OA) M

June 20, 1931

Mrs. G. B. Berner,  
Flora, Oregon.

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? No  
Write answer here

*Gerlie Berner*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Berner, Robert B. Pvt. 608-M

April 4, 1931

Mrs. G. B. Berner,  
Flora, Oregon.

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.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

*No.*

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

*No.*

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age *63*  
Condition of Health *poor*

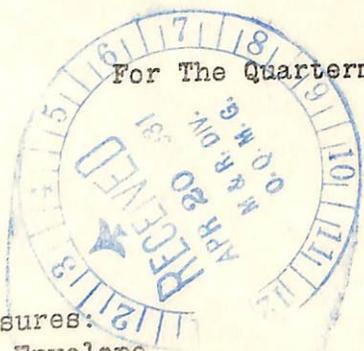
4. Do you speak English?

*yes.*

5. What other language do you speak?

*no other.*

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Berner, Robert B. 608 M

Mrs. G. B. Berner,  
Flora, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

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 mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bernier, Robt. B.            608 M

March 12, 1930

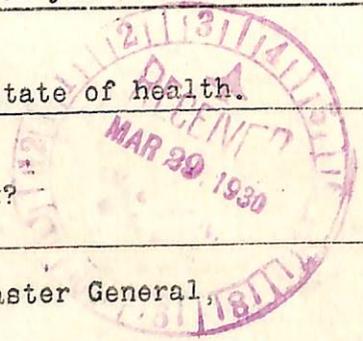
Mrs. G. B. Bernier,  
Flora, Ore.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No.</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No.</i>
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) <i>No.</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>62</i> (Years)	Health <i>Poor</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English - (Yes)	(No) Other language (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Berner, Robert B. 608

February 10, 1930

Mrs. G. B. Berner,  
Flora,  
Wallawa Co., Oregon.

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 Pvt. Robert B. Berner, Bty. E. 10th F. A., 3rd Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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?

*No*

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.

*Mrs Gertrude B Berner*

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

June 20 1929.

**Berner, Robert B.**

**Mrs. G.B. Berner,  
Flores, Oregon.**

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 Robert B. Berner, Bty. E. 10th F.A., 3rd Div.,** whose remains are now interred in the **Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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 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 re-married 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,

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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

September 6, 1932.

Berner, Robt. B      OA

Mrs. Gertie B. Berner,  
Flora,  
Oregon.

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.

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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.

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Sign here

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Berner, Robert B. (OA)

July 9, 1932.

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Berner, Robt. B. Pvt (OA) M

December 19, 1931.

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Mrs. G. B. Berner,  
Flora, Oregon

Dear Madam:

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RECORDED - JAN 1932  
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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-AM

June 20, 1931

Berner, Robt B. Pvt. (OA) M

Mrs. G. B. Berner,  
Flora, Oregon.

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

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& P BR

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Berner, Robert B. Pvt. 608-M

April 4, 1931

Mrs. G. B. Berner,  
Flora, Oregon.

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.

The records of this office show that you are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age  
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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QM 293 A-M

October 10, 1930

Berner, Robert B. Pvt 608 M

Mrs. G. B. Berner  
Flora  
Oregon

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans might be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

Encls:  
Act  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Berner, Robert B. 608 M

Mrs. G. B. Berner,  
Flora, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

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 mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

March 12, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Berner, Hobb. B. 608 M

Mrs. G. B. Berner,  
Flora, Ore.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Berner, Robert B. 608

February 10, 1930

Mrs. G. B. Berner,  
Flora,  
Wallawa Co., Oregon.

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 Pvt. Robert B. Berner, Bty. E. 10th F. A., 3rd Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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,

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

Berner, Robert B.  
608

Aug. 27, 1929.

Mrs. G. B. Berner,  
Flora, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 20, 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

June , 1929.

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Berner, Robert B.

Mrs. G.B. Berner,  
Flora, Oregon.

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 Robert B. Berner, Hvy. E. 10th F.A., 3rd Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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 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 re-married 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.

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1929 JUN 20 11 5 07  
O. Q. M. G. M. & R. DIV.  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

*Handwritten initials*

Berner,

Robert,

13

1,038,919

Dup.

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Batty E, 10th F.A.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Mother*

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:

*J. J. Berner*  
(Name of person to receive remains.)

*Enterprise*  
(Express office.)

*-----*  
(Telegraph office.)

*13*  
(Number and street.)

*Enterprise Oregon*  
(City or town.)

*-----*  
(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs. Gerty Bell Berner*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by M. H.

608 - 230

12-11-20

Checked  
JCB 12/11/20

Berner ----- Robert ----- 1,038,919 -----

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt ----- Batty E 10th F.A. -----

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased ----- Father -----

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) ----- J. J. Berner -----

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(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

**Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.**

With Correspondence

City 618-236  
12/11/11

QM 293 A-C

BERNER, Robert B. - Pvt.

October 28, 1925

Mr. J.J. Berner,  
Flora,  
Oregon.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

L.W. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.C.  
Assistant.

1-Incl.  
Record card.

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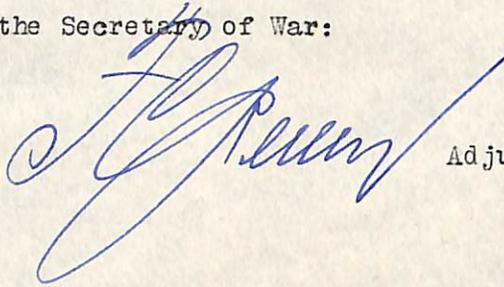
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WW AI/1-206

War Department, A.G.O., March 20, 1928. To: The Quartermaster General.

The records of this office show 1038919 to be the correct army serial number of Robert A. Berner.

By order of the Secretary of War:



Adjutant General.

*OK m...*

*OK on H L*



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE February 18, 1928

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 BERNER, Robert *B. Ore.* 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. No. 103<sup>8</sup>919 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Org. Bty. E, 10th F.A. *3rd Div.* 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. D.D. July 15, 1918 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. C.D. KIA (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 13 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Plot Block B Row 10 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne 19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles
- 20. Dept. or County Aisne 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 608
- 23. Disinterred (Date) February 18, 1928 By L. Gordon
- 24. Inscription on grave marker:  
 Name BERNER, Robert Serial No. 1033919  
 Rank Pvt. Organization Bty. E, 10th F.A.
- 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? \_\_\_\_\_ On body? Yes (2)

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

- 26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_
- 28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap
- 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_
- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date February 18, 1928 L. Gordon
- 31. Casket sealed by L. Gordon

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*L. Gordon*  
L. Gordon

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

32. Designation of body:

Name BERNER, Robert Serial No. 1033919

Rank Pvt. Organization Bty. E, 10th F.A.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) February 18, 1928 By Charles E. Spahn

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 Charles E. Spahn

Charles E. Spahn (S)

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred February 18, 1928, Oise-Aisne American Cty.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 13 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block B Row 10

G.R.S. Representative William E. Moore  
William E. Moore, Superintendent.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BERNER, Robert SERIAL NUMBER 1033919  
RANK Private ORGANIZATION Bty. E. 10th F.A.

2. Disinterred (date) : February 18, 1928 From (give complete location) :  
Grave 13, Block B, Row 10  
By : Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date) : February 18, 1928 In (give complete location) :  
Grave 13, Block B, Row 10  
By : Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Reburial Metalic casket

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

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? yes (2) On grave marker ? \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks : \_\_\_\_\_

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ 2 MAD

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

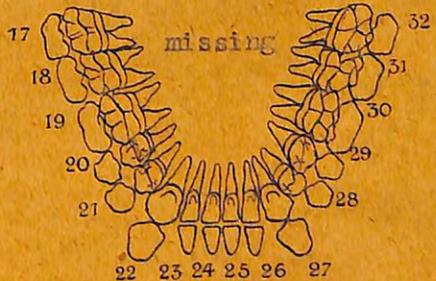
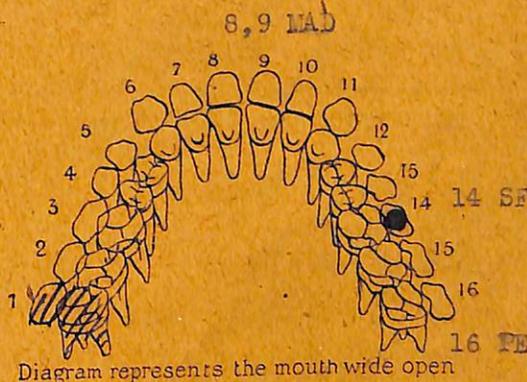
(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) \_\_\_\_\_

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



Right radius and ulna missing. Left humerus, radius and ulna missing. Right and left clavicle missing. Left femur fractured lower third. Lower jaw missing.

7. Disinterment supervised by L Gordon Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Reburial supervised by Charles E. Jahn Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 15253

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BERNER, Robert B. Ser. No. 1038919  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Bat. E. 10th F.A.  
 (c) Date of death 7/15/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYPE EK  
 CKR. AB

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

(a) Grave No. 127 Row -- Plot 3 Sec. 0 TYP. EK  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. G. B. Berner (mother) Flora, Oregon.  
J/ J. Berner (father) no address.

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

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Mrs. Gerty Bell Berner (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address Flora, Oregon  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. no

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. J. J. Berner  
Enterprise, Oregon.  
Exp. & take up - do  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. - suspension

Examiner's Initials MH Date 12-11, 1920.

## V. A. G. C. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from

Flora, Oregon, dated Dec 8 1919  
 confirming request in Par. IV., item previously requested above, or requesting that the body to

be returned, but have changed mind and request  
that body remain in France

Examiner's Initials MH Date 12-11, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes. E.M.

Examiner's Initials E.M. Date 12-11, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 608 SHEET No. 230

115 - A COMPLETED

JAN 24 1921 - ap

Rev. 5-4-21 J.P.

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

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Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

APR 26 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on Jan-15-, 1920

Ceremonial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

*Par. 2 - Not to be returned (JED 1-17-21)*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	
<b>FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. 5-5-21 EP</b>	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Mar. 5, 1921 - 7120 Mr. J. Berner, Flora, Oregon, father's desires body remain in France. H. 3-21-21 and.*

*4-20-21 - Hoboken advises Father's body will remain in Europe. 5-4-21 EP*

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

A. G. O. Card & Corr.

*Wright*  
*12-11-20*

Discrepancies

Name

*✓*

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

*Note V 115*

Remarks:

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

*OK no 8 w pent 12/13 B*

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks:

*Added*  
*12/11/20*

April 20th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.  
(Berner, Robert B.)

Mr. J.J. Berner,  
Flora, Ore.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated March 5th, 1921, relative to the remains of the late Robert B. Berner, Private, Serial Number 1038919, Battery E, 10th Field Artillery, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your desire, the remains will be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. You are assured that the grave will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

The Department wishes to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R.E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F.C. PALLAS, *uys*  
Executive Assistant.

*RS*  
MAILED

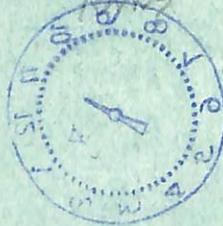
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COR. BR. G. R. S.

APR 28 1921

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APR 25 1921  
G. R. S.

Noted on Form No. *21*

Date

*21*

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

Hoboken, N. J.

FEB 2 1921

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

To: Mr. J. J. Berner, Flora, Oregon.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Robert B. Berner, Ser. # 1038919, Bty E, 10th F. A.

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

*No change EDCS*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Army.

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

Was soldier married? No.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children: (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father	J. J. Berner	Flora	Ore
Mother	Gertie Berner	"	"
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 James Berner	"	"
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 Grace Cole	Vale	Ore
	2 Minnie Ericson	Flora	"
	3 Lovilla Berner	"	"

Date March 5, 1921

Signature J. J. Berner

Address Flora, Ore.

Relationship Father

Flora, Ore. March 5, 1921, 192

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APR 6 1921

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section  
(Name.)

(State.)

I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living next of kin of the within-named

(Relationship.)

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet. Yes.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_

(R. R. station.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature

*J. J. Bremer*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 15253

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

**BERNER, Robert B.**

1038919

(a) Name..... **Pvt.** ..... Ser No **Bat. E. 10th P.A.**  
 (b) Rank..... **7/15/18** Organization..... **K/A**  
 (c) Date of death..... Cause of death.....

TYP **BK**

*W/S*

II. REGISTRATION **12D**.-(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.):

**BK**

(a) Grave No. .... **Rw** **s. G. B. Berner** **Plot** **(mother)** **Sect** **Flora, Oregon.**  
 (b) Emerg. Address..... **J/ J. Berner (father) no address.**

TYP

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

CKR

*L*

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

*A.S.O Correspondence J. J. Berner, Flora, Oregon (12-8-19) previously requested body returned but now desire it to remain in Europe (J.S.V 1-17-21)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (letter of transmittal of *1/15/1921*)

*Par 2 - Not to be returned (J.S.V)*

**JAN 26 1921**

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J.....

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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.....

*4-26-1921*

COUNTRY **G.R.S. FORM 115-A August France 1920**  
 CEMETERY NO. **608**  
 SHEET NO. **230**  
 S-666/MB

**JAN 24 1921** - *ap*

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

CONFIRMED

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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

Batt. E 10 J.A.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL La Ponce Farm Cemetery

PLACE OF BURIAL Reinterred in ...

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

GRAVE NUMBER 80

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

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CONFIRMED

NOV 19 1919

REPORTED BY:

GROUP N° 2  
Unit 303. G. R. S

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Reg Card. Dept:

6/12/70

G.R.S. Form No. 8: Central Records Liaison.

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

 Surname: Burnet Number: First Name: Robert Rank: Company: Organization: Date of Death: Cause: Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "

Class " "

 Relative: Relationship: Address: Authority:

Cablegram No.:

Telegram from:

dated:

 Reported to Washington:

C.C. Nos:

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

 Remarks: Show present status on reverse side.CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

Initials of Reporter:

*Can not identify**S. Karber**W97-202 1-17-20**Verification*

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Cemetery No 715

Cemetery. Amer. B/A

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Reported by the GRS.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Berner 1038919 Robert B.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Btry "E", 10th FA  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL July 16, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL

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

LeRocq Farm, Vicinity of Carboin,

Map Conde-en-Brie.

Co-ordinance-18930, 25633.

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? no Cross? yes

Headboard? no Bottle? no

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? no

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? no

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

Cume Blesmes (Aisne) c-77

49 N.E.-E/89.3 - N 256.33

REPORTED BY:

J P Hubbard Capt 10th FA

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

FILE

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

8560 5

Date 5-12-20.

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File No. 85605 Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G.P.S.

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

- a.  Surname Burnet
- b.  Christian name Robert
- c.  Serial number
- d.  Organization Bty E, 10th F.A.
- e.  Rank
- f.  Date of death
- g.  Cause of death
- h.  Authority (C.C.#)
- i.  Emergency address
- j.  Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age at Enlistment
- b. Color of Eyes
- c. Color of Hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHART

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
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*No record in Ent. Files*

*R. & R. report -*

*"No record on R. & R. of Btry. E 10 F.A."*

*Donnelly - B. E. S.  
Ent. Pers. Sect. Wing 8  
5-21-20*

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,  
Director of Purchase & Storage.

By:

*H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
Captain, Q. M. C.

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date..... 5 17 '20.....

MAY 15 1920

Classification \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
 GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
 REGISTRATION SECTION

Date 6-29-20

MEMORANDUM:

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

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

	CORR.	ADD. DATA		CORR.	ADD. DATA
File Number	✓		Date of Burial		✓
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		
Rank			Nearest Relative	✓	✓
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative	✓	✓
Cause of Death		✓	Blue Card thrown out	✓	
Date of Death		✓	White Card set up	✓	
Casualty Cablegram Number		✓	<i>Cross Reference</i>	✓	

O.K. Alphabetical Files H.E.S. 7-6-20

O.K. ~~Organization Files~~ \_\_\_\_\_

O.K. ~~State Files.~~ \_\_\_\_\_

✓ Cemetery Audit Department  
 Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By H. Schadt.

5 Cards attached.

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2/18/19

1st Ind.

In answer refer to file No. 293.3-Cemeterial.

Office, Quartermaster General, January 25, 1919. -- To Lt. Col. Chas. C. Pierce, Chief of the Graves Registration Service, Hdqrs. Service of Supply, A.P.O. 717, A.E.F., France.

1. Forwarded for your consideration and action.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General.

*H. R. Lemly*

H. R. Lemly,  
Major, Q.M. Corps.

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1st Ind.

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H. R. Lenly,  
Major, Q.M. Corps.

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FLORA STATE BANK

FLORA, OREGON.

January 3, 1919.

Bureau of War Risk Insurance,  
Washington,  
D.C.

Gentlemen:

My son Robert Berner was killed in action in France on the 15th of July being a member of 10th F. A. A. E. F., What I am anxious to get is the number of his grave so that a photograph may be taken thereof. He is buried as near as I can ascertain on La Greve farm in the Chateau Thierry district.

If your department has nothing to do with this will you kindly see to it that the letter reaches the department having charge of such matters.

Thanking you for any attention you may give the matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

J. J. Berner.

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

Reference-15253.

March 11, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO: J. J. Berner, C/O Flora State Bank, Flora, Oregon.  
SUBJECT: Private Robert B. Berner, Battery E, 10th Field Artillery,  
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 Commune of BLESMES, Department of the AISNE. The above is regarded as unconfirmed burial information, as the grave has not as yet been visited by the inspection officers of this Service; there is every reason to believe, however, that the burial location, as given above, is correct.

By direction

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

(Enclosures-2)

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

MBD-dn

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

FILE NUMBER

FROM:- A.R.C.

DATE: 2/18/19.

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier::

NAME BERNER, ROBERT,

NUMBER:

RANK ORGANIZATION

10th F.A.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	(1) Berner, Io38919 Robert B. Pvt. Battery E. 10th F.A.
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 7/15/18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) K/A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4) CC # 244
5.	Date buried.	(5) 7/16/18.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	(6) Unconfirmed Information, Cmt 77 Blesmes (Aisne), SHT 49K.E.. E. 189.3 N. 256.33 C.L. 77-1636
7.	Who reported burial.	J. HUBBARD, Capt 10th FA.
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	(8) NO.
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	(9) Cross.
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	(10) No Tags
11.	Who is nearest relative?	(11) - d
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	(12) (11) - d
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.

E.V.H.

2/27-19  
Done  
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Address Reply To  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

CTY#1764

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

Date 6-8-20

File No. 15253. Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

a. Surname **BERNER** f. Date of death *July 15, 1918*  
b. Christian name **ROBERT** g. Cause of death *R.I.A.*  
c. Serial number **1033919** *1038919* h. Authority (C.C.#) *Cable 247.*  
d. Organization **Bat.E. 10th F.A.** i. Emergency address *Mrs. G.B. Berner*  
e. Rank **Pvt.** j. Relationship *Flora, Ore.*  
*Mother*

BODY DESCRIPTION  
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

a. Age at Enlistment  
b. Color of Eyes  
c. Color of Hair  
d. Height  
e. Weight  
f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHART  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

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

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,  
Director of Purchase & Storage.

By:

*H J Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date 6-9-20

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Exp Pers Sec 8  
6-9-20*

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Information requested of A. S. O. OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

15253

Date 6-1-20

File No. Registration:

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G.P.S.

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

- a. Surname **BURNET**  f. Date of death
- b. Christian name **ROBERT**  g. Cause of death
- c. Serial number  h. Authority (C.C.#)
- d. Organization **BATTERY E. 10th F.A.**  i. Emergency address
- e. Rank  j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

DENTAL CHART

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Age at Enlistment a. Strike out teeth missing
- b. Color of Eyes 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- c. Color of Hair upper right upper left
- d. Height 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- e. Weight lower right lower left
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks)



H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,  
Director of Purchase & Storage.

By:

*H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,  
Captain, Q. M. C.

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date..... 6-3-20.....

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FROM: O. Q. M. G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1123

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

FROM: O. Q. M. G.  
CEMETERY DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1123

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

Unable to identify with *Step. E. 10 F. a*

*Donnelly - Per 88 m*

*R+R - Sep 9 - 6/14/20*

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DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS.

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Each clerk will sign his surname to steps taken by him, adding his room number. Indicate dates thus: 4-8-18.

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS.

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE MEMORANDA.

R + R

Please verify name + give serial number of Robert Burnett Story # 10 F.A.

Verified GWR Donnelly - B65  
Encl Pers Sec  
8Wg - 6-3-20

*[Faint, illegible handwritten notes]*

drawn by M.H.

1608-230

12-11-38

Checked  
12/11/38

Flora Oregon  
Dec 8 1919

Cancellation  
of request.

War Department

# 15253

Adjutant General

Berner, Robert - 1038919

Dear Sir you will not  
see filed out a card for  
to have our Boy Robert  
that was held in France  
Brought back home  
but after thinking of the matter  
over thereby if not too late  
will countermand the  
Removal of his remains  
to be buried there

I remain yours Truly  
J J Berner

P.S let us no if you will  
make change in the cards

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Please verify name + give serial number of Robert Burnett Story # 10 F.A.

Verified GOR Donnelly - B65  
Encl Pers Sec  
8Wg - 6-3-20

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Place Langes (Aisne)

Date June 9/19

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

*Berner, Robert B.*

Remains of:

Name: Robert Burnet?

Number: ? 1,038,919

Rank: Pvt Organization:

Btry. E. 10th. F.A.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) June 9/19

From: (Give complete location)

Grave # 80 Cem.#715

*France  
Ois-Aisne*

Reburied (Date) June 9/19 in: (Give complete location)

Grave # 127 Sec. O.Plot.# 3. Cem.#608 Seringes et Ne sles (Aisne)

Map #33 Soissons.SE

*608*

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

Buried 4 feet deep-- Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No tags

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

Name on cross

*CONFIRMED N°D 11738*

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.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: Sgt. W.Darnell

1st Lt. Oscar W. Forsberg.

C.O.Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit 304