

Pneumonia

DATE 10/17/21

1. NAME BERSAW, William J.

SERIAL No. 2724575

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION & Co.C, 502nd. Inf. *76 Div*

GRAVE LOCATION CARBON BLANC (GIRONDE)

AEF CEMETARY #26

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

21

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

21

Carbon Blanc, (Gironde)

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES None.

CONCENTRATED TO Oct. 22, 1918.

21

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DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Carbon Blanc (Gironde)

26

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV
AUG 29 1921

Date Of Death:-

Oct 21/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

St.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

W. R. Nichols
W. R. Nichols, Major C.A.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/17/21

6

22

A

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT Block

4/14/22
AUDITED BY
H.O.E.

Suresnes American Cemetery #34, Suresnes (Seine).

CEMETERY

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bersaw, 2724573 **William J.**
(Surname), (Number), (First Name and Initials).

Private **302nd Infantry**
(Rank), (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Camp Grange Neuve #1, Gironde**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Lobar Pneumonia**

DATE OF BURIAL: **October 22, 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **Carbon Blanc, Gironde, France**

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

GRAVE NUMBER: **21**

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

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

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: **Joe Bersaw, Father**

ADDRESS: **Florence, Vermont**

RELATIONSHIP: **Father**

REPORTED BY: **J. L. Boyd, 1st Lt.**
348th Inf.

Camp **Burial Officer,**
(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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Bersaw, 2724573 William J.
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Private Co. C, 302d Infantry
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: Camp #1, B.S. #2

CAUSE OF DEATH: Lobar pneumonia, left lower lobe

DATE OF BURIAL: October 22nd, 1918

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

American E.F. Cemetery, #
Carbon Blanc, Gironde, France

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ADDRESS: Florence, Vermont

RELATIONSHIP: Father

REPORTED BY: W.J.O'Shea,
First Lieutenant, Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

Place Carbon Blanc, #26,

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Aug. 29, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF HERSAW, William J. SERIAL NUMBER 2724573
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co., C. 302nd Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Aug. 29, 1921 From (give complete location): Grave #21 in Cem. #26.

By: Group 5 Unit Section 7

3. Reburied (date): October 17th, 1921. In (give complete location): Suresnes Cemetery. - Block A - Row 22 - Grave 6.

By: Group Field Operations Branch. Unit Nature of reburial Metal Casket and Blanket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Wooden box, uniform Badly decomposed.
Features not recognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Body tag checks.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 67 inches

(b) Weight (estimated) 145 lbs

(c) Hair—Color dark brown

Quantity unknown

Characteristics straight

(d) Hair on face—Color none discernable

Location impossible to determine

Quantity impossible to determine

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) indiscernable due to decomposition.

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

M. deMontozon, Checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by B. F. Fair

Approved: O. E. Davis
O. E. Davis, 1st Lt., Q. M. C.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by R. G. Richards
R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q. M. C.

Approved: R. P. Harbold
R. P. HARBOLD,
(Title) Major, Q. M. C.

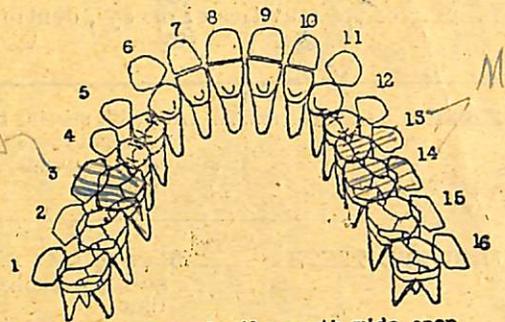
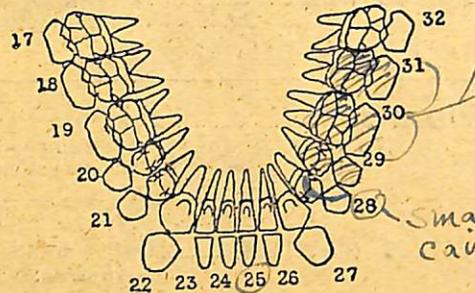


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



small cavity

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bersaw,</i>	<i>BER</i>	3	<i>258</i>
<i>William J</i>	CEMETERY <i>34</i>	1	<i>6</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>6</i>	2	<i>06</i>
	ROW <i>22</i>	2	<i>22</i>
	BLOCK <i>a</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>Vt</i>	2	<i>53</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>76</i>	2	<i>76</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>302</i>	3	<i>302</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL <i>(Father)</i>	<i>76</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bersaw, Joseph</i>		3	
<i>100 Beaver St</i>	STATE	2	
<i>No. Adams, Mass.</i>	COUNTY	2	
RESIDENCE	CITY	3	
RELATION <i>no son</i>	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER <i>no loco</i>		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Head</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

AUDITED

SEP 22 1932

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bersaw, William J. 34 F

July 7, 1950

Mr. Joseph Bersaw
100 Beaver Street
N. Adams, Mass.

Dear Sir:

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

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

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

Bersaw, William J.
34

August 9, 1929.

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100 Beaver Street,
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Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **May 4, 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.

No

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

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

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

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Bersaw

William J.

2,724,573

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co C, 302 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

father

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?

yes

(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:

Mr Joseph Bersaw

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

100 Beaver St
(Number and street.)

N Adams
(City or town.)

Mass
(State.)

(Sign here)

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

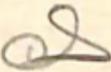
Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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Drawn by (Pm)

26-27

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checked by 

11-4-20

QM 203 C-4

Borsaw, William J. Pvt.

2nd Inf.

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War Department, OQMG, Washington, May 9, 1928--To The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. The records of this office show the remains of the late Private William J. Borsaw, #2724373, Co.C, 308th Inf., have been permanently buried in Grave 6, Block A, Row 22, Suresnes American Cemetery at Suresnes, Department of Seine, France.

2. The father of this soldier was advised regarding this matter under date of July 3, 1928.

For the Quartermaster General:

H. J. CONNOR,
Assistant.

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MAY 9 1928
B. O. C.

State of Vermont
Office of The Adjt.Genl
Montpelier

Apr.28/23

Subject: Place of burial of William J. Bersaw, 2724573.

To: The Adjutant General, Wash.DC Attention Mr.Dimond.

1. The statement of service furnished this office on the World War service of the above named man shows that he died of lobar pneumonia Oct.21,1918, while serving overseas. Can you furnish us with any definite information as to this man's place of burial? We are very anxious to get this information to complete our records, and the man's relatives are unable to furnish it so any assistance which you can give us in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Herbert T.Johnson

The Adjut.Genl.

AG 201 Bersaw,William J.

4-28-23 WW

1st Ind.

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War Dept.AGO May 2,1923-To the Quartermaster General of the Army,
Wash.DC

For report

By order of the Sec.of War:

M.J.Breen

Ajlt.Genl.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON July 3, 1922.

FILE
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FILE: 293.8 C-R - #43683 - (Bersaw, William J. Private.)
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.
TO: Mr. Joseph Bersaw, 100 Beaver St., North Adams, Mass.
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private William J. Bersaw,
Co. C. 302nd Infantry.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 6 Row 22
Block A, The American Cemetery of Suresnes, Department of Seine,
France.

2. 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, organization and date of soldier's death. 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.

3. 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 main-
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting
place of our heroes.

MAILED
By authority of the Quartermaster General:

JUL 3 1922

G.R.S.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Aug. 29th, 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 BERSAW, William J.
 2. No. 2724573
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. C, 302nd. Inf.
 5. D.D. Oct. 21st.
 6. C.D. Lobar Pneumonia.

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 21 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. No discrep.

18. Cemetery AEF19. Commune or town CARBON-BLANC20. Dept. or County GIRONDE21. Country FRANCE22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #2623. Disinterred (Date) Aug. 29th, 1921By B. F. Fair

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William J. BersawSerial No. 2724573Rank Pvt.Organization Co. C, 302nd Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? YesSignature P. J. Montorn
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).

Body tag checks.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.28. Nature of burial Uniform and wooden box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No discrep.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Aug. 29th, 1921 By B. F. Fair31. Casket sealed by B. F. FairSignature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) B. F. Fair

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-2382

32. Designation of body:

Name BERSAW, William J. Serial No. 2724573

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.C, 302nd. Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY NO. 34

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Aug. 29th, 1921 By B. F. Fair

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 B. F. Fair
B. F. Fair, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

36. Remarks



37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Aug. 29th, 1921

To point of Concentration Bessens, (Gironde)

Convoyer G.H. HUGGINS. Signature Shipping Officer: S. D. Campbell, Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 29-31 AOUT 1921

By G.R.S. Representative H. A. WADSWORTH
Major of Infantry

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct 14 1921

39 (A) RECEIVED AT PARIS MORGUE, OCTOBER 17, 1921.
BY RECEIVING OFFICER

H. L. Ward
H. L. WARD
Major Q.M.C.

39 (b) Shipped from Paris Morgue, October 17, 1921. To Permanent Cemetery No. 34, American, Suresnes (Seine) by Shipping Officer, Convoysed by:

H. L. Ward
H. L. WARD,
Major, Q.M.C.

43. Plot _____ Row 45.

G.R.S. Representative R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

grb

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-2382**

32. Designation of body:

Name **BERSAW, William J.** Serial No. **2724573**
Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co.C, 302nd. Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY NO. 54**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Aug. 29th, 1921** By **D. F. Fair**

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 *D. F. Fair*
O. B. Davis, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

36. Remarks



37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Aug. 29th, 1921**

MAR 28 1922

To point of Concentration **Bassens, (Gironde)**

Convoyer **G.H. HUGGINS.** Signature Shipping Officer: *S. D. Campbell*
S. D. Campbell, Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **29-31 AOUT 1921**

By G.R.S. Representative *H. A. Wadsworth*
H. A. WADSWORTH

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Oct 14, 1921**

Permanent Cemetery **Paris Morgue**

Convoyer **Jack Roberts** Signature Shipping Officer: *J. M. Nichols*

Received: Date **October 17th, 1921**

G.R.S. Representative *R. G. Richards*
R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

Reinterred **Suresnes Cemetery. October 17th, 1921.**

Grave No. **6.** (Date)

Block **A.** Section

Plot Row **22.**

G.R.S. Representative *R. G. Richards*
R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

grb

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #43683

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ^{2 (9-21)} Bersaw, William J. Ser. No. 2724573) TYP. ILH
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C. 302nd Inf.) CKR. EP
 (c) Date of death 10-21-18 of death Lobar Pneumonia)

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

(a) Grave No. 21 Row ----- Plot ----- Sect. -----) TYP. RML
 (b) Emerg. Address Joseph Bersaw, (father), Florence, Vt.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; **No Card**) CKR M. & T.

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mr. Joseph Bersaw (b) Relationship Father
 (c) Address 100 Beacon St. N. Adams, Mass
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at yes
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S. _____

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. _____

Examiner's Initials FB Date 5-1- 1920

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

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

Examiner's Initials mm Date 5-1 1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows:

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes - aa

Examiner's Initials aa Date 5-3- 1920

COUNTRY France
G.R.S. Form #115
Amended April 6, 1920.

CEMETERY NO. 26

SHEET NO. 27

Make Form #114

Checked by
08 11-4-20

Concentrated into P. A. C. 34

10/10/21 in transit for Surinames, 34

See suspension remarks

Received 2/11/21 60

JAN 15 1921

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made 5-3-1920

Typed by esm, Checked by P. J., 5-3-1920



VIII. FINAL ACTION: NOV 8 20

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- (cable on _____, 1920
letter on MAY 13, 1920

Par - Is he ret. MB 11-4-20

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Letter 5-12-20 from Joseph Bersaw (Father) desires remains of Pvt. William J. Bersaw remain in France.

** Cable 452. Par. 2. issued 5/26/20. Do not return (err) 4/23/21. L.H. 3-24-20*

Letter of adv. to father - 2/2/21

✓ Overseas cabled body to remain France. 5/25/20. J.H.B.

9/23/20 Correctional advice let. to Europe should read "Bersaw, William J." 9/27/20 J.H.B.

Letter 11/13/20 to Joseph Bersaw, 100 Deane Street, N. Adams, Mass. inquiring about widow & children. 12/4/20 - Hoboken sends out "Follow-up" letter of 11/13/20 to father. 2/11/21 J.H.B.

12/16/20 - Letter from father state deceased was never married - 88

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - 890Y

TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

JAN 13 1921

Letter 2/12/21 to father advising body will remain in France - J.

See 115
(10-27-21)
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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File-43683

(a) Name ^{a 9-21} Bersaw, William J. Ser. No. 2724573

(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C 302nd Inf. TYP ILH

(c) Date of death 10-21-18 Cause of death Lobar Pneumonia EP

LM

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

(a) Grave No. 21 Row --- Plot --- Sect. --- TYP BML

(b) Emerg. Address Joseph Bersaw, (father) Florence, Vt.

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

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

A. G. O. Card - Mr. Joseph Bersaw (father)
100 Beaver St., N. Adams, Mass. requests body returned
& interred in National Cemetery.
11-5-20

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192 (Letter of transmittal on 5-12-1920

Par. 1. To be returned MB 11-4-20

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

NOV 6 1920

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
Letter 5/12/20	Joseph Bersaw (father)	remains to be sent returned to United States	5-25-20 - Overseas Cabled body to remain in France. 11-5-20

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

JAN 15 1921

COUNTRY France

CHEMISTRY NO. 26

SHEET NO. 27

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

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SEP 11/5/20

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

MAY 7 1920

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

26-27

TO: Mr. Joseph Bersaw, 100 Beaver Street, N.Adams, Mass.

SUBJECT: Remains of Private William J. Bersew

The records of this office show that you have requested that his
body be returned to United States

Shipped to National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

*See letter 5/21/20.
from Joseph Bersaw.*

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 O. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father	<i>2nd 1200 Father 7-9-'20</i>		
Mother			
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
Sisters			
Date	Signature		

*Europe called
body to remain
France
5/25/20*

Address _____ Relationship _____

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

(OVER)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

January 13, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Branch
(BERSAW, William J.)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G., Overseas Project
Sub-section, Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #26.
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 784.

1. The enclosed records covering the following case are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

27\ Bersaw, William J., Pvt., Co. C, 302nd Infantry.

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

By:

J. F. Butler
J. F. BUTLER,
1st Lieut. Infantry.

1 Incl.

Recd 1/15/21

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Noted on Form
113 - by S. V.

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108 Beaver St.
W. Adams
Mass

May 17 1920

RECEIVED
INQ. BRANCH

MAY 17 1920

CEMETERIAL

26-27

Dear Sir,
I have made up
my mind to leave
the remains of Private
William J Bersaw
in France. I lost the
other paper you sent
so thought I'd send
this way I remain
Joseph Bersaw

RECEIVED
MAY 15

December 4, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Com. Div. Cor. Br.
(BERSAW, William J.)

Mr. Joseph Bersaw,
100 Beaver Street,
W. Adams, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

On November 13, 1920, this office addressed a letter to you at 100 Beaver Street, W. Adams, Mass., requesting information as to whether or not the late William J. Bersaw, Private, Co. C. 302nd Infantry, Serial Number 2724573, is survived by a widow or children, and if so, that you advise this office of the names and address of each. Up to the present writing no reply has been received from you.

In order that the records of this office may be completed, and before final disposition of the remains of your son can be determined, the above information is necessary.

Your early reply, will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

RJM
F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

BR:RAB

Mailed - O.P.D.
DEC 6 1920

Noted on Form
Date 2/11/21 *EP*

*Answered
Dec 10*

November 13, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch,
(BERSAW, William J.)

Mr. Joseph Bersaw,
100 Beaver Street,
N. Adams, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Before this office can comply with your request that the remains of your son, the late Private William J. Bersaw, Serial Number 2724573, Co. C. 302nd Infantry, be left in Europe, it is necessary that you state definitely whether or not the late soldier is survived by a widow or children, and if so, kindly furnish name and address of each.

Your urgent reply, using the enclosed envelope which requires no postage, will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

CLAY S. WORICK,
Captain, A. G. D.

BR:HAM

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over 27*
*Noted on
for m 115*

Mailed P.D.
RB
NOV 13 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PIER #5, HOBOKEN, N.J.

November 15, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch,
(BERSAW, William J.)

Mr. Joseph Bersaw,
100 Beaver Street,
N. Adams, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Before this office can comply with your request that the remains of your son, the late Private William J. Bersaw, Serial Number 2724573, Co. C. 302nd Infantry, be left in Europe, it is necessary that you state definitely whether or not the late soldier is survived by a widow or children, and if so, kindly furnish name and address of each.

Your urgent reply, using the enclosed envelope which requires no postage, will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

Clay S. Worick
CLAY S. WORICK,
Captain, A. G. D.



DEC 10 1920

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

100 Beaver St.

H. Adams
Mass

WAR DEPARTMENT
GENERAL DIVISION, OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
1115 Bldg., WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Sir

November 13, 1920.

William J. Bersaw Co. C

302 Infantry was never married

Yours Truly

Joseph Bersaw

Before this office can comply with your request that the remains of your son, the late Private William J. Bersaw, Serial Number 2724325, Co. C, 302nd Infantry, be left in Europe, it is necessary that you state definitely whether or not the late soldier is survived by a widow or other person, and if so, kindly furnish name and address of each. The enclosed reply, when the enclosed envelope which has no postage, will be greatly appreciated.

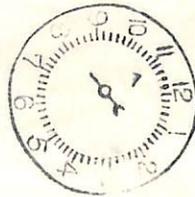
By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Noted on 11/15
12-16-20

R. W. WILSON,
Captain, U. S. Army,
Officer in Charge.

Joseph Bersaw
Captain, U. S. Army,
Officer in Charge.

DEC 16 1920



GENERAL DIVISION

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bersaw 2724573 William J.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).
Private Co. C, 302d Infantry
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Camp #1, B.S. #2.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Lobar pneumonia, left lower lobe

DATE OF BURIAL: October 22nd, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

American E.F. Cemetery #
Carbon Blanc, Gironde, France

GRAVE NUMBER: 21

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

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: Joe Bersaw

ADDRESS: Florence, Vermont

RELATIONSHIP: Father

REPORTED BY: W.J. O'Shea,
First Lieutenant, Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

Handwritten initials 'WJ' circled in blue ink.

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293.8 Reg. Sec. Cem. Div.
(BERSAW, William J.)

February 28, 1921.

The Quartermaster General, U.^{S.} Army (Cemeterial Division)

Mr. Joseph Bersaw, 100 Beaver St., N. Adams, Mass.

Disposition of Remains - Late Pvt. William J. Bersaw, Ser. #2724573,
Co. C. 302nd Inf.

1. Referring to your recent communication relative to the above subject you are advised that your wishes will be complied with and the body of your late son left in Europe in a permanent American Cemetery.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.

J. C.

OSP:SS
C. & C. DEPT.

Noted on Form No. 115
Date FEB 28 1921

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Overseas Proj. Sec.
Cemeterial Division.

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

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date Sept. 10, 1920.

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.R.S.

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

- ✓ a. Surname ^{Bersaw} ~~Bersaw~~, (Bersaw) ✓ f. Date of death 10/21/18 ✓
b. Christian name William J. ✓ g. Cause of death Lobar Pneu-
monia ✓
c. Serial Number 2724573 ✓ h. Authority (C.C.#) 301-
d. Organization Co. C. 302nd Inf. ✓ i. Emergency address Joseph Bersaw
H. J. Conner & A.
e. Rank Pvt. ✓ j. Relationship father

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

- X 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)

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

CEMETERY NO: 26

SHEET NO: 27
TYPED BY: JDB

S-713/MB

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

BY:

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

Rec'd World War Div.

Date... 9.13.20

9-13-20-11-8-11

REGISTRATION SECTION.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
CEMETERIAL DIVISION.

File No. 43683
OSPSS Ref. NO. 26-27
Follow-up No. 997

TO: Inquiry Section.
From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by: L.P.) (date 5-24-20)
Data sent Overseas Advised 5-19-20 to return body,
Operations to commence (approx.) _____
Operations to be completed (approx.) _____
Bodies shipped from European Port _____
Bodies arrived at Hoboken _____

II. CASE OF Bersaw, William J, Pvt. Co. E, 302nd Inf. 2724573
The following information was abstracted (Date) 5-24-20 from: F#115

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		CLK.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>F.B.</u>	<u>yes</u>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent <u>5-7-20</u>)		
A.G.O. Corresp.	<u>mm</u>	<u>none</u>	To <u>Father</u>	<u>L.P.</u>	<u>none</u>
G.R.S. corresp. relative to disp.	<u>aa</u>	<u>none</u>	OSP. S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

DESIRES as to Disposition.

AGO Disposition Card

Name of Relative	RETURN.			SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt. Int.	REMAIN	
Widow				
Children (Name oldest first)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
✓ Father <u>Mr. Joseph Bersaw</u>				
Mother <u>100 Beaver St,</u>				
Brothers <u>N. Adams, Mass,</u>				
Sisters				

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Body to be shipped to _____ was shipped (Date) _____

REMARKS No reply to shipping inquiry in office.
Letter from Father with request that body remain
in France held by OSPSS office
L.P. 5-24-20
Information only - no reply
necessary.
FEB

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

Date 5/18/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *Bersaw, William J* Serial Number

RANK *Plt.* ORGANIZATION

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1-No. <i>Bersaw, William J</i>
2.	Date of Death.	2-724573. Co C-302nd Inf
3.	Cause and place of death.	2-10-21-18
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	3-Lobar Pneumonia
5.	Date buried.	4-CC-301
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	5-10-22-18 6-Grave 21. American City Blanch 26, Carbon, Bahre Girarde ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10a-yes 10b-yes
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	11-Joseph Bersaw Florence, Vt.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	12-12-19-18
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	14-K-20-K-21
15.	Inquiry made by?	Released by Information Control Dept. Directory Cards 5x8 Cards 4x6 <i>E.H.</i> <i>E.</i>

N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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