

To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

DATE

1. NAME BESANT, George *Sol sig.* SERIAL No. 1566948
 RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Hq. Co. 138th FA
8 DIVISION *38 - put on in cemetery*
 GRAVE LOCATION Am. Cty. St. Malo-de-Brignon (Coetquidan) Morbihan 18 *cr*
 CTY. NAME NUMBER

110

GRAVE	ROW	PLOT	
110	Coetquidan	Morbihan	
As shown by AGRS Form #1-A, Oct. 2, 1919.	GRAVE	COMMUNE	DEPT.
COORDINATES	Not given		

CONCENTRATED TO Nothing of record.

DATE	GRAVE	ROW	PLOT	
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CEMETERY	CTY. NUMBER
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Data concerning any identification found on remains when concentrated, such as collar insignias, letters, broken bones, missing parts, etc.

DATE OF DEATH Nothing of record
10-26-18 Oct 26/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Lil

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None of record.

DATE	GRAVE	ROW	PLOT	CEMETERY
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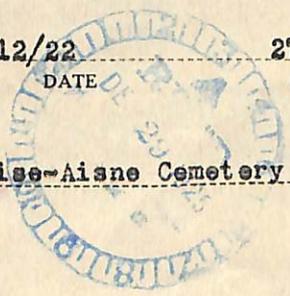
DATE	GRAVE	ROW	PLOT	CEMETERY
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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Stanley J. Grogan
STANLEY J. GROGAN, CAPT. INF. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 9/12/22 27 13 Block A
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Oise-Aisne Cemetery #608, Seringes-et-Neales, Aisne.
CEMETERY

Mother & Widow



AUDITED BY *2-8-29*

Ripped Killed accidentally 10/26

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

CC 309

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bosant, **156942** **George**
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private, **Headquarters Co., 130th P. A.**
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **Seel, France**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Ballroad wreck**

DATE OF BURIAL: **October 28th, 1918.**

PLACE OF DEATH: **American Cemetery #18**
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Camp Coetquidon, Morbihan, Department.
France

GRAVE NUMBER: **110**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? **yes** Cross?

Headboard? 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:

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NEAREST RELATIVE: **Mr. George P. Bosant**

ADDRESS: **435 S. Sycamore St., Centralia, Ill.**

RELATIONSHIP: **Father**

REPORTED BY:

Harris Mallinckrodt 1878 Chaplain 158 FA
(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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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Besant</i>	<i>Bes</i>	3	25 ⁰⁹
George BURIED	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	2
	GRAVE <i>27</i>	2	27
	ROW <i>13</i>	2	13
	FLOCK <i>A</i>	1	1
STATE	<i>Ill.</i>	2	13
RANK	<i>Pvt.</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>38</i>	2	38
ORGANIZATION	<i>138</i>	3	138
ARM	<i>F.A.</i>	1	3
MARITAL	<i>Remarried</i>	1	3
NAME <i>Besant Mrs.</i>	<i>Bes</i>	3	25 ⁰⁹
<i>Louisa</i>	STATE <i>Ill.</i>	2	13
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Marion</i>	2	61
<i>614 1/2 5th St.</i>	CITY <i>Centralia</i>	3	024
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE 29/514	<i>no</i>	1	2

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Besant, George (OA) -

July 13, 1932.

Mrs. Louisa Besant,
614 E. 5th St.,
Centralia, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

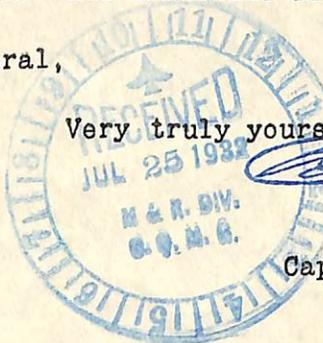
IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Louisa Besant

Besant, George
Pvt. Hq Co 138th

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1566948

MOTHER

Louisa Besant

WIDOW

614 E. 5th st

~~BOCO~~

Centralia,

XC-105674

~~STEPMOTHER~~

Illinois

Widow rem 8-9-20

Mrs Carrie Compers

123 N. Douglas st
Centralia - Ill.

QM 293 A-M

December 19, 1931.

Besant, George (QA) M

Mrs. Louisa Besant,
614 E. 5th Street,
Centralia, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Information has been furnished this office that you are the mother of the late Private George Besant, whose remains are interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France. As the mother of a veteran who lost his life in the World War and whose remains are interred in Europe, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

In order that your desires may be recorded and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in returning the form.

Your attention is invited to the fact that all necessary expenses of the pilgrimage from your home to the grave of your son and return to your home, are borne by the United States. Personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available, and you are assured the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the Government, but that everything possible for your pleasure and comfort will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1931.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Besant, George (OA) H

Mrs. Louisa Besant,
614 E. 5th Street,
Centralia, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Besant, Geo. 608

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Pvt., Hq. Co., 1st FA

Serial 1566948

Mother

Louisa Besant

Widow

614 E-5th st

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Centralia

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Rem W. Carrie Compers

123 N. Douglas

Centralia Ill

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Besant, George (O-A) W

September 29, 1931 ed

Mrs. Carrie Besant,
~~113 Douglas St.,~~ 614 E. 5th St.
Centralia, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
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Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Besant, George Pvt. (OA) W-

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Carrie Besant,
~~113 Park St.,~~ 614 E. 5th St.
Centralia, Illinois

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

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

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 8, 1930.

Beasant, George-608 W

Mrs. Carrie Beasant,
~~115 Douglas Street,~~ 614 E. 5th St,
Centralia, Illinois.

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)

First Clinton County Chapter,
AMERICAN WAR MOTHERS

Centralia, Ill.

Mrs. Julia Shugrue,
1222 S. Cherry Street,

January 19, 1930.

War Department
Office of the Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Besant, George 608
XC-105674

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you for Mrs. Louisa Besant, mother of the above named soldier, asking you to please give this mother a flag. Her son was killed in France, October 26, 1918 and he is buried in France. This mother will not be able to go over with the Gold Star Mothers as her health is so bad. She would be glad to get a flag.

Thanking you for all past favors,

I am, Loyally yours,

(S) Mrs. Julia Shugrue,

State Organizer,

War Mother Chapters.

*Flag ordered
per Mr. R. file
ETK*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Besant, George

608

February 10, 1930

~~Mrs. Carrie Besant,
118 Douglas St.,
Centralia,
Madison Co., Ill.~~

614 E. 5th St
Centralia, 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 widow of the late Pvt. Geo. Besant, Hq. Co., 138th P. A., 58th Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Neclas, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 1929.

Basant, George.

**Mrs. Gerrie Basant
115 Douglas St.,
Centralia, Ills.**

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 widow of the late **Private George Basant, D.C. 138th F.A., 38th Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Besant, George (OA) -

July 15, 1932.

Mrs. Louisa Besant,
614 E. 5th St.,
Centralia, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1931.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Besant, George (OA) M

Mrs. Louisa Besant,
614 E. 5th Street,
Centralia, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 298 A-M

December 19, 1931.

Besant, George (OA) M

Mrs. Louisa Besant,
614 E. 5th Street,
Centralia, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Information has been furnished this office that you are the mother of the late Private George Besant, whose remains are interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France. As the mother of a veteran who lost his life in the World War and whose remains are interred in Europe, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

In order that your desires may be recorded and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in returning the form.

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Your attention is invited to the fact that all necessary expenses of the pilgrimage from your home to the grave of your son and return to your home, are borne by the United States. Personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available, and you are assured the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the Government, but that everything possible for your pleasure and comfort will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Besant, George (O-A) W

September 29, 1931 ad

Mrs. Carrie Besant,
113 Douglas St.,
Centralia, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Besant, George Pvt. (OA) W-

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Carrie Besant,
113 Douglas St.,
Centralia, Illinois

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

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

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____
Write answer here

Sign here

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Besant, George Pvt. 608-W

April 4, 1931

Mrs. Carrie Besant,
113 Douglas St.,
Centralia, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

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

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Besant, George Pvt 608 W

October 10, 1930

Mrs. Carrie Besant
113 Douglas Street
Centralia, Illinois

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans 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?	
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For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, G. H. Corps,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 5, 1930.

Escent, George-508 V

Mrs. Carrie Escent,
115 Douglas Street,
Centralia, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
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

Besant, George

608

February 10, 1930

Mrs. Carrie Besant,
115 Douglas St.,
Centralia,
Marion Co., 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 widow of the late Pvt. Geo. Besant, Hq. Co., 138th F. A., 38th Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

ORIGINAL PAPER FILED

CROSS INDEX

QM 293 A-C
Freant, Heavrin

February 6, 1930.

Mrs. Julia Shugrue, Pres.,
First Clinton County Chapter,
American War Mothers,
1222 S. Cherry Street,
Centralia, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledgment is made to your letter of February 1, 1930, with further reference to your desire to secure a flag for Mrs. Louisa Besant, mother of the late George Besant, and Mrs. Annie McDowell, mother of the late Heavrin Freant.

In this connection your attention is invited to the letter of this office of January 30, 1930, in which you were advised that instructions had been given to have flags sent to these two mothers, provided flags had not previously been furnished them.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

ESM:LS

O. Q. M. G.

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ORIGINAL PAPER FILED

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QM 293 A-C
Freant, Heavrin

January 30, 1930.

Mrs. Julia Shugrue, Pres.,
First Clinton County Chapter,
American War Mothers,
1222 S. Cherry Street,
Centralia, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letters of January
19th and 24th requesting that flags be sent to Mrs. Louisa
Besant, mother of the late George Besant and Mrs. Annie
McDowell, mother of the late Heavrin Freant.

In compliance with your request, I have issued
instructions to have flags sent to these two mothers, pro-
vided flags have not previously been furnished in these two
cases.

For the Acting The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

ESM:LS

~~O. Q. M. G.~~

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Freant
George

QM 293 A-C (Besant, George) 1st Ind.
January 30, 1930. To: Quartermaster Supply Officer, Washington General
Depot, 20th & C. Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C.

1. It is requested that a flag be sent in this case provided
one has not previously been furnished.

For the Acting The Quartermaster General.

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

ESH:LS

BASIC COMMUNICATION

Letter, 1-19-30, from Mrs. Julia Shugrue, Pres., First Clinton
County Chapter, American War Mothers, 1222 S. Cherry Street,
Centralia, Ill., requesting flag for Mrs. Louisa Besant, mother
of the late George Besant, World War Veteran.

O.D.M.G.M. & R. DIV

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Basant, George 608 -M

**Mrs. Louise Basant,
614 E. 5th Street,
Centralia, Ills.**

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.

Besant, George 608

Mrs. Louise Besant (M)

614 E. 5th St

Centralia, Ills.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Besant, George
808

Aug. 27, 1929.

Mrs. Carrie Besant,
~~113 Douglas St.,~~
Centralia, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~June 20, 1929~~ making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 20 1929.

Besant, George.

**Mrs. Carrie Besant
113 Douglas St.,
Centralia, Illa.**

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 widow of the late **Private George Besant, M.C. 133th F.A., 38th Div.,** whose remains are now interred in the **Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Beringes-et-Boules, Aisne, France.**

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

DEPT OF WAR
JUN 20 1929
M. S. C. 5
M. S. C. 5
M. S. C. 5

Besant,

Geo.

1,566,948,

Dup.

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army or Air Force number.)

Pvt.

Hq. Co., 138th F.A.

(Rank and organization.)

George F. Besant

State your relationship to the deceased

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No
(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

435-50 Sycamore St

Centralia

Ills

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

George F. Besant

435-50 Sycamore

Centralia

Ills

(Number and street of rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

RMS

1/4/21

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

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Brown by RM

March 29, 1924

BESANT, George Pvt.

Mrs. Carrie Besant,

113 Douglas Street, Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosure which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

Dear Madam:

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,

Assistant.

1-Incl.
Record card.

Central Office
R. P. HARNOLD
MAR 29 1924

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE February 14, 1928

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BESANT, George *Ill.*

10. Name _____

2. No. 1566948

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Hq.Co., 138th F.A. 38th Div.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. October 26, 1918

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. R.R.Accident

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 27 Sec. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot Block A Row 13

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. _____

18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne

19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles

20. Dept. or County Aisne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 608

23. Disinterred (Date) February 14, 1928 By Charles E. Spahn

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BESANT, George

Serial No. 1566948

Rank Pvt.

Organization Hq.Co., 138th F.A.

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

27. Condition of body _____

28. Nature of burial Metallic casket

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 _____ By _____

31. Casket sealed by _____

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *Charles E. Spahn*

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. _____

32. Designation of body:

Name BESANT, George Serial No. 1566948
Rank Pvt. Organization Hq.Co., 138th F.A.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) February 14, 1928 By Charles E. Spahn

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector Charles E. Spahn
Charles E. Spahn

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) _____

To point of Concentration _____
Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____ (Name) _____

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery _____
Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____ (Name) _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred February 14, 1928, Oise-Aisne American Cty.
(Date)

42. Grave No. 27 Section _____

43. Plot Block A Row 13

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

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date February 14, 1928.

1. REMAINS OF BESANT, George SERIAL NUMBER 1566948
RANK Private ORGANIZATION Hq. Co. 138th F.A.

2. Disinterred (date) : February 14, 1928 From (give complete location) :
Grave 27, Block A, Row 13

By : Group Cty. Unit _____

3. Reburied (date) February 14, 1928 In (give complete location) :
Grave 27, Block A, Row 13

By : Group Cty. Unit _____ Nature of reburial Metallic casket

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

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) _____

(b) Weight (estimated) _____

(c) Hair—Color _____

Quantity _____

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) _____

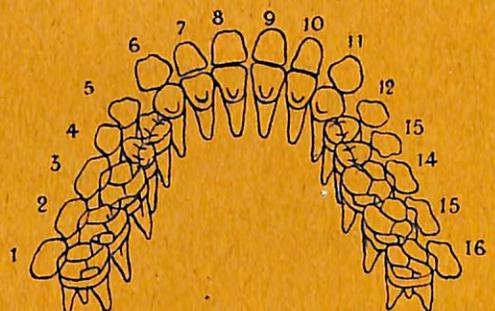
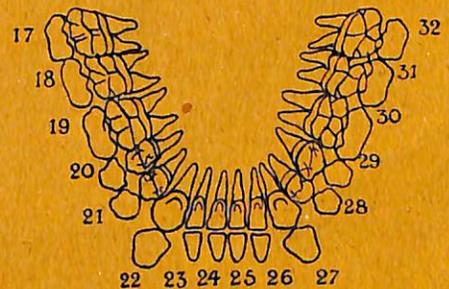


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by Charles E. Fahn Approved : _____

(Title) _____

8. Reburial supervised by Charles E. Fahn Approved : _____

(Title) _____

W. G. Moon

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH

All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:



CROWNED TEETH

Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



BRIDGE WORK

Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:



FILLINGS

Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



CARIES (CAVITIES)

Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



DENTURES (PLATES)

Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name BESANT, George Ser. No. 1566948)
 (2) Rank Pvt Organization HQ's Co., 138th F.A.) TYP. JS
 (3) Date of death 10/26/18) CKR. MEH

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

(4) Cause of death Accidentally Killed Railroad Collision TYP. ESW
 (5) Grave No. 110 Row --- Plot --- Sect. --- CKR. JK

*2/6/22 Examined
for Concentration
Camp - Airmen # 608
2007/24/22*

II. FILES EXAMINATION

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

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD

Date of receipt None

(6) Relationship Father
 (7) Name George Besant
 (8) Address 435 S. Sycamore St. Centralia, Ill.
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? No
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at _____
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? -

att 3/22/20

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE

Date of communication _____

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

No correspondence.

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by ckh (Date) 3/22/20

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

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George F. Besant (father) (12-1-18)
for the family,
asked information in regard to
death of son. - Grave location blank

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by G. C. (Date) 3-23-20

*Checked
12/08
1/9/21*

III. FINAL ACTION

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

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

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed

(18) Typed by Checked by (Date)

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date)

(19) Typed by Checked by (Date)

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form 120-8/7/20 Carrie Besant wife 113 Douglas st.
Centralia, Ill, requests body remain in place HS-8/2/20
H*

D. Dispatched (Date) (Let. Trans. No. APR 12 1920)

*Par. 2 Not to be returned.
3-8-21 G.C.*

Approved by

(Date)

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov 30, 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 BESANT, George
 2. No. 1566948
 3. Rank Pvt
 4. Org. Hq. Co. 138th FA
 5. D.D. 10-26-18
 6. C.D. Accidentally killed in railroad collision

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 110 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery Amer. Cty.

19. Commune or town St. Malo-de-Brignon (Coetquidan)

20. Dept. or County Morbihan

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 18

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov 30, 1921.

By A. W. Taggart.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Besant, George.

Serial No. _____

Rank Pvt.

Organization Hq. Co. 138th F. A.

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

William H. Warren
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

None.

27. Condition of body Decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box U.S. Uniform and blanket.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov 30, 1921 By A. W. Taggart.

31. Casket sealed by A. W. Taggart.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

A. W. Taggart
ADDIT 23
Nov 11

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-17279

32. Designation of body:

Name Geogge BESANT Serial No. 1566948

Rank Pvt Organization Hq. Co. 138th FA

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Am. Cty. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov 30, 1921. By A. W. Taggart.

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 C. S. Denny, 1st Lt. C. C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov 30, 1921.

To point of Concentration Coetquidan Mergue. (Name)

Convoyer E. Truax. Signature Shipping Officer C. S. Denny,

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov 30, 1921.

By G.R.S. Representative H. B. Birdseye, 1st Lt. QMC.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 2-DEC. 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty 608. (Name)

Convoyer E. Truax. Signature Shipping Officer H. B. Birdseye,

40. Received: Date 6 DEC 19 1921

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

41. Reinterred 9/12/22, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne) (Date)

42. Grave No. 27, Blk. A Section

43. Plot Row 13

hw

G.R.S. Representative C. J. Blake,
Capt. QMC

gs

Place Coetquidan 18.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov 30, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Besant, George SERIAL NUMBER 1566948.

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Hq, Co. 138th F. A.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov 30, 1921. From (give complete location): Grave 110, Cem 18.

By: Group 4 Unit Sec 6.

3. Reburied (date): 9/12/22 In (give complete location): Gr. 27, Blk. A. Row 13

Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)

By: Group reburial group Unit metal lined casket. Nature of reburial

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

Decomposed, features unrecognizable.

Wooden box, U.S. Uniform and blanket.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

None.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp to det.

(c) Hair—Color None visible.

Quantity None visible.

Characteristics None visible.

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible.

Location None visible.

Quantity None visible.

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

or missing parts) None visible.

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

None visible.

3 Gold crown.

1, 16, not erupted.

7, 10. Gold crown.

8, 9, Porce front gold backing

2, 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 15, Sil fill.

18, 19, 28, 31 Sil fill

30, MBP, C. B. Denny

7. Disinterment supervised by A. W. Tappert

Approved: C. J. Blake
(Title) 1st Lt. CAC.

8. Reburial Supervised by L. D. Hays

Approved: C. J. Blake
(Title) Capt. OMC

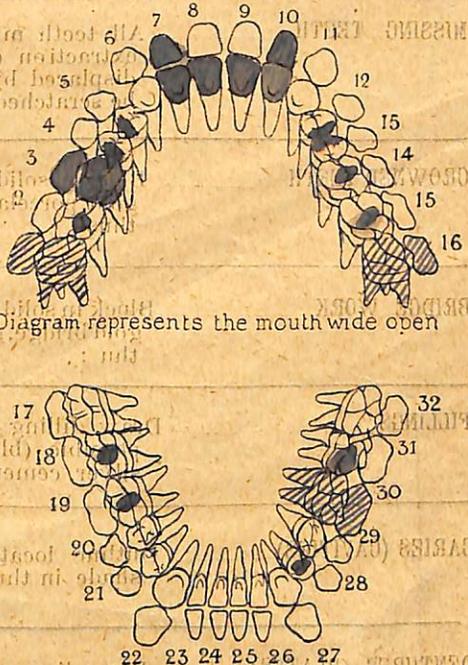


Diagram represents the mouth wide open

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO: 16-A

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1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:	
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	
DENTURES (PLATES)	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

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

JUN 30 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.V.C.
TO: George Besant, 435 S. Sycamore St., Centralia, Ill.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. George Besant

Push Answer

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be not returned to U. S. *To remain in France*

*no change
2/1/20*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

*noted on 8-11-20
8-21-20*

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
<i>Carrie Besant</i>	<i>113 Douglas</i>	<i>Centralia</i>	<i>Illinois</i>
Soldier's Children			
(Name oldest first)	1.		
	2.		
	3.		
<i>None</i>			
Father			
<i>George Besant</i>	<i>5th So</i>	<i>Centralia</i>	<i>Ill.</i>
Mother			
<i>Louise Besant</i>	<i>5th So</i>	<i>Centralia</i>	<i>Ill.</i>
Brothers			
(Name oldest first)	1. <i>Fred Besant</i>		
	2. <i>Harold Besant</i>	<i>Centralia</i>	<i>Ill.</i>
Sisters			
<i>Lillie Bundy</i>	<i>H. Locust</i>	<i>Centralia</i>	<i>Ill.</i>
Date	<i>Aug. 7th</i>	Signature	<i>Carrie Besant</i>

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OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION
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The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at Government expense.

Address *113 Douglas Street* Relationship *Wife*
Note:- Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper. SG (OVER)

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American Expeditionary Forces
Headquarters Services of Supply
Office of the Chief Quartermaster - American E. F.
Graves Registration Service
France.

February 5, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E. F.
TO: Mr. George F. Besant, #435 - S - Sycamore Street, Centralia, Ill.
SUBJECT: Private George Besant, Field Artillery.

- (1) In reply to your letter of inquiry, relative to the death and place of burial of the above named soldier, beg to advise you that word has been received here to the effect that Private Besant's body was interred in the AMERICAN CEMETERY at the CAMP of COETQUIDAN, in the DEPARTMENT of the MORBIHAN.
- (2) This information has not as yet been confirmed by my inspecting officers, but there is very little doubt that the burial took place in the cemetery above named.
- (3) As this office obtains only burial information, I have today written to the Chaplain of Private Besant's company, asking that he communicate to you direct any information that he may have relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of your brave son.

By direction CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.G., A.E.F.

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

MBD/im.

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Besant, George

Pvt. Hq. Co. 138th U.S.F.A.

DB. 10/26/18

Buried: Amer. Cty. Camp de
Coetquidan

Grave No. 110

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Besant,..... **1566948**..... **George**
(Surname): (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private,... **Headquarters Co., 138th F.A.**
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:... **Gael, France**.....

CAUSE OF DEATH:... **Railroad wreck**.....

DATE OF BURIAL:... **October 28th, 1918.**.....

PLACE OF BURIAL: **American Cemetary #18**.....
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Camp Coetquidon, Morbihan, Department.
France.....

GRAVE NUMBER: **110**.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?... **yes**.... Cross?.....
Headboard?..... 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:

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NEAREST RELATIVE **Mr. George F. Besant**.....

ADDRESS: **435 S. Sycamore St., Centralia, Ill.**.....

RELATIONSHIP: **Father**.....

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REPORTED BY:

Harris Mallinckrodt..... **8th Lt. Chaplain 138 F.A.**
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

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Centraire Iles Dec 1-1918

Lieut. Col. Chas C. Pierce.

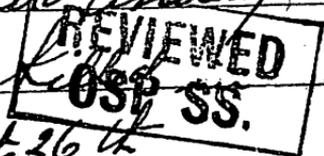
France

Dear Sir

You will no doubt be surprised to receive this letter.

But trust you will not throw it aside but answer it if ever so short. Nov 29th I received the following message from Washington D.C.

Sadly regret to inform you that Private George Besant field artillery is officially reported as killed in a Railroad accident Oct 26th. His wife (of only a month) & mother



are very anxious to know a little
more of the circumstances if possible
to get them. I have taken your
address out of Chicago Tribune
or Post Dispatch. If you can place this
letter in the hands of the unit that
attended to the ferrying of the dead
on a/c of said accident please
do so. Let us know if accident
or a bomb from those 2 bombs
caused his death, also any further
information you can give me as
to his place of death etc.

Thanking you in advance for
any information you can give
reply I beg to remain
your

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Very Respectful
a grief stricken parent

Guy F. Besant
435 - 5 - Sycamore St
Centerville

Also

Member of No. 138 F.A.

63rd Brigade

38th Division

Cyprus Division

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