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DATE March 25, 1922.

1. NAME **BERNERT, Joseph** SERIAL No. **2213795**

RANK **Pvt** ORGANIZATION **Co E 4th Inf**

GRAVE LOCATION **American Cemetery Senoncourt Meuse** 607

CTY. NAME NUMBER

**81** Section A **2**

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION **Not known**

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES **Nothing of record**

CONCENTRATED TO **Not known**

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH **Oct 6 '18**

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME **Nebr.**

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED **None**

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS **Nothing of record**

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR *Wm M. Cline* **Wm M. CLINE**  
**Captain Q.M.C.**

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3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION **March 25, 1922.** **16** **11** **A**

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

**Block**

**Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse).**

AUDITED BY  
M. M. S.  
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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**Bernert** **2213795** **Joseph**  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

**Pvt.** **Co. E,** **4 Inf**  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Evacuation Hospital #8**  
**Petit Maujouy, Meuse.**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **GSW head**

DATE OF BURIAL: **Oct. 8, 1918.**

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

**American Cemetery 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  kilometer**  
**east of Senoncourt, Commune of**  
**Senoncourt, Meuse.**

GRAVE NUMBER: **81**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? **No** Cross? **Yes**  
Headboard? **No** Bottle? **No**

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:  
Was one buried with body? **Yes**  
Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? **Yes**  
If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: *Chas. B. Lore*  
**CHAS. B. LORE**  
**Capt. Q. M. C.**  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bernert</i>	<i>BER</i>	3	<i>258</i>
<i>Joseph</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>16</i>	2	<i>16</i>
	ROW <i>11</i>	2	<i>11</i>
	BLOCK <i>9</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>Nebr.</i>	2	<i>32</i>
RANK	<i>Priv.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>3</i>	2	<i>03</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>4</i>	3	<i>004</i>
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>W</i>	1	<i>2</i> ✓
NAME <i>Bernert</i>	<i>BER</i>	3	<i>258</i>
<i>Mrs. Clara</i>	STATE <i>Nebr.</i>	2	<i>32</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Custer</i>	2	<i>21</i>
	CITY <i>Mason City</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
	<i>Age</i>		<i>66</i>

**AUDITED**  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bernert Joseph (MA)

July 7 1932

Mrs Clara Bernert  
RFD #1  
Mason City Nebraska

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.

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? no

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Clara Bernert

QM 293 A-M  
Bernert, Joseph (MA)

January 8, 1932

Mrs. Clara Bernert,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Mason City, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Joseph Bernert. In reply to a questionnaire, you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In the event you change your mind and later decide to visit your son's grave, it is requested that you so notify this office. Should you make a pilgrimage you are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bernert, Joseph Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Clara Bernert,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Mason City, Nebr.

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, M & R. DIV.  
Assistant.



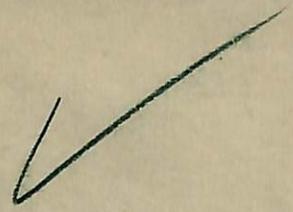
DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? no

Write answer here

*Mrs Clara Bernert*

Sign here

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bernert, Joseph Pvt. 1232 M

January 18, 1931.

Mrs. Clara Bernert,  
R.F.D. #1,  
Mason City, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Joseph Bernert was married and is survived by a widow. If so, please furnish her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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*Bernert, Joseph Pvt. 1232 M  
never was married.*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Bernert, Joseph 1232 M

Mrs. Clara Bernert,  
R.F.D. #1,  
Mason City, Nebr.

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931?

*No I do not.*  
(Write answer here)

*Mrs Clara Bernert Sr*  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bernert, Joseph 1232 M

**Mrs. Clara Bernert,**  
R. F. D. #1,  
Mason City, Nebraska.

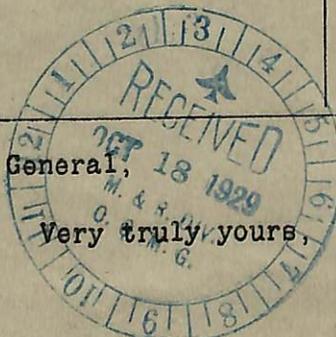
Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No) <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 (Years) <i>66</i>	Health (Good) <i>no</i> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>little</i> (No) Other language <i>Austria Deutsch</i> (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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Mass. City Nebr July 6 - 1899

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster  
General Washington.

Dear Hon John F Harris  
Major C. M. Corps  
assistant

I recivet your letter for  
invitations for Pilgrimage to  
visit the Grave of her Son

Bernert Joseph Co E. 4th inf  
intered in the Meuse Argonne Am. Cemetery  
Bomagne sous Montfaucon  
Meuse France.

his Muther Clara Bernert  
is not able to go take part in  
the Pilgrimage. she an infaliti.  
I am th Father of Joseph Bernert  
Yours Truly  
Felix Bernert Sr.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bernert, Joseph

June 27, 1929.

Mr. Felix Bernert,  
RFD #1,  
Mason City, Nebr.

Dear Sir:

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Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
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Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

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July 7 1932

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Assistant.

2 Encls.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (Write answer here)

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

QM 293 A-M  
Bernert, Joseph (MA)

January 8, 1932

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293 A-M~~

Bernert, Joseph Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

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Assistant.

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

Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

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QM 293 A-M  
Bernert, Joseph <sup>Sp</sup>Pvt. 1232 M

January 18, 1931.

Mrs. Clara Bernert,  
R.F.D. #1,  
Mason City, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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Bernert, Joseph 1232 M

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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

October 7, 1929.

**Bernert, Joseph 1232 M**

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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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bernert, Joseph

June 27, 1929.

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RFD #1,  
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Dear Sir:

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The records of this office show that you are the father of the late **Private Joseph Bernert, Co. B, 4th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT

In reply refer to: OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
293 C-R WASHINGTON

April 3, 1923.

Mr. Felix Bernert,  
R.F.D.#1  
Mason City, Nebr.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of

Pat. Joseph Bernert, Co. E, 4th Infantry

is No. 16, Row 11, Block A, Meuse-Argonne American cemetery, Romagnous-Montfauson, Meuse, France.

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

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

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Bernert,  
(Surname.)

Joseph  
(Christian name in full.)

2,213,795  
(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. [redacted], 4th Inf.  
(Rank and organization.)

4 B. [redacted] then

State your relationship to the deceased *Father & Mother & Sister*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *No.*  
(Yes or no.)

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

If [redacted] 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) *Felix Bernert Sr*

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

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

decision by M.H.

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Checked  
1-27-21  
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Place SONONGCOURT, (Meuse).

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 9, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BERNERT, Joseph SERIAL NUMBER 2213795  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. E., 4th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 9, 1921. From (give complete location):  
Grave 81, Section A., Plot 2, Cemetery 607.

By: Group 1 Unit Field Section 3.

3. Reburied (date): March 25, 1922. In (give complete location):  
Meuse Argonne Cty #1223, Gr. 16, Bl. A, Row 11.

By: Group Reburials Unit Lined casks. Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Blanket; under cross.  
Badly decomposed; recognition impossible.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
None.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine 3, 14 M.F.  
8, 9, 10 MAD.  
13 decayed,

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to determine

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity None visible

Characteristics None visible

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location None visible

Quantity None visible

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

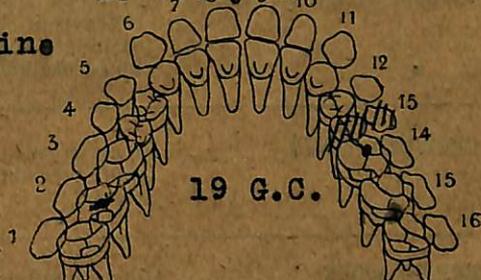
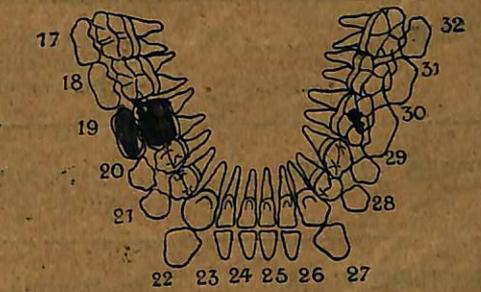


Diagram represents the mouth wide open  
20, 30 M.F.



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

7. Disinterment supervised by T.P. MADINE. Approved: B.L. MALONEY, Capt. QMC.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W.B. SHELDON. Approved: A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. QMC.  
(Title)

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE November 9th 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 Bernert, Joseph  
 2. No. 2213795  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co.E.4th Inf.  
 5. D.D. Oct. 6, 1918  
 6. C.D. DOW

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 81 Sec. A  
 8. Plot 2 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery Amer.  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 607

19. Commune or town Senongcourt  
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) November 9th 1921

By T.P. Madine

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Joseph Bernert  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization Co.E.4th Inf.

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

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature T.P. Madine 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 None.  
Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Blanket under cross.

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 November 9th 1921 By T.P. Madine

31. Casket sealed by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) T.P. Madine

AUDITED BY

T.P. Madine

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. 12977



32. Designation of body:

Name Bernert, Joseph

Serial No. 2213795

Rank Evt

Organization Co. E. 4th Inf.

33. Consigned to: Officer in Charge Operations

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Arg. Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) November 9th 1921 By T.P. Madine

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 E.L. Maloney Capt. OMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) November 9th 1921

To point of Concentration Verdun Meuse

(Name E.L. Maloney)  
Signature Shipping Officer E.L. Maloney Capt. OMC.

Convoyer James Flynn

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date November 9th 1921

By G.R.S. Representative I. A. Luke Capt. F.A.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date November 19, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne

(Name R. E. Richards)  
Signature Shipping Officer 1st Lt. OMC.

Convoyer Otto Seeliger

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cty #1232, March 25, 1922.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 16

Section

43. Plot A

Row 11

G.R.S. Representative A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. OMC.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #30412

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BERNERT, Joseph. Ser. No. 2213795
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E. 4th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10/6/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. evs
CKR.

1-26-22 Examined
for Concentration
Museum - Argonne 1232
at 7/10/22

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

(a) Grave No. 81 Row - Plot 2 Sec. A TYP. evs
(b) Emerg. Address Felix Bernert (Father) RFD #1, Mason City, Nebr.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases - CKR. 91

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -

(a) Name Felix Bernert (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address Mason City, Nebr.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials MH Date 1-22-21, 1920.

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

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials MH Date 1-24-21, 1920.

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

74 Flex Bernert father
Mason City Neb 1/14/19 desires photograph
of grave

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF

Examiner's Initials PF Date 1-24-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 607 SHEET No. 24

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

typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on **JAN 29 1921**, 1920

RECEIVED

AUG 11 1921

1920.

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned #

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*7-120-4/16/21 - Felix Bernof  
father w/k - R. F. D. #1, Mason City, Neb.  
Lease in Europe - H 7/19/21*

August 10th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.

Mr. Felix Bernert,  
RFD #1,  
Mason City, Nebr.

Re:- Bernert, Joseph, Pvt.,  
Serial No. 2213795,  
Co.E, 4th Inf.

Dear Sir:-

Our Shipping Inquiry Form #120, dated April 16th, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American cemetery has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

The Cemeterial Division, Washington, D.C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

The Department desires to renew its previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS, *mks*  
Executive Assistant  
*all*

MAILED

AUG 10 1921

COR. BR. G. F. S.

ms/cor

RECEIVED

AUG 11 1921

Overseas Post Office

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

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**NR**

**APR 8 1921**

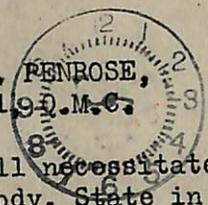
FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.  
TO: Mr. Felix Bernert, RFD #1, Mason City, Nebr.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Joseph Bernert, Ser. No. 2213795, Co. E. 4th Inf

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

*cms*

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 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.

GEO. H. PENROSE,  
Colonel, O. Q. M. G.



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.

**APR 21 1921**

Was soldier married? \_\_\_\_\_

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

*noted 115  
7/19/21 ecw*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Important - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper

April 16 1921

I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living next of kin of  
(Relationship)  
the within-named 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.
2. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(R.R. station) (State)
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 Felix Bernert

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.

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See Form 115  
Att 2/15/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

BERNERT, Joseph,

2213795

(a) Name Pvt. Ser. No. Co. E. 4th Inf.

evs

(b) Rank Organization

10/6/18

Cause of death

DWRIA

TYP.

(c) Date of death death

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

81 - 2 A

evs

(a) Grave No. Felix Bernert (Father) RFD #1, Mason City, Nebr.

(b) Emerg. Address

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR

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

A. G. C. Card: Felix Bernert, father, Mason City, Nebr., desires body to remain in France. (#S. 2 17-21)

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on JAN 29 1921 (letter of transmittal

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned

FEB 21 1921

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of Relationship Desires Action taken and Source and name

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

COUNTRY C.R.S. FORM 115-A August 1920

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**Bernert**                      **2213795**                      **Joseph**  
(Surname).                      (Number).                      (First Name and Initials).

**Pvt.**                      **Co. E,**                      **4 Inf**  
(Rank).                      (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:... **Evacuation Hospital #8**  
**Petit-Maujouy, Meuse.**

CAUSE OF DEATH:... **GSW head**

DATE OF BURIAL:... **Oct. 8, 1918.**

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

**American Cemetery 1 1/2 kilometer east of Senoncourt, Commune of Senoncourt, Meuse.**

GRAVE NUMBER: ..... **81**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... **No** ..... Cross?..... **Yes**

Headboard?..... **No** ..... Bottle?..... **No**

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY: *Chas B Lore*

**CHAS. B. LORE**

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).  
**Capt. Q. M. C.**

21 OCT 1918

Reg card dept. 5-27-19

G.R.S. Form No. 9: 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: Bernert  
( ) Number: 2213795  
( ) First name: Joseph  
( ) Rank: Private  
( ) Company: E  
( ) Organization: 4th Infantry  
( ) Date of death: 10-6-18  
( ) Cause: *Died of wounds at BH #8*  
( ) Place:

(OVER)

Location of hospital:

- Number " "  
Class " "  
( ) Relative: *Felix Bernert*  
( ) Relationship: *father*  
( ) Address: *RR #1, Mason City, Neb.*  
( ) Authority:  
Cablegram No: *285*  
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:

*fx*

*CP*

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file.

Name..... BERNERT. 2213795. JOSEPH.....

Rank..... PVT..... Co..... E..... (Corps) 4 INF.  
(Regt)

Date of Death..... 10--6--18.

Place..... SENONCOURT. MEUSE.

Cause.....

Date of Burial..... 10--8--18.

Grave No..... NO. 81. PLOT NO. 2. SEC. 1.

Cemetery..... AMERICAN MILITARY.

Identified by (Tag IDIT. TAG.  
Papers  
Clothing)

List of Effects.....

Field Record Made by..... SGT. SR. GD. James H. Roberts.

301. Company.... Graves Registration Ser.

For additional data use reverse side. 1 NOV Ecu

CHRIS B. LAURIDSEN, President  
W. D. REDMOND, Vice-President  
GOTTLIEB HILSER, Vice-President  
A. N. ERICKSON, Cashier

Form 64.5 sent May 3rd, 1919.

Deposits Protected by  
Depositors Guaranty Fund  
of the State of Nebraska.

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~~10-1-19~~

~~Jan 2nd~~

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MASON CITY, NEB., Jan. 2, 1919.

Photo

Chief, Graves registration Service,  
American Expeditionary Force, France.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you to ask for a photograph of the grave of the following:

Private Joseph Bernert, Co. E. 4th Infantry,

Died October 6, 1918

French cemetery, "Namjoy" Senencourt, Meuse, France.

Assuring you that an early reply will be very much appreciated,  
and thanking you for the granting of this request, I am

very truly yours,

*Felix Bernert*

Father of deceased Soldier

