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1. NAME BERNSTETTER, Louie ✓  
 RANK 1st Lt. ✓ *OK per A.G.O.*  
 ORGANIZATION 41st & DIVISION ✓  
 Co.C., 116th Sup.Tr. ✓  
 GRAVE LOCATION American Cty. Chaumont, Haute-Marne  
 CTY. NAME CHAUMONT NUMBER 10  
 GRAVE 132 PLOT OC

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 132 CHAUMONT (Haute-Marne)  
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.  
 COORDINATES E. 307.6 N.150.1

CONCENTRATED TO Mar. 25, 1921, 132  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
AEF. Cem. Chaumont (H.M.) 10  
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag found with body (From data on form 16-A). No other data.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None of record  
 DATE OF DEATH June 7, 1918 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY  
 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME South Dakota DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY  
 MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED no record  
 SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR WALTER F. BROWN, CAPT. OMC., Supervisor of Area N&4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION August 24th, 1922. 27 22 B  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
4 St. Mihiel American Cemetery, THIAUCOURT, (M.-et-M.)  
 CEMETERY



15 Received A. G. O. OCT 27 1923

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bernstetter # 213748 Louis  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private (e) Co. C. 116 Supply Bn.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL June 10, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Chaumont

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

Am. Mil. Cem  
Hants Ulaine

GRAVE NUMBER 132 Plot C

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?  yes

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:

None

REPORTED BY:

Geo. W. Duff Acting Chap  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK. ✓ R

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Barnstetter (213743).....Louie.....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

.....Private.....Co. C., 116th Supply Train  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL.....June 10, 1918.....

PLACE OF BURIAL..American Cemetery  
Chaumont, Haute Marne France  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

GRAVE NUMBER..Plot C, Grave # 132.....

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

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

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 :

*Plot*

REPORTED BY :

.....H. L. Baker.....Chaplain, U.S.A.....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date: March 25, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BERNSTETTER, Louis SERIAL NUMBER 213743

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 116th. Sup. Trn.

2. Disinterred (date): Mar. 25, 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 132, plot O, Amer. Cem. No. 10

By: Group 3 Unit 2

3. Reburied (date): Mar. 25, 1921 In (give complete location): Grave 122, 13Y plot O, Amer. Cem. No. 10

By: Group 3 Unit 2 Nature of reburial Burlap and wooden box

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

Box-U.S. uniform

Body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

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~~) <sup>estimated</sup> Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color Brown

Quantity unknown

Characteristics Straight and long

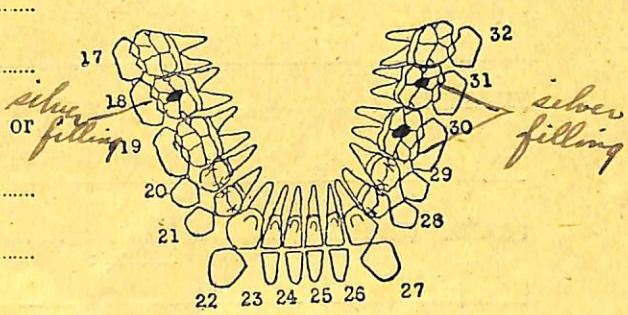
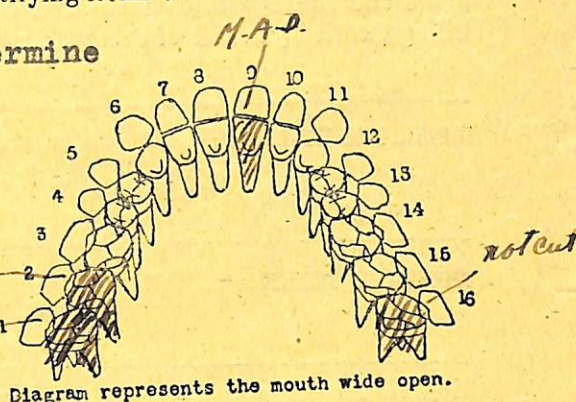
(d) Hair on face—Color Impossible to determine

Location do

Quantity do

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

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



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Checker: F. B. Lyon  
S. D. Archer  
S. D. Archer 1st. Lt. QMC

Approved: R. L. Fain Capt. QMC  
(Title) Master of Section

8. Reburial supervised by S. D. Archer  
S. D. Archer 1st. Lt. QMC

Approved: R. L. Fain Capt. QMC  
(Title) Master of Section

Entered on list

*France*

Bernstetter, Louie.

Pvt Co C 116th Supply Train.

Died June 7, 1918, Amexforce,  
accidental explosion of.....

Not yet identified for emergency  
address.

AGO 7/5/18

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Write nothing below this line.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Bernstetter	3	25-8
Laurie BURIED	CEMETERY	1233	3
	GRAVE	27	27
	ROW	22	22
	BLOCK	73	2
STATE	So. Dak	2	47
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	41	2	41
ORGANIZATION	116	3	116
ARM	Sup Tr	1	7
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	head	1	6
NATIVITY	head 1-6-31	1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT			
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

**AUDITED**

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bernstetter, Louis Pvt. (StM) M

June 13, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Bernstetter,  
Vilas,  
South Dakota.

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

*Mrs Mary Bernstetter*  
Sign here  
*Recd Jan. 6 - 1931*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Bernstetter, Louis 1233 M

Mrs. Mary Bernstetter,  
Vilas, So. Dak.

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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.

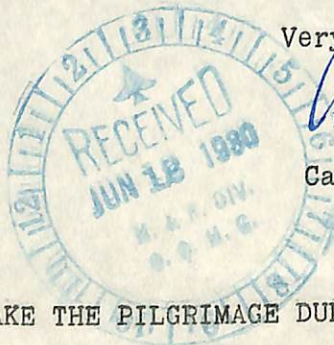
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For The Quartermaster General,

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  
(Write answer here)

*Mrs Mary Bernstetter*  
(Sign here)

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8, 1929.

Bernstetter, Louis 1233 M.

Mrs. Mary Bernstetter,  
Vilas, S. Dak.

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?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No) ✓
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(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?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>60</u> Health	(Years) (Good) <del>(Poor)</del>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 28, 1929

Bernstetter, Louis  
1233

Mrs. Mary Bernstetter,  
Vilas,  
South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 27, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

*no*

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

*mother*

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

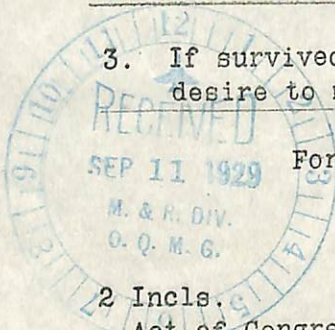
*no.*

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  
Bernstetter, Louis

May 27, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Bernstetter,  
Vilas,  
South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Louis Bernstetter, Co. C, 116th Supply Train, whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Mourthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

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

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Write answer here

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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Wiles, So. Dak.

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(Write answer here)

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

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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,

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Assistant.

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

Bernstetter, Louis

May 27 1929.

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Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

November 24, 1923.

Mrs. Mary Bernstetter,  
Vilas,  
S.D.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private Louie Bernstetter, Company C, 116th Supply Train, is Grave 27, Row 22, Block B, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

Very truly yours,



R.L. FOSTER  
Assistant.

293 Bernstetter Louie  
R/L/F

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Mrs. Mary Bernstetter,  
Vilas,  
S.C.

QM 293 C-R

November 24, 1923.

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Vélas,  
S.D.

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Assistant.



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B.C.C.

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293 Bernstetter, Louis

~~X~~ Bernstetter, Louie

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

213743  
(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co C 116th Sup Tr

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

yes  
yes

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Mary Bernstetter  
Vilas S Dak

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by P. F.

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REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

As. 11-13-20

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb 8, 1922

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 BERNSTETTER, Louie
- 2. No. 213743
- 3. Rank Pvt. *ok per A.G.O by phone 7/25/23*
- 4. Org. Co.C., 116th Sup.Tr.
- 5. D.D. June 7th.
- 6. C.D. Accidental Explosion of shell
- 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Rank ~~1st cl.~~ Pvt.
- 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 132 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Plot *C* Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. None
- 18. Cemetery American
- 19. Commune or town Chaumont
- 20. Dept. or County Haute-Marne
- 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 10
- 23. Disinterred (Date) Feb 8, 1922 By J E Benson
- 24. Inscription on grave marker:
  - Name BERNSTETTER, Louie Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C. 116 Sup. Tr
  - Gr. 132
- 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yes

Signature J C Annabel  
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).  
No effects found. Reburial record found with body checks
- 27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.
- 28. Nature of burial Burlap and wooden box.
- 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? see line 12
- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Feb 8 1922 By J E Benson
- 31. Casket sealed by J E Benson

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

J E Benson

AUDITED BY  
BWB 7/25/20

1539

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C- 26660

32. Designation of body:

Name Louie BERNSTETTER Serial No. 213743

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.C., 116th Sup.Tr.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel American Cty. # 1233 Thiaucourt M-et-M

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Feb 8 1922 By J E Benson

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 R L Fain, Capt. QMC

36. Remarks Disc on body reads. Louie Bernstetter, 213743, 1st Cl. Pvt. Co. C.116 Sup. Tr.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Feb 8, 1922

To point of Concentration Chaumont, Ht. Marne

Convoyer Clinton I. Rieley Signature Shipping Officer Walter F. Brown

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Captain, Q.M. Corps, U.S.A.

By G.R.S. Representative G. D. Gamble

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 19 FEB 1922

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel (1233) Thiaucourt, M et M

Convoyer Michael Plotkin Signature Shipping Officer Walter F Brown, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date 23 FEB 1922

G.R.S. Representative G. D. GAMBLE, Captain, Q. M. C.

41. Reinterred, Aug. 24 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 27 Section

43. PINK Bk. B Row 22

G.R.S. Representative A E Dewey 1st. Lt. QMC

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date Feb 8, 1922

1. REMAINS OF BERNSTETTER, Louis SERIAL NUMBER 213743

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 116 Sup. Trn.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb 8, 1922 From (give complete location): Gr. 132 Pl. 9  
Amer. Cem. No. 10 Chaumont, Ht. Marne

By: Group 2 Unit 4

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 24 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 27 B.L.B Row 22  
Cty. 1335

By: Group Reburial Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Casket & shipping case

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Burlap and wooden box. Body 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:  
No effects found. Reburial record found with body checks.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Unable to determine

(c) Hair—Color Black

Quantity Normal

Characteristics Kinky

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

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

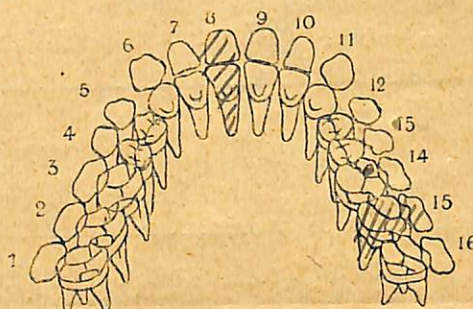
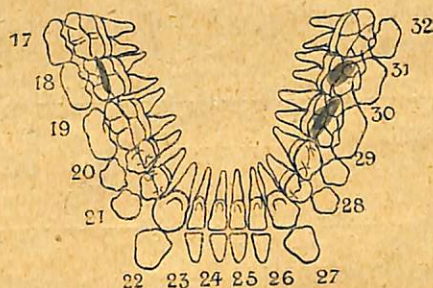


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) MAD. 8, 15 NC. 16 SF. 14, 18, 30, 31

None

7. Disinterment supervised by J. E. Benson  
J E Benson

Approved: [Signature]  
jca R L Fin, Capt. OMC  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by H L Kramer  
H L Kramer

Approved: [Signature]  
A E Dewey 1st. Lt. OMC  
(Title)

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name BERNSTETTER, Louie Ser. No. 213743 TYP. FR  
 (2) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C. 116th Supply Train ) CKR. OK  
 (3) Date of death 6-7-18 )

B. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(4) Cause of death Accidental Explosion of Shell TYP. EML  
 (5) Grave No 132 Row ---- Plot G- Sect. ---- ) CKR. FR

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD

Date of receipt None

(6) Relationship Mother  
 (7) Name Mrs. Marie Bernstetter  
 (8) Address Village, S. Dakota  
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? Yes  
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at Yes  
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? ---

**SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS**

*4.2. 5-11-20*

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE

Date of communication

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information.

No Correspondence

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by JOB (Date) 5/4/20

D (14) G R. S Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos.? Yes - 4.2.) Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? - 4.2. (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

No request for disposition.

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by J.L. (Date) 5-6-20

*Examined 5/12/20*  
*Concentration # 1233*  
*Maalpa 6-5-20*

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) .....

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to .....

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed .....

(18) Typed by ..... Checked b. .... (Date) .....

E. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) ..... 5/6/20 .....

(19) Typed by LTW Checked by FD (Date) ..... 5/6/20 .....

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Form 120 5/24/20 Mary Barnstetter, Mother  
nearest of kin, requests body remains  
in France. Dec. 6/1/20

D. Dispatched (Date) DEC 27 1920 (Let. Trans. no. ....)

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

*acc*

Approved by .....

(Date) .....

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

MAY 14 1920  
10-35

AD

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.

TO: Mrs. Mary Bernstetter, Vilas, S. Dakota.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Louis Bernstetter.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his  
body be returned to U.S.

shipped to: Quartermaster General, Graves Registration Service.

Hoboken, N.J. Arlington National Cemetery.

*If body not been returned to U.S. party claims that it is kept in France  
if it has been shipped it may be interred at National Cemetery*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

*noted on Form 115  
C.C. 6/1/20*

NAME OF NO. & STREET TOWN STATE

Soldier's Widow *None*

Soldier's Children 1. *None*  
(Name oldest first) 2.  
3.

Father *Dead*

Mother *Mary Bernstetter*

Brothers 1. *Wade*  
(Name oldest first) 2. *Frank*

Sisters *Elizabeth*

Date *May 20 - 1920* Signature *Mary Bernstetter*

Address *Vilas, S.D.* Relationship *Mother*

Note: - Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at government expense.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 3946

*Exhumed for Concentration Station  
St. Michel #1233  
maers  
6-5-22*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BERNSTETTER, Louie Ser. No. 213743 *O.K. - 6. B. - 12-2-2*  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.C. 116th Supply Train } TYP FR  
 (c) Date of death 6-7-18 Cause of death Accidental Explosion of Shell } AAW  
 VH.

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

(a) Grave No. 132 Row --- Plot -C- Sect. ---- TYP EML  
 (b) Emerg. Address ----

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases..... no card..... CKR FLR

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

*form 120 5/24/20 Mary Barnstetter (mother-in-law) Vilas S.D.  
 requests body remain in France. acc 10/6/21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on DEC 27 192  
 (Letter of transmittal on 1920)  
*acc*

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

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

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 10 SHEET NO. 35

G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
 August , 1920

Rank of Pvt. verified by AGO's record.

75153

Rank of Pvt. Verified by AGO'S record.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

3946

Barnstetter (213743) Louie  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Co. C, 116th Supply Train  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL June 10, 1918.

American Cemetery

PLACE OF BURIAL Chamont, Haute-Marne, France

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

Room 10

GRAVE NUMBER. Plot C, Grave # 132

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross?

Headboard? Bottle? Yes

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:

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

REPORTED BY:

W. V. Baker Chaplain, N.A.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

3 JUN 1918

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

3946

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bernstetter # 21 3745 House  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private 1st Co C 116 Supply Train  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL June 10, 1918

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

Chaumont  
Haute Marne

GRAVE NUMBER 132 Plot C

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?   
Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:  
Was one buried with body?  yes  
Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?   
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REVIEWED  
OSP SS

REPORTED BY: Geo. W. Duff Acting Chap  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.  
2 JUN 1918

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HEADQUARTERS BASE HOSPITAL 15, AEF  
REPORT OF DEATHS

Name Louis Bernstetter #213748

Rank Private first-class

Organization 116th Supply Train

Date of death June 7, 1918

Cause of death Accidental shell explosion

Autopsy findings Penetrating wound of R thoracic wall; Fracture of 7th & 8th ribs R; Evisceration of R lung & liver; Laceration of R lobe of liver; Exsanguination; Amputation of L hand & wrist; Multiple superficial wounds over body

Place of burial American Military Cemetery #10, Chaumont, Haute Marne, France

Number and location of grave Grave #131, Plot C

Disposal of effects As prescribed in GO 40.

15 JUN 1918

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

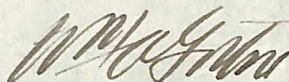
HEADQUARTERS BASE HOSPITAL 15 AEF

June 13 1918

3946

From : Statistical Subsection  
To : Graves Registration Bureau, Hdq AEF, A.P.O. 706  
Subject : Report of Deaths

1. Enclosed is the Report on the Death of Private 1/class Louis Bernstetter, 116th Supply Train, as directed in Circular Letter #1, from the office of the Surgeon, Hdq Advance Section, LOC AEF, dated February 7 1918.



Wm. A. Gorton  
1st Lieut., San. Corps  
Adjutant & S.O.

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

15 JUN 1918

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1. G.R.S. Form No. 1 HQ. GRS File  
213320

2. Soldier's No.  
3. *BERNSTETTER* *LOUIS*  
Surname (block letters) 1st name & initials

4. *Pvt. C. 116 Supply TRAIN*  
Rank Co. Rgt & Corps

5. *June 7 1918*  
Date of Death Cause if known

6. *#10*  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. *CHAMMONT HADOTE MARNE*  
Town-Commune (block letters) Dept.

8. *132* *C*  
Grave No. Plot No. or letter

9. Name peg? ... Cross? ... Hdboard? ... B.F.B. ...  
Check method of marking

10. Buried with body? ... Attached grave mark?  
Identification Tags *yes* or

11. If name unknown, tags missing, give mark  
& description

12. P. ...  
Reference if interment outside cemetery

**REVIEWED**  
**OSP. SS**

13. ...  
Give name of Chaplain-Burial Officer

Signed *Chaplain C. V. Quess*  
Group ... Unit ... GRS

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15 JUN 1918

FROM: Q. M. G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1128.

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

OCT 30 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington.

G.R.S. Form S-W-A-0

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date Oct. 29, 1920

File No. *3946* 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 **Bernstetter** ✓

f. Date of death **6-7-18** ✓

b. Christian name **Louie** ✓

g. Cause of death **Accidental Explosion of Shell**

c. Serial Number **213743**

h. Authority (C.C.#) **169**

d. Organization **Co. C. 116th Supply Tr.** i. Emergency address

e. Rank **Pvt.** ✓

j. Relationship **Mary Bernstetter (mother)  
Fedora  
So Dak.**

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

a. Age of 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)

**FILE**

DENTAL CHARTS

(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

Date of Enlistment **Apr 20 '17**

Place of Enlistment **Howard, S.D.**

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,

BY: *H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,  
1st Lieut. Q. M. G.

CEMETERY NO: 10

SHEET NO: 35

TYPED BY: FFD

*Donnelly CH 8  
343  
10/1/20  
2*