

JMMB

DEC -1 1925

DATE

Father refers to name of Lewis E. Besserud checked 2/18/27

1. NAME BESSERUD, Louis E. SERIAL No. 2851651

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.E 357th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION St.Mihiel Amer.Cty. Thiaucourt, M&M 1233
CTY. NAME NUMBER

16 Sec.14 1

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 0-72 254-9. Plot E, City. 108 Bruley M.-et-M.

with GRAVE, at Ind. 2/7/24 - see COT Corres. 1233 COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 69ME, 214.75N, 363.5E.

CONCENTRATED TO 6/4/19 16 Sec.14 1

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

St.Mihiel 1233

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross.

DATE OF DEATH Sept. 15, '18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Minn.

Data F-1

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR I.H. Jorice, 1st Lt., MC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION July 20, 1922 32 15 Block C
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

St.Mihiel American No.1233, Thiaucourt

CEMETERY DEC 3 1925 WORLD WAR DIV.

RECD DEC 8 1923

AUDITED BY

K 111 7/27

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

R

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

..... BESSERUD 2851651 LEWIS. E.

(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

..... Pvt. Co. E, 357. Inf.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... Sept. 16, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL. American Cemetery #103.

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

GRAVE NUMBER..... 260 a.

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

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

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

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

REPORTED BY :

W. Bush
.....
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co.E, 357 th Inf.
90 th Div.

BESSERUD, Lewis E - Pvt. 285165I
Home : Reseau, Minnesotas.

Missing in action 9/15/18. CT28.

Pvt. Lewis E. Besserud was with the company until the morning of Sept. 12, 1918 and started over the top with his platoon. When the company reached its objective at about 8:00 A.M. a check was made and he could not be accounted for.

No other information has ever been received concerning him.

Informant: Ingram, Victor H - Sgt. 2216893
Co.E, 357 th Inf.
Home : Salt Fork, Okla.

March 10, 1919.

Signed : Coy D. Hutton - 2nd Lt.
357 th Inf.

Emergency address:
Asle M. Besserud
Fox, Minnesota.

M.S.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Besserud</i>	<i>Bes</i>	3	259
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1233</i>	1	3
	GRAVE <i>32</i>	2	32
	ROW <i>15</i>	2	15
	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	3
STATE	<i>Minn</i>	2	27
RANK	<i>Private</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>90</i>	2	90
ORGANIZATION	<i>357</i>	3	357
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARITAL <i>Father</i>	<i>no</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Besserud</i>		3	
<i>Mr. Asle S.</i>	STATE <i>Minn</i>	2	27
RESIDENCE <i>Fox, Minn</i>	COUNTY <i>Roseau</i>	2	25
	CITY <i>Fox</i>	3	111
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	1
ELIGIBILITY	<i>head</i>	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

AUDITED
 APR 2 1932
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29/514
E.P.M.

R.S.A.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Besserud, Lewis E - 1233 F

July 7, 1930

Mr. Asle L. Besserud
Fox, Minn.

Dear Sir:

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

No

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

If so, give her name and address:

No

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

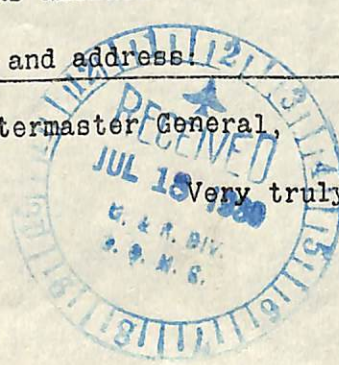
If so, give her name and address:

No

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment



A. D. Hughes
A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, O. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Besserud, Lewis E.
1233

September 13, 1929.

Mr. Asle L. Besserud,
Fox, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 2, 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.

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Write answers in space below

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

No

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

Mother Dead

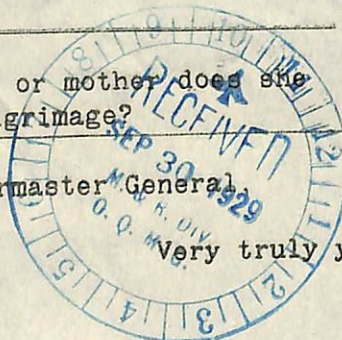
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Besserud, Lewis E.

August 2, 1929

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Fox, Minnesota

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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.
4. Does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT



21ST & C STS. N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Returned from St. Paul, Minn. - 16
No such P. O. in State named





NOTIFY YOUR
CORRESPONDENTS
OF
CHANGE OF ADDRESS

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Besserud, Lewis E.

May 27, 1929.

C-57,623.

Single.

No record of Mother

Mr. Asle M. Besserud, (F) Asle L. Besserud,
Box 43, Fox, Minnesota.
Box, Minn. (M) Inger Besserud,
same add. as above.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

QM 293 A-M
Besserud, Lewis E. (STM)

October 28, 1931

Mr. Paul Eddy,
Cresco,
Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Your communication of October 17th, addressed to The Adjutant General, relative to your desire to be furnished with information concerning the place of burial of the late Private Lewis E. Besserud, has been referred to this office for reply.

The records show that the remains of this late soldier are interred in Grave 52, Row 15, Block C, of the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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EX 1931 OCT -28- PM 3:34

OQMG M&R BR

Received A. G. O. OCT 20 1931

for one of the undertakers
As he was left on
ground during the night
as there were no lines
in place at the time and was
much fun and

CRESO, Ia

Spencer House
Paul Edler 3671
Cresco, Ia

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

OCT 20 1931

WAR DEPT.

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Crescent

Oct, 17, 1931

No 201's

I would be very
glad to know if you
know where the body
of Lewis & Bessard, Fox
Minn lies in fact

REC'D W. DEPT. WASH. D.C.

OCT 21 1931

WW DM 8-3

1st Ind.

War Department, A. G. O., October 23, 1931 -To the Quartermaster General,
U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

With reference to the foregoing communication, the records of this office show that Lewis E. Besserud, army serial number 2851651, died September 15, 1918. The records also show that he was buried September 16, 1918, in the American Cemetery #108, Grave No. 260 a, (G.R.S. 317, Sheet No. 18.)

By order of the Secretary of War:



Wm. A. Lewis
Adjutant General.

Cover please

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Research Service Co

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Besserud, Lewis E - 1233 F

July 7, 1930

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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1233

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2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 27, 1929.

Besserud, Lewis E.

Mr. Asle H. Besserud,
Box 43,
Box, Minn.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

RE✓

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Besserud, Lewis E.

August 2, 1929

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
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Assistant.

QM 293 A-C

BESSEKUD, Lewis E. - Pvt.

February 29, 1924

Mr. Asle M. Besserud,
Box 43,
Fox, Minn.

Dear SirThe 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.

✓ 1- Incl.
Record card.

O.Q.M.G.
Central Mail & Files Bx.
Assistant
R.L. FOSTER



FEB 29 1924
D. B.

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707

1/23/24

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

Letter

From: Q.M.C.O.
To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

Re: Discrepancies in burials, Sebastopol American Cemetery.

*See ind. 2/7/24 City Corres. 1233.
REV. 2/27/24*

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293 Sebastopol American Cemetery

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INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #21902

(2-19-21) *cl*



I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BESSERUD, ^{Louis} ~~Louis E.~~ Ser. No. 2851651 } TYP. evs
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 357th Inf. } CKR. A
 (c) Date of death 9/15/18 (d) Cause of death dwria

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

(a) Grave No. 16 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 14 TYP. evs
 (b) Emerg. Address Asle M. Besserud, (Father) Fox, Minn.

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

(2-19-21) *cl*

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name Asle L. Besserud (b) Relationship Father
 (c) Address Box 43, Fox, Minn.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at yes
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____

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

Examiner's Initials L.G. Date 1-31-1920

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

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials L.G. Date 1-31-1920

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

Mr. L. Besserud father, 2-3-19
Fox P.O. Minn. Cancels request—on card
Desires son's body remain in France

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes S.M.

Examiner's Initials S.M. Date 1-31-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

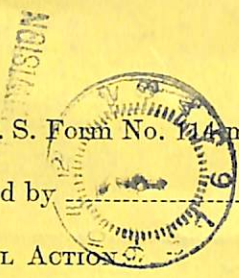
CEMETERY No. 1233

SHEET No. 241

CARDED

JA
mb FEB 23 1921

2-19-21 cl



RECEIVED BY
MAIL UNIT

JUN 4 1921, 1920.

Cemetery Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

FEB 18 1921

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 124 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____

VIII. FINAL ACTION

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on _____, 1920

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned

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IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be _____

Body to be shipped to _____

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*4/20/21 (F# 120) Asle L. Besserd father
nk. For Merin (bt 43) requests that the
body remain in Europe H 57/16/21 cml*

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Garnaway 1-31

A. G. O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies

Name ✓

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No. *1-3-21*

Org. *2-3-21*

Remarks

S-1357/MB

*checked
2-1-21
JH*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #21902

(2-19-21)
ce

Lewis

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

BESSERUD, Louis E.

2851651

(a) Name Pvt. Ser. No. 657th Inf......

QVS

TYP. *K*

(b) Rank 9/15/18 Organization dwria Cause of death

(c) Date of death.....death

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

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QVS

(a) Grave No. Row 2 Plot Asie K. Besserud, (Father) Fox, Minn. Sect. TP.....

(b) Emerg. Address (2-19-21).....

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases.....CKR..... *K*

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

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.....
.....

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (letter of transmittal on FEB 128 1921 (cable on.....) 192.....

..... Par. #2, Not To Be Returned..... *A*

MAR 1- 1921

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of Relationship and Source.....and name.....Desires.....Action taken.....

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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J.....6-4-21.....192.....

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

FRANCE

CEMETERY NO.

1233

SHEET NO.

241

S/AA6/LML

PRIORITY 104

MB FEB 23 1921

Besserud

(Surname.)

Lewis E.

(Christian name in full.)

2,851,651

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co E, 357th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

yes

(Yes or no.)

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

yes

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remain's.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Asle L. Besserud.

Box 43.

Fort.

Missouri.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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18-1-17
paving

Drawn by L. G.

1233 - 241

1-31-21

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE

July 20, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BESSERUD, ^{ew} Louis E.

10. Name

2. No. 2851651

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. E 357th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 9-15-18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. D.O.W.

(b) D.B. None.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 16 Sec. 14

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 1 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None.

18. Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer.

19. Commune or town Thiaucourt

20. Dept. or County M&M

21. Country France

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

1233

23. Disinterred (Date) July 20, 1922.

By A.W. Taggart.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Louis E. Besserud

Serial No. 2851651

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. E. 357 Inf.

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

L.H. Albin R.H. Albin
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).

Nothing found to disprove identity.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and burlap

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 July 20, 1922. By A.W. Taggart.

31. Casket sealed by

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

MMB

AUG 11 1922
11-4-23

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Thiaucourt, France,

Date July 20, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BESSERUD, Louis E. SERIAL NUMBER 2851651
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. E. 357th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : July 20, 1922 From (give complete location) : Gr. 16, Sec. 14, Plot 1, Cem. 1233.

By : Group 2 Unit 1
3. Reburied (date) July 20, 1922 In (give complete location) : Gr 32, row 15, block C. Cty. 1233, Thiaucourt, France.
By : Group reburial Unit Nature of reburial regulation casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment : Wooden box and burlap, badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

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

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

Nothing found to disprove identity.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

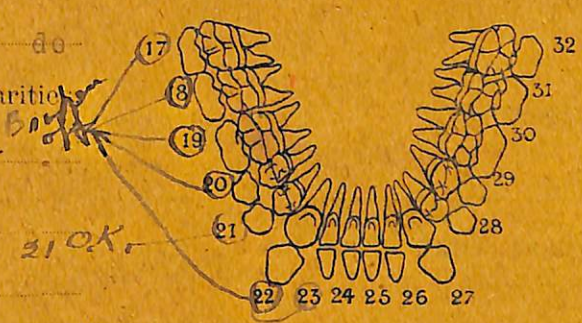
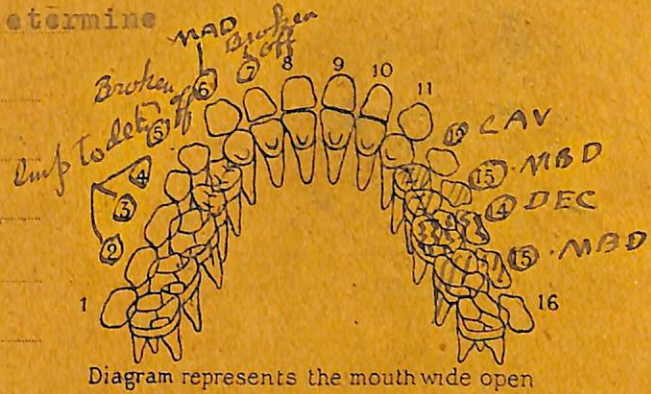
Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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



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

Skull posted.

7. Disinterment supervised by A. W. Taggart

Approved: J. Powers
J. Powers, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by H. L. Kramer

Approved: A. E. Dewey
A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.
(Title)

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C -29384

32. Designation of body:

Name Louis E. BESSERUD Serial No. 2851651
Rank Pvt Organization Co.E 357th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. Thiaucourt, M&M 1233

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) July 20, 1922 By 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 J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) July 20, 1922

To point of Concentration _____
(Name)
Convoyer _____ 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 _____
To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer 1233, Thiaucourt, France
(Name)
Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer J.J. Powers
J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date _____
G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred July 20 1922
(Date)

42. Grave No. 32 Section _____

43. ~~XXXX~~ Block C Row 15

G.R.S. Representative A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BESSERUD 2851651 LEWIS E.

(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. E, 357 Inf.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... Sept. 16, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL... American Cemetery #103.

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

GRAVE NUMBER... 300

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? YOH

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Wm Bishop

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

2nd Lt. Wm. C. Bishop
Quartermaster

24 SEP 1918

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1. U.S. Form No. 1. Hq. G. File

2. Soldier's No. 2851651

3. Besseruder Lewis E.
Surname First Name and Initials

4. Pvt. E. 357 Inf.
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Sept. 15, 1918.
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Sept. 16, 1918. Sebastopol
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Sebastopol M et M.
Town or Commune Department

8. 260 A.
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross? Headboard? Bottle?
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker?
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description:

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed

Group Hqs Unit 301 G.R.S.

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26 SEP 1918

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Besserud, Lewis E.

OK Swindle



Req No

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File

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BESSERUD, Lewis E.
Pvt Co E 357th Inf



May 31st, 1921.

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

Re: Besserud, Lewis E. Pvt.
Ser. No. 2851651, Co. E,
357th Infantry.

Mr. Asle L. Besserud,
 Box #43, Fox, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Your shipping inquiry form dated April 20th, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

Mailed - G. F. D.

By:

F. C. PALLAS,
 Executive Assistant.

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Quartermaster General's Office
 Cemeterial Division

JUN 4 1921

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Complete
Return Records

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

APR 9 1921

1233-241 e1

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mr. A. L. Besserud, Box #43, Fbx, Minn.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Lewis E. Besserud, Ser. No. 2851651 Co. E, 357th Inf.

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

no change Cms

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

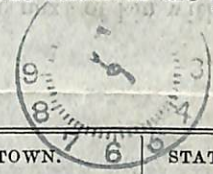
The nearest next of kin may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) body to remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? *no*



NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)			
1			
2			
3			
Father <i>Asle L Besserud</i>		<i>Fox</i>	<i>Minn</i>
Mother <i>Inger Besserud</i>		<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)			
1 <i>John Besserud</i>		<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
2 <i>Albert Besserud</i>		<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
3			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)			
1			
2			
3			

*Noted by Cms 4/5/21
Living
Relationships are all*

APR 25 1921

Date *April 20th. 1921.*

Signature *Asle L Besserud.*

Address *Fox. Minn*

Relationship *Father*

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I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living next of kin of the within-named

(Relationship.)

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

JUN 4 1921

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to~~ _____

(Name.)

(R. R. station.)

(State.)

3. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and buried in~~ _____

National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature

Carl L. Bessner

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room ~~2138~~ 2138

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

2/1902

Adjustment Made
MAR 1 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

FILL

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

Date 2/3/21.

File No. Requisition.

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 **Besserud** *OK*
- b. Christian name **Louis E.** *OK*
~~or (Lewis E.)~~ *OK*
- c. Serial Number **2851651** *OK*
- d. Organization **Co. E, 357th Inf.** *OK*
- e. Rank **Pvt.** *OK*
- f. Date of death **9/15/18.** *OK*
- g. Cause of death **DWRIA.** *OK*
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

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)

DENTAL CHARTS
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

G.W. *Donnelly M. F.*
EP Jfc 8
2-4-21

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

BY:

[Signature]
H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut., Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 1233

SHEET NO: 241

TYPED BY: I.W.

World War Div.
Date: 4-18-21

Date 9th, June, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Number: 2861651

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Name: BESSERUDE, Lewis

Rank: Pvt.

Organization: Co E 357 Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

6/4/19

Grave #254-A Amer.E.F.Cty.,

SEBASTOPOL, M-et-M.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

6/4/19

Grave #16 Section #14 Plot #1

ST. MIHIEL AMER. CTY., #1233

THLAUCOURT, M-et-M.

1233

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

Burial good. Body naked wrapped in burlap. Body badly decomposed

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

CONFIRMED N° D 10496

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Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 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: Capt Orbeck

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.

C.O. Group

Unit

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

FILE

April 17th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO :
MR. A.L. Besserud, Fox, Minn.
SUBJECT : Disposition of remains of
Pvt. Lewis E. Besserud, Co.E., 357th Inf., American E.F.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter, expressing the desire that the body of your ^{SON} should remain in France, and you are advised that your request will be complied with.

2. Permit me to express to you my sympathy in the loss which you have sustained in the cause of our country,

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

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NAME

FILE NUMBER

Lewis E. Besserud

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

ORGANIZATION

Private.

Co. E, 357th. Infantry

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	
2.	Date of Death	
3.	Grave Location:	
4.	Who reported burial?	
5.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
6.	How is grave marked?	
7.	Identification Tags:	
	(a) Buried with Body?	
	(b) Attached to grave marker?	
8.	Emergency address:	
9.	Has above been notified? (Give date).	

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags etc. (Par. #5, Bul, 10-B)	Effects (G.R.S. Form Nos 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 23
Grave Location	(b) Remain in France Form 24
	(c) Miscellaneous letter

REMARKS:

Co.E, 357 th Inf.
90 th Div.

BESSERUD, Lewis E - Pvt. 2851651
Home : Roseau, Minnesotas.

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Missing in action 9/15/18. CT28.

Pvt. Lewis E. Besserud was with the company until the morning of Sept. 12, 1918 and started over the top with his platoon. When the company reached its objective at about 8:00 A.M. a check was made and he could not be accounted for.

No other information has ever been received concerning him.

O.R. - 10/20/18 D-wounds
H-2

Informant: Ingram, Victor H - Sgt. 2216893
Co.E, 357 th Inf.
Home : Salt Fork, Okla.

March 10, 1919.

Signed : Coy D. Hutton - 2nd Lt.
357 th Inf.

Emergency address:
Wesley M. Besserud
Box, Minnesota.

U.S.

(Misc)

1st Ind.

jgm ✓

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G. H. Q., American E. F., France, January 11, 1919 - To the Commanding General, S. O. S. - C.Q.M.

For the necessary action at the proper time.

By command of General Pershing:

J. M. Woolfolk
Adjutant General.

1 incl.



IN REPLY REFER
TO A.O.O., S.O.S.

201. Besserud, Lewis E.

--2nd Ind.--

TPJ/AB

Hdgrs., S. O. S., 14 Jan. '19. To Chief Quartermaster, (Graves Registration Service).

1 incl.

N. J. J.

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Chief Grass Registration Service,
Headquarters Service of Supply,
Kang Si

Your letter of Jan. 11 has been
recd and contents noted
by which I see you will
move the remains of our son
Priv. Lewis E. Besserd, Co. "E",
257th Inf. to U. S. A. which was
my request. But
I have now decided
that I wish to leave the
body where it is, I do
not wish it to be moved.
So thanking you for
your writing I remain

Respectfully

Wm. A. L. Bessner
Tox
Miss

Hot Minn Dec 1st. 1919.

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H.O. A.E.P.
11/2/19

Gen Pershing. Dear Sir. We have read in the papers that the ~~Soldiers~~ soldiers that have fallen in the War ~~at~~ in France will be sent home if desired. I have a son who ~~was~~ died of wounds in the war on September 15th. 1918. and we would like to get him home if it is possible to send him. it would be some comfort for us in our great sorrow to have his grave near home. his name was
Pvt Lewis E Besserud

Co. E. 357th Inf
American Ex Forces
France

With Respect

A. L. Besserud.

Hot. Po.,
Roseau Co Minn.

20 864-4
S.O.S.
Besserud, Lewis E.

Jgm

(Misc)

France, January 11, 1919.

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From: Adjutant General.
To: Mr. A. L. Besserud, Fox, Roseau County, Minn.
Subject: Disposition of Remains of Private Lewis E. Besserud, 357th Infantry.

1. The Commander-in-Chief directs me to acknowledge receipt of your letter expressing your wish that the body of your son, Private Lewis E. Besserud, Company "E", 357th Infantry, be returned to the United States, and to advise you that your request will be complied with as soon as practicable.

2. The Commander-in-Chief wishes me to express to you his sympathy in the loss which you have sustained in the cause of our Country.

Adjutant General.



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

FILE NUMBER *

FROM:- Swindle

DATE:

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Besserud, Lewis E.

NUMBER:

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. E. 357th Inf

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	(1)* Louis E. Besserud 2851651 Pvt. CO. E. 357th. Inf.
2.	Date of Death	(2)* 9-15-18
3.	Cause and place of death	(3)* Wounded In Action
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) C.C.#264
5.	Date buried	
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	(6)* Grave No. 260-A (Cemetery 108) (Amer) Toul Sebastopol Meurthe-et-Moselle
7.	Who reported burial	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker	
10.	Report as to Identification Tags	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	(11)* Mr. Asle M. Besserud (Father) Fox, Minn.
12.	Has N/R been notified?: (Give Date)	* (12) 12-19-18
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	

N.B. All Proper names to be Printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS

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FILE.
Fort. Minn.

Jan 30th 1919.

Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Dear Sir.

Will you please send us a picture of our son's grave - Private Lewis E. Bessens of Co "E." 357th Infantry. Died Sept 15-1918 Buried in American Cemetery at Foul, Sebastopol (Merville - et - Mosselle) France?

Hoping that you will be able to comply with this request at once I am,

Sincerely
Mrs. Asst L. Bessens
Fort. Minn
U.S.

P.S.

Any other facts or information concerning him, his death and burial would be of great interest to us and would be appreciated.

Also: Will his body be sent home after the peace is declared?