

G.R.S. Form #114-B

JAN 7 - 1926

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 1. NAME BERTSCH, John I. DATE _____
 RANK PFC ORGANIZATION Co.M. 23rd Inf
& DIVISION And.
 GRAVE LOCATION Amer.Cty. PLOISY (Aisne) #593
 CTY. NAME NUMBER
103 sec J 2
 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 54 Vierzy (Aisne)
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES _____

CONCENTRATED TO 5-22-19 103 Sec. J. 2
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
American #593.
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Information in paragraph 2 taken from Form 1.

DATE OF DEATH July 19, '18
 SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Washington
 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Washington
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY
 MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR [Signature]
G.F. WAUGH, Major, Inf., Supervisor, Area 2.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Sept. 11, 1922 36 35 Block B
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Oise-Aisne American Cemetery #608, Seringes-et-Nesles
 CEMETERY (Aisne).

AUDITED BY KAI 8/3

2. A. G. O.
 JAN 7 1926
 WORLD WAR ONE

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

Corrected 4/28/31

*Bertsch, John L.
Pfc.*

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY June 13, 1931, 1930

San Francisco County, State of California

Name Bertsch, Mrs Amelia (G-7)

Address 951 O'Farrell St. San Francisco, Calif.

Route going: So Pac Ogden, Un Pac Omaha, C&NW Chicago, NYC New York

Return: Same Route

Stopover: Chicago, Ill.

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	✓ Lv	San Francisco	SoPac	20	12:40 PM	June 7
	Ar	Ogden	"	"	12:30 PM	" 8
	Lv	"	Un Pac	"	2:10 PM	" 8
	Ar	Omaha	"	"	5:40 PM	" 9
	✓ Lv	"	C&NW	"	6:00 PM	" 9
	✓ Ar	Chicago	"	"	7:20 AM	" 10
	✓ Lv	"	NYC	10	10:35 AM	" 10
	✓ Ar	New York	"	142	3:50 PM	" 11
	Lv	(GrandCentral Station)				
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper San Francisco, Calif. to Chicago, Ill. and Chicago, Ill. to New York, NY.

Elapsed Time: 96 hrs: 50 min.

Extra Fare:

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	✓ Lv	"	NYC	10	10:35 AM	" 10
	✓ Ar	New York (Grand Central Station)	"	142	3:50 PM	" 11
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Elapsed Time: 96 hrs: 50 min. *4 1/4*

Extra Fare:

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Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage

Stopovers on return

Name: *Bertsh, Mrs. Amelia*

Address: *San Francisco, Cal*

Party:

Stopovers desired at: *Chicago, Ill.*

G-7²

Rail

Excess

None

Pullman

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
<i>N.Y.</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>L.B.</i>	<i>9.00</i>
<i>Chicago</i>	<i>San Francisco</i>	<i>L.B.</i>	<i>23.63</i>

Total:

32.63

Thru Pullman Fare:

32.63

Excess:

None

Amounts shown as "excess" have been collected by the Quartermaster General and remitted to the Finance Officer, Washington, D.C.

Party G.
E. W. Campbell R.N.

^{11/11/14}
MEDICAL RECORD

Bertsch, John L.
Moate 1st, Co M, 23 Inf.
Station: Hotel Pierre 1st Paris.
Date: June 22nd 1921.

Name BERTSCH Mrs Amelia.

Home address 951 O'Farrell St - San Francisco - California.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Pauline Bertsch (daughter)
Box 107. L.L. - Route 2 - Redwood City - California.

Religion Cath. Age 74.

History of Present complaint: Arthritis. - Headache - dizziness.

June 29th Extreme fatigue.

(over)

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Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) Hypertension, C.R.V. *sure*

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

- June 22nd Seen by Major Keuner. - Rest - regulate diet. - Vitell 2 bottles daily.
- June 25th Seen by Major Keuner. - Seen by Major Corbett at Soissons *sure*
- June 26th Seen by Major Corbett. - To bed on return from Cemetery - Triple Brom. *sure*
- June 27th Seen by Major Corbett - To rest in bed for 24 hours - *sure*
- June 28th Seen by Major Corbett -
- June 29th Seen by Major Corbett in am. and Major Keuner in P.M. Brandy 3p. *sure* effect.
- June 30th Seen by Major Keuner - Much improved.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

June 22nd B.P. $\frac{190}{90}$.

June 26th B.P. $\frac{160}{70}$.

June 28th B.P. $\frac{160}{85}$.

June 29th B.P. $\frac{140}{70}$.

June 30th B.P. $\frac{170}{80}$.

July 4 To Cherbourg Beach.

Bertsch, John L.

ITINERARY OF OISE-AISNE GROUP

PARTY "G" 1931

June 21st - The SS PRESIDENT HARDING arrived Cherbourg harbor at 7:30 a.m. in charge of Captain Ward H. Maris FA as Liaison Officer. The special tender for the transportation of the pilgrims arrived alongside the ship at 7:50 A.M. with the following personnel from the Paris Office: Major Francis M. Pitts, Captain Myron J. Conway, Captain Remington Orsinger, Lt. James C. Fry and Lt. William C. Lucas, 5 nurses and 3 civilian employees. Left Cherbourg at 9:38 a.m. and arrived at the Gares des Invalides in Paris at 3:18 P.M. The train was met at the station by Col. G. G. Bartlett and members of the Paris staff. Pilgrims went to the hotel.

June 22nd - A. M. free - conference with conducting officer. Ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe in P.M. and tea and reception at the Restaurant Laurent.

June 23rd - Visited Sacre Coeur in A. M. and Versailles in P.M.

June 24th - Visited Notre Dame in A. M. and packed or free in P.M.

June 25th - Left Paris at 1:40 P.M. via LaFerte s/Jouarre - Arrived Soissons at 6:15 P.M. and stopped at the Hotel Lion Rouge

June 26th - Visited cemetery

June 27th - Visited Reims in a.m. and cemetery in P.M.

June 28th - Visited cemetery

June 29th - Left Soissons at 10:A.M. via Pierrefonds and Carrefour de l'Armistice - Compiègne - arrived Paris between 7 and 9

June 30th - A. M. free and night sightseeing

July 1st - Shopping or free - visited Napoleon's tomb in PM

July 2nd - Visited Colonial Exposition in A. M. and had P.M. free

July 3rd - Visited Louvre in A. M. and free in p.m.

July 4th - Departed for Cherbourg to sail for the U. S.

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch

WAR DEPARTMENT
 PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 West 34th. St., New York, N.Y.

Party ... **G**

Number ... **803**

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.

Bertsch, Mrs. Amelia
 Name of Pilgrim
951 O'Farrell Street
 City Home Address County
San Francisco, California
 State

Actual cost of
 Through Pullman at the
 Lower Berth Rate.

New York, to **San Francisco, Cal.**

Destination of Ticket **San Francisco, Cal.**
 via **N.Y.C. to Chicago - C.&N.W. to Council Bluffs - U.P. to Ogden -**
S.P. to San Francisco

\$..... **32.63** ✓

July 14¹³th, 1931
 Date of Departure

October 31st, 1931
 Expiration Date of Ticket

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
Lv. NY.	Wye.	7	7/14	204P.		184		
Ar. Chicago			7/14	418P.	Lo 7	39	1026434	9.00
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Ar. San Francisco				830A	Lo		1026435	23.63
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Excess Fare New York, to. Cost \$ Total

Stop Over **Chicago, Ill.** Through Rate

Capt. C.R. Mc Lennan took her to station Excess

Bertsch, John L. 608

Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage

Stopovers on return

Name: Bertsch, Mrs. Amelia.

Address: 951 OFarrell St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Party:

G-7

Stopovers desired at: Chicago, Ill.

Rail

N.Y.C.

Excess NONE

Pullman

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
New York, N.Y.	Chicago, Ills.	L.B.	9.00
Chicago, Ill	San Francisco, Calif.-	L.B.	23.63

Total: 32.63
 Thru Pullman Fare: 32.63

Excess: NONE

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Name BERTSCH, Mrs. Amelia
HOTEL PIERRE 1^{er}
Paris Hôtel AVENUE PIERRE 1^{er} DE SERBIE
Home address 951 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, San Francisco Co., Cal.
Party G Group _____ Unit SS. PRES. HARDING
Date of arrival June 21, 1931 Date of departure SS. AMERICA, July 4, 1931
Relationship Mother (73)
Name of deceased BERTSCH, John L.
Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. M. 23rd Inf.
Cemetery Oise-Aisne G. 36 - B - 30

REMARKS

Wishes to take a personal trip to Germany to visit Krailsheim and Mergentheim.

To leave her group on June 29, to take a personal tour to Wachbach, Germany, to rejoin Party in Paris, July 3. **CANCELLED**



PARTY "G"
May 27th, 1931

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch
951 O'Farrell St.
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Madam:

There are enclosed herewith two tags and four identification pasters which have been prepared for the purpose of protecting your baggage while in transit, and to insure its safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece of your baggage and place a paster on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home.

Upon your arrival in New York City, you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will be in uniform. During your sojourn in New York before sailing for Europe, and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel Astor, 45th Street and Broadway, New York City.

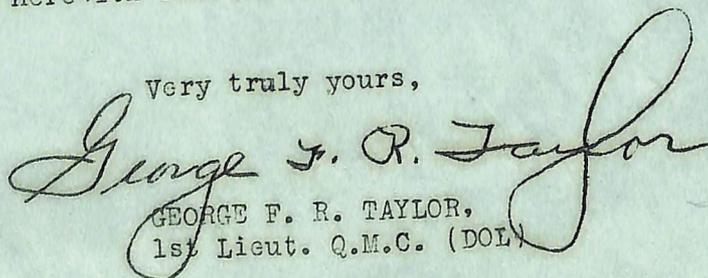
All mail intended to reach you between June 13th, 1931, the day you sail from the United States, and July 4th, 1931, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,
c/o American Pilgrimage,
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,
Paris, France.

In making reservations for your journey home from New York City, it is necessary for this office to furnish the railroads with the exact time and date of your departure. The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your accommodations will be made with the railroads by this office accordingly. Upon your return from Europe, it will therefore be necessary for you to remain in the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

There is also enclosed herewith information relative to the cemeteries in Europe.

Very truly yours,


GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)

7 Incl:

- 2 Baggage Tags
- 4 Baggage Pastors
- 1 Copy Cemeterial Information

for Mr. Schrrod

Mr. Jim Schrrod,

180 New Montgomery St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

July 12, 1931

MRS. A. BERTSCH WILL ARRIVE SAN FRANCISCO VIA CHICAGO AND NORTH
WESTERN TRAIN TWENTY SEVEN AT EIGHT THIRTY A M FRIDAY JULY
SEVENTEENTH PLEASE TELL PAULINE TO MEET HER

COLONEL POPE

GG 23

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G.D.

Mrs. Ida I. Dodge,
166 E. 43d St.,
Chicago, Ill.

July 12, 1931

MRS. A. BEPSCH WIL. ARRIVE CHICAGO VIA NEW YORK CENTRAL TRAIN
SEVEN AT FOUR FIFTY EIGHT P M STANDARD TIME TUESDAY JULY
FOURTEENTH PLEASE MEET HER

COLONEL POPE
GG 37

Capt J W Carvace met her on
arrival in NY and escorted her
to hotel

March 30, 1931.

Mrs Amelia Bertsch.
951 O'Farrell Street,
San Francisco.
California.

Dear Mrs Bertsch:

This office is in receipt of letter dated March 12 regarding your trip to Germany when making the Pilgrimage to the Cemeteries of Europe.

For your information there is quoted below train itinerary and railroad fare; these train times and fares may be subject to some slight change during the summer months.

Leave Paris 5.47 PM
Arrive Krailsheim 9.00 AM - change
Leave Krailsheim 12.18 PM
Arrive Mergentheim 2.04 PM

FARES: 2nd class, round trip: \$25.36
Sleeper, 2nd cl: 7.60

It will be possible for you to make this trip by giving up some of the sight-seeing planned for your party.

Of course you understand that under the Law authorizing the Pilgrimage no mother or widow will be provided for at Government expense in Europe longer than 14 days, and it will be necessary for you to return with your party to the United States otherwise you will be obliged to pay the cost of return transportation to your home, including steamship and railroad fare, and hotel and other incidental expenses.

Please present this letter to the Officer in charge of your group upon arrival in France so that this office can arrange for the necessary railroad reservations for your trip.

For The Officer in charge:

Very truly yours,

G.G. Bartlett
Lieutenant Colonel
United States Army
Executive Officer.

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February 7th 1931

Mrs. Amelis Bertsch,
951 O'Farrell Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Bertsch:

This office has been informed that it is your desire to visit Germany during the coming summer while a member of the American Pilgrimage Gold Star Mothers and Widows. If you could find it convenient to let us know just what city or cities you desire to visit we could have an itinerary prepared for you and all information necessary ready upon your arrival. This would not only facilitate our office work but would save you a day or more delay if it is necessary to make these arrangements after your arrival here.

For the Officer in Charge:

Very truly yours,

G.G. Bartlett,
Lt.-Colonel, U.S. Army
Executive Officer.

Attach to
card

PARTY ^G FILE NO. 803

NAME Bertsch, Mrs. Amelia
951 O'Farrell St., San Francisco,
ROUTE OF TICKET Cal.

..... to Chicago

..... to Council Bluffs

..... to Ogden

..... to San Francisco

..... to

Expiration date Oct 31-31

The following stop overs are requested.

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..... Chicago, Ill.

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T. M.

(Signature of Pilgrim)

Mrs. Bertsch

If you expect messages or telegrams on the train, please give your name and location to the conductor.

Your reservation is _____ car

Your train leaves _____ station at _____ M., _____, 1931

Address: *Mrs. B.M. Jackson*

For: *El Paso*

Railroad fare \$ _____

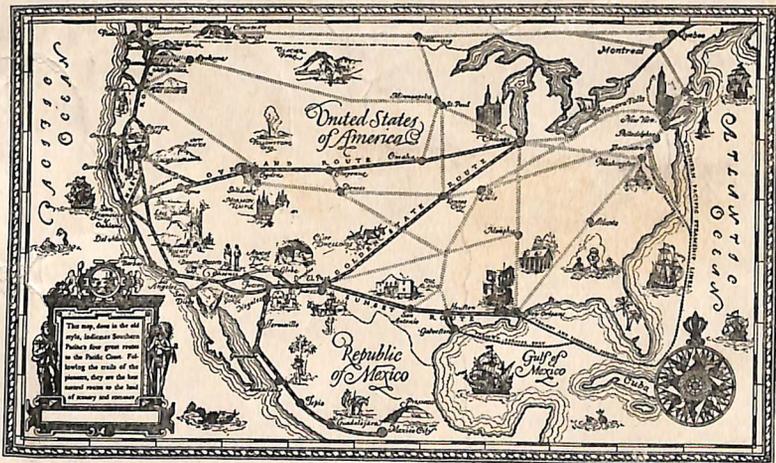
Pullman fare \$ _____

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TICKET

1-30-400M.

5-1821

Four Great Routes for Transcontinental Travel



SUNSET ROUTE: Between New York, New Orleans and California via El Paso. GOLDEN STATE ROUTE: The direct line between Chicago and Southern California via El Paso. OVERLAND ROUTE: Shortest route across mid-continent between Chicago and San Francisco via Ogden and Lake Tahoe. SHASTA ROUTE: Between Pacific Northwest and California via Mt. Shasta.

Only Southern Pacific Offers this Choice - Go One Way, Return Another

JAN	MAR	MAY	JUL	SEP	NOV	DAY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
FEB	APR	JUN	AUG	OCT	DEC																																



THE N. Y. C. R. R. CO.

Passenger should Preserve this Until Reaching Destination

IT IDENTIFIES YOUR RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION FOR THIS TRIP AND TRAIN ONLY.

Form N. Y. C. L—APA 6

If 1/2 Punch Here

W. L. 48645

THE PULLMAN COMPANY

OFFICE 42-11-D

FORM 99-3

PASSENGER'S CHECK — To identify accommodations purchased. The amount charged is The Pullman Company's rate and a surcharge of 50% of that amount required by and collected as agent for the Railroad Company, as shown on the ticket.

CHICAGO to NEW YORK

En route from San Francisco

Accommodations Car

Line No. Via R.R.

Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk.

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PAC LINES

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SAN FRANCISCO, "C" CALIF.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bertsch John L</i>	BER	3	25 ⁰ 8
BURIED	CEMETERY 608	1	2
	GRAVE 36	2	36
	ROW 30	2	30
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Washington	2	56
RANK	Pvt 1/4	1	2
DIVISION	2	2	02
ORGANIZATION	23	3	023
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME <i>Bertsch Mrs. Amelia</i>	BER	3	25 ⁰ 8
RESIDENCE	STATE California	2	04
	COUNTY San Francisco	2	38
	CITY San Francisco	3	075-
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. 1	1	
	YR. 1931	1	2
ACCEPTANCE	Yes	1	1
29/514/PJ.	2		73

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Amended
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NAME Bertsch, Mrs. Amelia G

ADDRESS 951 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, Cal.

DATE July 18th - 31

TO: Officer-In-Charge,
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Mrs. Amelia Bertsch

WAR DEPARTMENT

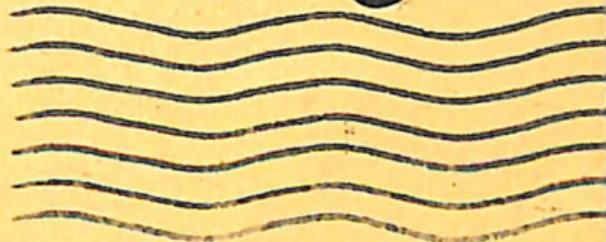
Q. M. CORPS PILGRIMAGE,

WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS, N. Y. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



Penalty for private use to avoid
payment of postage, \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

MEDICAL RECORD

Party: G Hotel **ASTOR** S. S. **HARDING** Eastbound
AMERICA Westbound

Name Bertsch, Mrs. Amelia, (PFC. John L. Bertsch, 36, 30, B.) *aa*

Home Address 951 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, California.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Miss Pauline A. Bertsch,

..... 951 Farrell St., San Francisco, Calif.

Religion Age 73-M

History of present complaint: Eastbound: June 13th; Laceration middle finger left
hand. J.P.I. June 19th; Mal-de-mer. J.P.I.

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) Eastbound: June 13th; Iodine dressing. J.P.I.
June 14th; Iodine dressing. J.P.I. June 19th; Chloretone gr. V. J.P.I.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

Party G,
E.W.Campbell, R.N.

MEDICAL RECORD

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Pierre-Ier, Paris

Station:

Date: June 22, 1931.

Name Bertsch, Mrs. Amelia

Home address 951 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, Calif.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Daughter, Pauline Bertsch

Box 107 LL Route 2, Redwood City, Calif.

Religion Cath.

Age 74

History of Present complaint: Arthritis, headache, dizziness

29th extreme fatigue.

(over)

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Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Hypertension, C.R.V. S.M.C.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

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25th, seen by Maj. Corbett, at Soissons S.M.C.

26th " " " " To bed on return from cnty. Trip. Brom.i S.M.C

27th " " " " To rest in bed for 24 hrs. S.M.C.

28th, " " " "

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30th, " " " " much improved. A.W.K.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks: June 22nd, BP 190/90, 26th, 160/70 28th, 160/85 29th, 140/70
30th 170/80

July 4 to Cherbourg, Beach.

PARTY

EASTBOUND

GROUP

G.....

STATE

AAA.....

73 M

CALIFORNIA.....

Mrs. Bertsch, Amelia Address 951 O'Farrell St. San Francisco.
 (Name of Pilgrim) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

Cal. San Francisco
 (State) (County)

Miss Pauline A. Bertsch Address 951 Farrell St. San Francisco
 (Name of Nearest Kin) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

California San Francisco
 (State) (County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. New York Central Train No. 142 Date June 11th - 3:50 PM
 Hotel Astor Room No. 334
 Roomed with Miss Ellen Loughran

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date June 13, 1931 Vessel Harding Cabin No. 106-A
 In Cabin with Miss Ellen Loughran

(Over Westbound)

WESTBOUND

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date ¹² July 7, 1931 Vessel America Cabin No. 253-A

In Cabin with Miss Ellen Loughran

Hotel Astor Room No. 488

Roomed with Miss Ellen Loughran

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. NYC Train No. 7 Space L 7 Car No. 184 Date 7-13-31

REMARKS

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ver Eastbound)

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RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. Harding ~~6-13-31~~

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

(Signature or name of addressee)

Mrs. A. Bertsch by Pauline Bertsch

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery 5/21/31, 19

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1928

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Bertsch J. J.

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. *927851*

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____



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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to *Q. M. GENERAL*

(NAME OF SENDER)

*Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,*

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

4692

608

RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. Harding 6-13-31

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Mrs. Sarah Bertch

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery *5/25/31*, 19

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

c 5-6116

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927993

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Q. M. GENERAL

Return to _____

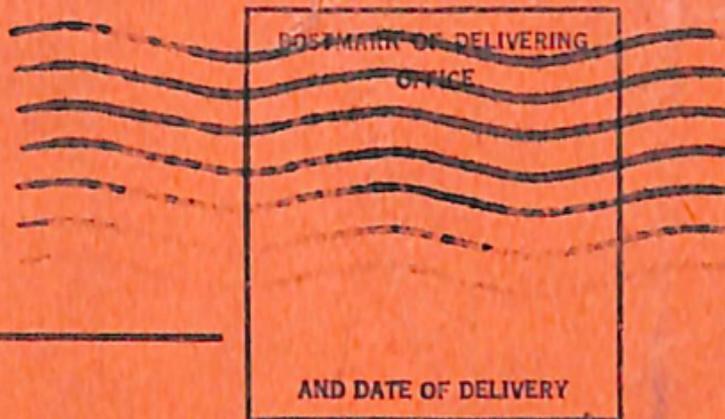
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Bertch, John L. 608

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From LIAISON REPORT PARTY "G" EAST 1931

Oldest mother in each group selected to lay wreath on
tomb of Unknown soldier:

France

Mrs. Ida L. Junkin	Age 76	Penna.
<u>Mrs. Amelia Bertch</u>	Age 73	Calif.

England

Mrs. Nancy C. Bates	Age 70	Oregon
Mrs. Elizabeth Meagher	Age 68	Illinois.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bertsch, John L. O-A

May 20, 1951

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch,
951 O'Farroll St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. San Francisco	SoPac	Train No. 20	12.40 P.M.	June 7
Ar. Chicago	CS&N	" " "	7.20 A.M.	June 10
Lv. Chicago	NYC	" " 10	10.35 A.M.	June 10
Ar. New York	"	" " 142	3.50 P.M.	June 11

(Or Cent Sta)

Accommodations: Standard sleeper San Francisco, Calif. to Chicago, Ill. and Chicago, Ill. to New York, N.Y.

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bertsch, John L. PFC (OA) M

May 16, 1931

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch,
951 O'Farrell Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ⁶¹⁸⁶⁹⁰ in the amount of \$ ^{45.00}, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Bertsch, John L. Pvt 1 Cl

I accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)
me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the
Government of the United States under the provisions of
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch

(Name)

951 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, San Fran.Co.,
(Town or City) (State) California.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, 1929

Mrs Amelia Bertsch

QM 293 A-M
Bertsch, John L. 608

February 8, 1931.

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch,
951 O'Farrell Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Chicago, Illinois on your return from the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

Arrangements will be made for this stopover without additional cost for either rail or pullman transportation, however all expenses incurred by you, due to the additional time in Chicago, Illinois, must, of course, be paid from personal funds.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Bertsch, Mrs. Amelia, 951 O'Farrell St., San Francisco,
San Francisco Co., Calif.

Bertsch, John L. 608

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IF YOU DESIRE A STOPOVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE
PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS
OFFICE

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American
Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the
following point, or points, for the number of days shown
after the name of the town:

City where I desire stopover:

No. of days

Chicago Ill

2 Days

*Handing June 13
noted*

Very truly yours,

(Your name) *Mrs Amelia Bertsch*

(Your address) *951 O'Farrell St
San Francisco Calif*



Bertsch, John L. 608

Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage
Stopovers on return

Name: **Bertsch, Mrs. Amelia.**

Address: **951 O'Farrell St.**
San Francisco, Calif.

Party:

Stopovers desired at: **Chicago, Ill.**

Rail

Excess **NONE**

Pullman

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
New York, N.Y.	Chicago, Ills.	L.B.	9.00
Chicago, Ill	San Francisco, Calif.-	L.B.	23.63

Total: **32.63**
Thru Pullman Fare: **32.63**

Excess: **NONE**

Amounts shown as "excess" have been collected by the Quartermaster General and remitted to the Finance Officer, Washington, D.C.

QM 293 A-M
Bertsch, John L. 608

January 22, 1931

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch,
951 O'Farrell Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date, relative to your desire to make a stopover in Germany when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Private, first class, John L. Bertsch.

Plans for the pilgrimages provide that the mothers and widows will be in Europe not longer than two weeks. The passport of each mother and widow will be limited to the duration of the pilgrimage, and no extension of time can be granted to persons making the journey, except upon the condition that all further expenses of the pilgrimage, including the return transportation will be borne from private funds.

It is possible that arrangements may be made for you to visit your relatives in Germany for a few days, provided you return to Paris in time to sail with the group with whom you make the pilgrimage. Upon your arrival in Europe, it is suggested you get in touch with Colonel Richard T. Ellis, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, relative to your desire. Colonel Ellis will aid you in every way to arrange your transportation to and from Germany. However, it must be understood that the Government can bear no part of the expense of your trip to Germany, nor can it be responsible for expenses incurred by you during your sojourn in Germany.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Slide trip in
Germany -

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Ltr will not
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San Francisco Calif.

Quartermaster General
Washington D. C.

Bertoch, John H. 608
Pvt. 1st.

Sir

In reply to yours
I should like to know
if it possible for me
to stop at, or go to see
my ~~dear~~ ^{dear} husband's Relatives,
living in Germany at

Wachbach.

O.A. Mergentheim.

K. B. Wuerthenberg.

if you could give me any
advice I would greatly
appreciate



and if it would be
extra expense to me
thinking you I beg
to remain

Mrs Amelia Burtch
991 Farrell St
San Francisco Calif.

Bertsch, Mrs. Amelia, 951 O'Farrell St., San Francisco,
San Francisco Co., Calif.

Bertsch, John L. 608

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find
the name and address of the person in the United
States whom I desire to be notified in case I be-
come seriously ill or other emergency arises while
I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Miss Pauline A Bertsch
Name

951 Farrell St San Francisco Calif
Address



Very truly yours,

Mrs Amelia Bertsch

(Your name)

951 Farrell St San Francisco Calif
(Your address)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-M

IN REPLY REFER TO _____

October 21, 1930.

Bertsch, John L. 608 M PFC

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch,
~~424 Central Ave.,~~
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	Yes
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	Yes if Possible
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age 79 years Condition of health fair
4. Do you speak English?	Yes, American born
5. What other language do you speak?	German

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

Mrs Amelia Bertsch
956 O'Farrell St
San Francisco
Calif.



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 26, 1930.

Bertsch, John L. 608 M

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch
424 Central Ave.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bertsch, John L 608-M

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch,
424 Central Avenue,
San Francisco, Calif.

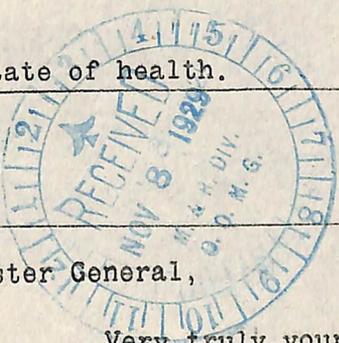
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Dear Madam:

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) (No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 72 (Years) Health (Good) (Poor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. What language do you speak?	English <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes) (No) Other language <i>German</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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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bertsch, John L.
608

Sept. 12, 1929.

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch,
4147 42nd St.,
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated July 30, 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.

Mrs Amelia Bertsch

424 Central Ave

San Francisco Calif

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

should like to
later

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T Harris

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

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San Francisco Calif. 4/10 1929

Dear sir

In reply to yours of July 30
and the one of Sep. 12th, I will say
I have been not at home, was visiting
my children in Washington and therefore
did not get your letter until my return
hence, I would love to take the trip,
and visit my sons grave, but just
at present my health would not permit
such as I am suffering very much with
Arthritis, should you extend the offer
longer and my health would improve I
would gladly except with thanks,
hoping it could be possible,
Thanking you for your kindness
to remain Respectfully



Mrs Amelia Bertrich
424 Central Ave Calif

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bertsch, John L.

July 30, 1929.

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch,
4147 42nd St.,
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private, first class John L. Bertsch, Co. M, 23rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress
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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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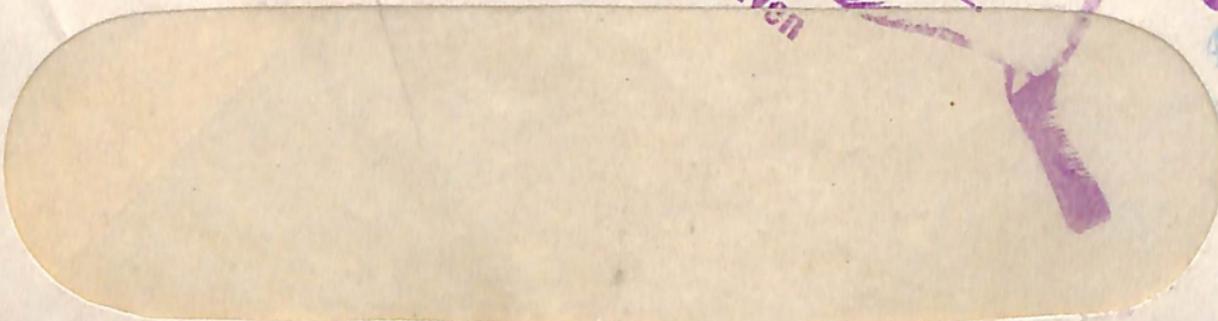
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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bertsch, John L.

June 20, 1929.

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(M) Mrs Amelia Bertsch
Mrs. Amelia Bertsch, 4147 42nd St. San Diego, Calif.
4948 Indiana Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private, first class John L. Bertsch, Co. M, 23rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

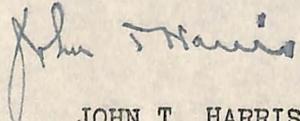
In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Envelope.


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

American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.
NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Bedwood City Calif.
Aug 3rd - 1931

Quarter Master General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved Son

SON OR DAUGHTER

Name of Mother Mrs Amelia Bertsch

Address Temporary Box 10728 Box 2 Bedwood City Calif.

NUMBER

STREET

CITY

STATE

Name of Deceased John L Bertsch

Army, Navy, Marine Private 1st Corp M 2924 Inf

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COMPANY

Stationed at _____

Lost at Sea Among the Missing Or Unknown

Place and Date of Death July 19th 1918

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I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs Amelia Bertsch

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bertsch, John L. O-A

May 20, 1931

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch,
951 O'Farrell St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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Ar. New York (Gr Cent Sta)	"	" " 142	3.50 P.M.	June 11

Accommodations: Standard sleeper San Francisco, Calif. to Chicago, Ill. and Chicago, Ill. to New York, N.Y.

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bertsch, John L. PFC (OA) M

May 16, 1951

Mrs. Amelia Bertech,
951 O'Farrell Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 618690 in the amount of \$ 45.00 to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Bertsch, John L. 608

February 6, 1931.

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch,
951 O'Farrell Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Chicago, Illinois on your return from the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

Arrangements will be made for this stopover without additional cost for either rail or pullman transportation, however all expenses incurred by you, due to the additional time in Chicago, Illinois, must, of course, be paid from personal funds.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Bertsch, John L. 608

January 22, 1931

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch,
951 O'Farrell Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date, relative to your desire to make a stopover in Germany when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Private, first class, John L. Bertsch.

Plans for the pilgrimages provide that the mothers and widows will be in Europe not longer than two weeks. The passport of each mother and widow will be limited to the duration of the pilgrimage, and no extension of time can be granted to persons making the journey, except upon the condition that all further expenses of the pilgrimage, including the return transportation will be borne from private funds.

It is possible that arrangements may be made for you to visit your relatives in Germany for a few days, provided you return to Paris in time to sail with the group with whom you make the pilgrimage. Upon your arrival in Europe, it is suggested you get in touch with Colonel Richard T. Ellis, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, relative to your desire. Colonel Ellis will aid you in every way to arrange your transportation to and from Germany. However, it must be understood that the Government can bear no part of the expense of your trip to Germany, nor can it be responsible for expenses incurred by you during your sojourn in Germany.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Bertsch, John L. 608 M PFC

October 21, 1930.

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch,
424 Central Ave.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 26, 1930.

Bertsch, John L. 608 M

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch
424 Central Ave.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Place Days Aux is (Aisne)

Date May 22 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BERTCH J. L.

Number: 74647

Rank: Unknown

Organization: 161 st Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 2 Unit B

Disinterred (Date) May 22 1919 From: (Give complete location)

Grave # 54 per sketch. # 4 Hqrs S04. A.E.B. Cemetery # 615.

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Reburied (Date) May 24 1919 in: (Give complete location) Grave Plot Sec.

Military Cemetery Floisy Aisne.

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CRD 290.95 174.95 Seissas # 33 N E

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

Badly Disintergrated Wrapped in burlap.

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

Yes. Identified by nameplate on wa

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

No name plates

11916.

CONFIRMED No. D

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G.O.170, G.H.Q., 1918, after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by Sgt 1st Cl A Mac Callum

A J Triggs 2 Lt Q M G

C.O. Group 2 Unit B

file
200
9/4/30

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BERTSCH JOHN L. SERIAL NUMBER 74647

RANK Pvt. 1/c ORGANIZATION Co. M., 23rd Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): May 24/21 From (give complete location):

Amer. Cty. Plaisy, #593, Gr.103-J-2

By: Group Howell Unit Section 6

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

same date, cemetery and location

By: Group Howell Unit Section 6 Nature of reburial blanket and box

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

5 ft. earthen grave, uniform, burlap, disintegrated, unrecognizable

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

(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

(b) Weight (estimated) "

(c) Hair—Color "

Quantity "

Characteristics "

(d) Hair on face—Color "

Location "

Quantity "

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

missing parts) "

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

Skull pierced by G.S.W. in back

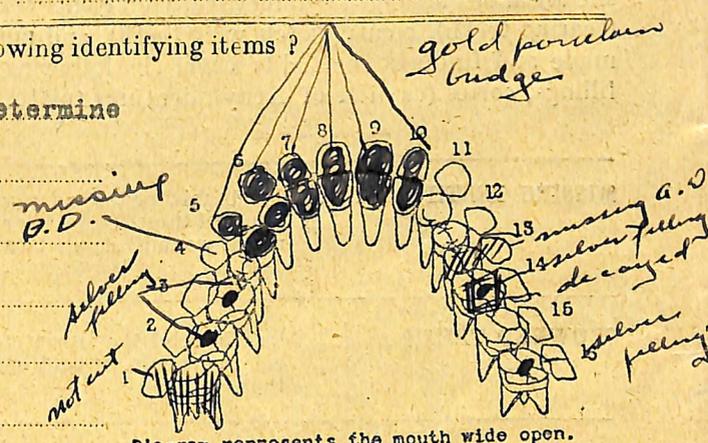
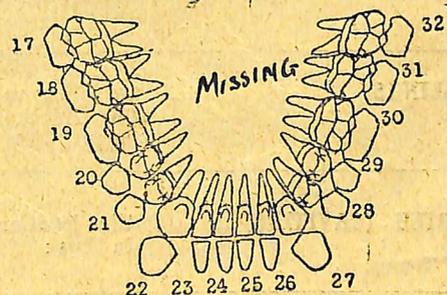


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by E.G. Howell Approved: W.C. Hurst
E.G. Howell, S.E. (Title) W.C. Hurst, Capt. QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by E.G. Howell Approved: W.C. Hurst
E.G. Howell, S.E. (Title) W.C. Hurst, Capt. QMC.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bertsch, John L 608-M

**Mrs. Anolia Bertsch,
424 Central Avenue,
San Francisco, Calif.**

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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

Bertsch, John L.
608

Sept. 12, 1929.

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch,
4147 42nd St.,
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated July 30, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:
2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bertsch, John L.

July 30, 1929.

**Mrs. Amelia Bertsch,
4147 42nd St.,
San Diego, Calif.**

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private, first class John L. Bertsch, Co. M, 23rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN RE ~~Private~~ QM 293 A-C

June 20, 1929.

Mrs. Amelia Bortsch,
4948 Indiana Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

~~The records of this office show, that you are the mother of the late now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.~~

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

DISPATCHED
29 JUN 30 PM 5 07
O. Q. M. G. M. & A. DIV.
JOHN T. HARRIS
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Co. M, 23rd Infantry
2nd Div

BERTSCH, John L. - Pvt 74647

I have personally questioned every man present with this organization and am unable to obtain any information whatsoever concerning the above named soldier.

Informant: WADE, Robert - Captain
Co. M, 23rd Infantry

Signed: Robert Wade - Capt.

SH

FILE

1-26-24
SWS

Bertsch, John L.

74,547⁶

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt. ^{1/c} Co. M, 23rd Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remain's.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch

1414 W. Dearborn

Spokane Washington

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by W.C. 10-14-20
593-98

checked
at C 10-20-20

QM 293 A-C

May 7, 1924

BERTSCH, John L., Pvt. 1/cl.

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch,
4948 Indiana Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

R. P. HARBOLD

Assistant.

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1-Incl.
Record card.

O.Q.M.G.
Central Mail & Files Bldg.



MAY 7 1924
B.

COMPILED OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 72227

(a) Name BERTSCH, John L. Ser. No. 74647 ^{OK}

(b) Rank Pvt. 1/c ^{OK} Organization Co.M, 23rd Inf.

(c) Date of death 7/19/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. EK

CKR. JB



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

(a) Grave No. 103 Row -- Plot 2 Sec. J TYP. EK

(b) Emerg. Address Amelia Bertsch (mother) 1214 West Dean Ave.,
Spokane, Wash.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

-- CKR. J

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Mrs Amelia Bertsch (b) Relationship Mother

(c) Address 1414 W. Dean Ave. Spokane, Wash.

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at No

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. -----

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

Examiner's Initials ME Date 10-4-, 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 ME Date 10-4-, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes att

Examiner's Initials att Date 10-19-, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 593

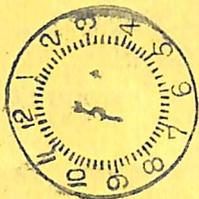
SHEET No. 98

Sh 12/29/20

Handwritten notes:
Checked
add 10.20.20
2

Handwritten: M M

CEMETERIAL DIVISION



JAN 3 1921

RECEIVED

Letter 12/6/20

MAY 7 1921

Par 2 - Not to be returned - 12/6/20 ^{JB}

Cemeterial Division

Overseas Project Sub-Section

N.K.

4/9/21 Letter from mother, Mrs. Amelia Bertsch, 4948 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill. requesting remains be left in France in a permanent American Cemetery. Desires to be notified of burial place. H-4/28/21

5-3-21 - Hob. advises mother body will remain and she will be notified of permanent Amer. Cty. 6-7-21 E.P. ^{location}

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - 2021
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. 6/7/21 E.P.

May 3rd, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.
(Bertsch, John L.)

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch,
4948 Indiana Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt of your communication, dated April 9th, 1921, relative to the remains of the late John L. Bertsch, Private 1/cl., Serial Number 74647, Company M, 23rd Infantry, is acknowledged.

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

Upon transfer of remains to a permanent American Cemetery, you will be advised of the grave location.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Mailed-O.F.D.

MAY 6 1921

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

BY:

F.C. PALLAS, *MKS*
Executive Assistant.
am

MKS/LL

Noted on Form No. 118
Date *6-7-21* *EP*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 9, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

ml Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BERTSCH, John L.
 2. No. 74647
 3. Rank PTC
 4. Org. Co. M. 23rd Inf
 5. D.D. 7/19/1918
 6. C.D. P/A

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 103 Sec. J
 8. Plot. 2 Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. no discrepancy

18. Cemetery Amer.
 20. Dept. or County Aisne
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #593

19. Commune or town FLOISY
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 9, 1921

By E. G. Howell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name John L. Bertsch
 Rank PTC

Serial No. _____
 Organization Co. M. 23rd. Inf.

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

W. D. Wall Jr.
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
 W. D. Wall Jr.

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 previously reburied by Field Section. Bottle record and metal strips agree with form 114-A.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wrapped in french blanket and in wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above?

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec. 9, 1921 By E.G. Howell

31. Casket sealed by E.G. Howell

AUDITED BY
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor E.G. Howell)
3/4/24

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-19281

32. Designation of body:

Name John L. BERTSCH Serial No. 74647

Rank PFC Organization Co.M. 23rd Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Amer. Cty #608. SERINGES-et-NEALES
(Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 9, 1921 By E. G. Howell

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. S. Williams, 1st Lt. MC

36. Remarks

Dec. 9, 1921

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration

(Name)

Convoyer T. J. MC Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Dec. 9, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Amer. Cty. No. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)

(Name)

Convoyer Frank Atwell Signature Shipping Officer John A. Ross, Capt. MC

40. Received: Date 14 DEC 1921

G.R.S. Representative G. F. WAUGH

41. Reinterred 9/11/22, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 36, Blk. B. Section

43. Plot Row 35

G.R.S. Representative G. J. Blake Capt. MC

gs

Place POISOY, (Aisne)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec. 9, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BERTSCH, John L. SERIAL NUMBER 74647
RANK P/F/C. ORGANIZATION Co. M. 23rd. Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Dec. 9, 1921. Gr. 103, Pl. 2. Sec. J. Amer. Cty. No. 608 593, PLOISY (Aisne)
From (give complete location) :
By : Group 4 Unit F. S. 8

3. Reburied (date) 9/11/22 In (give complete location) : Gr. 36. Bk. B. row 35.
By : Group Case-Aisne Com. 608, Serlinges-et-Nesles, (Aisne) Unit Unit Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
reburial group metal lined casket.
Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.
Wrapped in french blanket and in wooden box.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
Body previously reburied by Field Section.
Bottle record and metal strips agree with form 114-A.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color none visible.

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible

Location

Quantity

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none discernible.

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

Fractures: Back of skull.

Missing: Lower jaw.

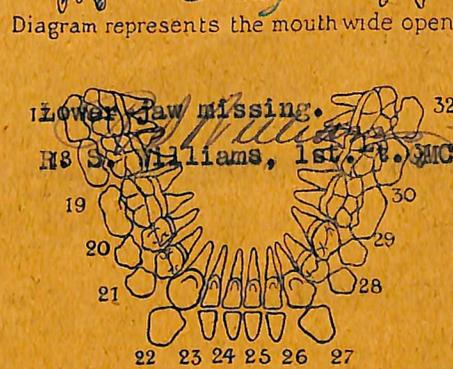
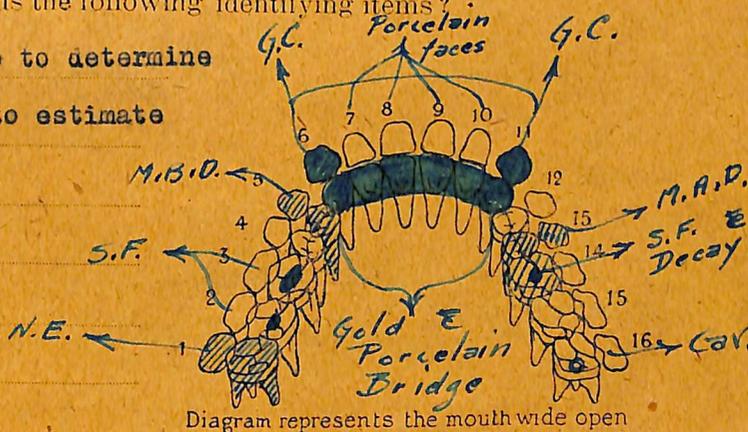
Checker: W. D. Wall Jr.

7. Disinterment supervised by E. J. Howell
W. G. Howell, S.E.

Approved: W. Williams
W. Williams, 1st. Lt. QMC Insp.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by L. D. Hays

Approved: L. D. Hays
L. D. Hays
(Title) Capt. QMC



MEM/LL
(1 Incls.)

May 3rd, 1921.

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2877

98 Bertsch, John L., Private
1/cl., Serial Number 74647,
Company M., 25rd Infantry.

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

BY:

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

MEM/LL
(1 Incls.)

Division of
Consular Affairs

MAY 5 1921

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W A A D E P A R T M E N T
Quartermaster Corps
Graves Registration Service
Pier 2, Hoboken, N.J.

May 3rd, 1921.

FILE NO. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G.,
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #593
Transmittal Memorandum Number H- 2877

1. The records pertaining to the following cases are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the bodies are to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

98 Bertsch, John L., Private
1/cl., Serial Number 74647,
Company M., 23rd Infantry.

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

BY:


F.C.PALLAS,
Executive Assistant

(1 incls.)

R-5-10-21 NW

3-4-25-21

March 25, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Gen.Div.Cor.Br.
(BERTSCH, John L.)

Mrs. Amelia Bertsch,
1414 W. Dean Avenue,
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Madam:-

Kindly inform this office at your earliest convenience whether or not the late John L. Bertsch, Private First Class, Serial Number 74647, Co. M. 23rd Infantry is survived by widow, children or father, and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

This information is desired in order that the Department may be assured that the proper person to determine the disposition of remains of the late soldier is given an opportunity of expressing his or her wishes.

If the late soldier is not survived by any of the above mentioned relatives, please state whether you desire the body left in France in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to you at Government expense, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

The Department desires to convey to you assurance of sympathy in your bereavement.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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MAILED
MAR 29 1921
COR. BR. G. R. S.

By:

J. F. BUTLER,
Captain, Infantry.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
FOBOKIN, N.J.

JAN 24 1921

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.
TO: Mrs. Amelia Bertsch, 1414WDean St. Spokane, Wash.
SUBJECT: Remains of Private 1/Cl. John L. Bertsch, Serial No. 74647, Co.M.23 Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body remain in France.

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on second page.

The nearest relative may choose between (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) remain in Europe. All removals are at Government expense.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lt. Col., U.S.A.

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 WEATHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF	NO. AND STREET	TOWN	STATE
Was soldier married?.....			
Soldier's Widow.....			
Soldier's children (Name oldest first)	(1..... (2..... (3.....		
Father.....			
Mother.....			
Brothers (Name oldest first)	(1..... (2..... (3.....		
Sisters (Name oldest first)	(1..... (2..... (3.....		

Date..... Signature.....
Address..... Relationship.....

Important: - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

72227

Bertsch, J. L.

SERIAL NUMBER

74647

RANK

ORGANIZATION

Pvt. Co. A. 161st Inf.

NO QUESTION REPLY

1. Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records? *BERTSCH, JOHN L. CO. "M" 23rd INF.*
2. Date of death. *not given*
3. Grave location. *cty. # 385, Main St 54 Church cty.*
4. Who reported burial? *at, VIERZY (AISNE).*
5. Confirmed by G.R.S.? *yes.*
6. How is grave marked? *no Report.*
7. Identification tags:
 - (a) Buried with body?
 - (b) Attached to grave marker?
8. Emergency address? *AMELIA BERTSCH (mother), 1214 WEST DEAN AVE. SPOKANE WASH.*
9. Has above been notified? (Give date).
10. Cablegram number.

C.O. # 409 S.P. 102

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

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| Flowers, flags etc (Par. #5, Bul. 10-B) | Effects (G.R.S. Forms 7 & 7-A) |
| Monuments (Par #6, Bul. 10-B) | Accrued Pay (G.R.S. Forms 19 & 22) |
| Disinterments (Par. #8 Bul. 10-B) | Liberty Bonds (G.R.S. Forms 21 & 22) |
| Circumstances of death (G.R.S. Form No. 6) | War Risk Insurance (G.R.S. Forms 20 & 22) |
| Photograph requested (File 004.5) | Disposition of remains (a) Return to U.S. (Form 7) |
| Grave Location | (b) Remain in France |
| | (c) Miscellaneous (Letter) |

REMARKS:



WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

SEL-2-201

September 14, 1920.

72227
Adj. made
9-18-20
JHK

IN REPLY
REFER TO

AG 201 (Bertsch, John L.)WW

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Date of death of Private 1st Class John L. Bertsch,
#74,647, Company M, 23rd Infantry.

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that this soldier was killed in action July 19, 1918.

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted Sept. 22, 1917, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Mrs. Amelia Bertsch, Mother, 1214 West Dean Ave., Spokane, Wash.

P. C. Harris
The Adjutant General.
Per *M. A. K.*

FILE

Classification

Adjustment

CEMETRIAL DIVISION
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
REGISTRATION SECTION

File # 72227

Date 9-18-20

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files

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

	CORP.	ADD. DATA		CORP.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		
Rank <u>5 x 8</u>		✓	Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death <u>5 x 8</u>		✓	White Card set up <u>3 x 5</u>		✓
Casualty Cablgram Number					
<u>Remarks 5 x 8</u>		✓			

O.K. Alphabetical Files H.E.S. 9-22-20.

O.K. Organization Files _____

O.K. State Files _____

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✓	Cemetery Audit Department
✓	Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

✓ Cards attached.

By Helen Myers

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

Special

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date Oct 8, 1920

File No. **72227** 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 **Bertsch** *OK*
- b. Christian name **John L.** *OK*
- c. Serial Number **74647** *OK*
or (74547)
- d. Organization **Co. M. 23rd Inf.** *OK*
- e. Rank **Pvt. 1/c** *OK*
or (Pvt.)
- f. Date of death **7/19/18** *OK*
- g. Cause of death **K/A** *OK*
- h. Authority (C.C.#) **W. T. Determination Slip**
- i. Emergency address **Mrs. Amelia Bertsch**
1214 West Clear Ave.,
Spokane, Wash.
- j. Relationship **mother**

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)

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DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
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H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,

CEMETERY NO: 593

BY:

SHEET NO: 98
TYPED BY: GAB

H. J. Conner
H. J. CONNER,
~~Quartermaster General~~
1st. Lieut. Q. M. C.

W. M.

S-713/WB

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

Donnelly H. K. L. Sec 11337 11/21/20
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PLEASE
EXPEDITE

3. To obtain date of original burial of this soldier, it will be necessary to institute a detailed investigation, the result of which may not be reached for quite some time, due to nature of work and limited personnel.

4. Immediately upon receipt of further information, same will be forwarded.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, U. S. Army,
Chief, Comterial Division.

By:

JF CHARLES J. WYNN,
Captain, Q. M. C. JEW

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293.C-Com. File #72,227
(Bertsch, John L. -Pvt.)

1st Ind.

O.C.M.C., Comterial Division, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C. August 24, 1920.
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C.

1. Returned. The records of this office show that Pvt. John L. Bertsch, #74,647, Co. M, 23rd Infantry, was originally buried in Grave #54, American Battle Area, Vierzy, Aisne, no date given, and was reburied May 22, 1919 in Grave #103, Plot #2, Section J, American Cemetery at Floloy, Aisne.

2. Graves Registration Service Field Personnel Report, submitted by Group #3, Prov. Unit B, G.R.S., shows that J.L. Bertsch, #74,647, 161st Infantry, rank not given, was killed in action at Vierzy, Aisne, date unknown, and was buried in Grave #54, American Soissons, S.E. No.33 267.1.177.

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AG 201 (Bertsch, John L.)WW

August 14th, 1920.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army,
Washington, D.C.

Subject: Date of death of Private 1/c1 John L. Bertsch.

1. The records of this office show that Private 1/c1 John L. Bertsch, 74,647, Company M, 23rd Infantry, was reported by the Commanding General, American Expeditionary Forces, as missing in action July 19th, 1918, and later as buried, date and cause of death to be determined. He was originally buried in Grave 54, Cemetery 385, Church Cemetery Vierzy (Aisne).

2. It is requested that this office be furnished with the date of original burial and date and place of reburial of this soldier. Any other information available from your records will be furnished this office, in order that the date of this soldier's death may be established.

By order of the Secretary of War.

1, Erwin
Adjutant General.



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

Date

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FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Bertsch, John L.* Serial Number *74647*RANK *Put 1/c* ORGANIZATION *Co. M 23rd Inf.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1) no. Put
2.	Date of Death.	2) not given
3.	Cause and place of death.	3) KIA
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4) # 409 pp 102
5.	Date buried.	5) not given
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6) Grav # 54 Amer Battle area city # 615 Vierzy Aisne ✓ Reburied 5-22-19 Grav # 103 Plot 2 Sec. of Amer. City # 593 Ploisy, Aisne
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	10) a) no b) no. (Mother)
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	11) Amelia Bertsch 1214 West Dean Ave. Spokane, Wash
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	12) 2-13-19 1-7-20-107
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	14) H. 5122 17-11306
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

Released by Information Control Dept.

Directory

Cards 5x8

Cards 4x6

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

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The American Red Cross
sends you the photograph of the grave of
this American Soldier
who gave his life for his country

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Bertch, J.L. 74647.

Name..... *2nd*

Rank..... *Put 1st* Co..... *m* (Corps) **161st Inf.**
(Regt)

Date of Death..... **UNKNOWN.** *7/19/18*

Place..... **VIERZY. AISNE.**

Cause..... **k/a**

Date of Burial.....

54

Grave No.....

AMERICAN SOISSONS. S.E. NO. 33 287. 1. 177

Cemetery.....

Identified by { Tag
Papers }
{ Clothing }

List of Effects.....

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GROUP N° 3
Prov. Unit B. G.R.S.

Field Record Made by..... *R.M. Cameron*

Company..... Graves Registration Service.

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For additional data use reverse side.