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DATE Dec 29th, 1921.

1. NAME BETTENCOURT, Enos S.

SERIAL No. 1895864

RANK Pvt. *1/c*

ORGANIZATION Co.D., 321st M.G.Bn.

~~& DIVISION~~ *not shown*

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Arg. Amer. Cty #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 1232, ec. 28

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

53

ec. 28

2

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Isolated.

C-250

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 1 #25 of sketch No. 4 2 kil. s/e of St. Juvin

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT. Ardennes

COORDINATES 299.0E 284.7N Verdun NW35 10 yds. N of Sommerance Road

CONCENTRATED TO

4-4-19

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Sec. 28

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Meuse-Argonne

CEMETERY

1232

CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH *Oct 13, 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Penn.*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *None*

Data from Form 1

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Wm M. Cline

Wm M. CLINE
Captain Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Dec 29th, 1921.

12 Block F. 40.

DATE

GRAVE

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Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty # 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse).

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME BETTENCOURT	BET	3	25 ¹² ₀
Enos &	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE 12	2	12
	ROW 40	2	40
	BLOCK 7:	1	6
STATE	Pa	2	44
RANK	P7C	1	2
DIVISION	82	2	82
ORGANIZATION	321	3	321
ARM	M. H. Br	1	2
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME De Jesus	DE J	3	450
Maria D. D. D. D. D.	STATE	2	
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	
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RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Foreign	1	4
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
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ATTENDANT		1	
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QM 293 A-C
Benoit, Ernest J.

July 28, 1928.

Lieut. Col. H. C. Culbreath, Inf. Res.,
607 Magnolia Avenue,
Tampa, Florida.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 25th, 1928, The Quartermaster General desires you be advised that the investigation regarding the grave location of the late Private, first class Ernest J. Benoit, Company D, 321st Machine Gun Battalion, 82nd Division has been concluded. The body of this late soldier has been identified in Grave 15, Row 10, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

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Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Cross Reference

X 293 Bettencourt, Enos &

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Unidentified U-4003

1st Ind. (7/24/28 cont.).

Par. 5 cont.

Camp dental charts show no teeth crossed out. Dental information has not been obtained from the nearest of kin of this late soldier.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

J. McCLINTOCK,
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Assistant.

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1st Ind.

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Unidentified U-4003.

War Department, O.Q.M.G., Washington, July 24^b 1928. - To The Chief,
American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G., in Europe.

1. You are advised that the remains now interred in Grave X15, Row 10, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, listed as those of Unidentified U.S. Soldier U-4003, will be carried as those of the late Private, First class Ernest J. Benoit, #1,896,863, Company D, 321st Machine Gun Battalion, 82nd Division. To remain in Europe. All your records will be changed accordingly.

2. For your information, you are advised that the late Privates Bettencourt and Benoit were in the same hole, a shell made a direct hit, killing both, so mutilating the bodies that they could not be moved. Former Chaplain Arthur Gagnon has advised that he identified Private Bettencourt, but could not identify the soldier killed with him. He did not bury them. However, upon returning later he found both buried. He inquired as to who buried Private Bettencourt, and as to the identity of the soldier killed and buried with him. He was told the burial party was not known and the soldier killed with Bettencourt, was probably Steinberg. Although he had not buried these men, and as he had identified Private Bettencourt, he felt obligated to report the burials. Private Abe Steinberg, Company A, 328th Infantry, through error was reported to have been killed in action in October 1918. It later developed that this soldier was found to have been wounded and evacuated to a hospital, returned to the United States and was honorably discharged from the service. It seems as if Private Steinberg's identification tags were lost at the time he was evacuated to the hospital, thus accounting for those found in the hole with Private Bettencourt.

3. Former Captain Culbreath and Sergeant Umberger, both advise that Private Benoit had a low receding forehead, while Private Bettencourt had a straight forehead, rather the Grecian style.

4. Physical examination for Private Benoit shows him to have been 5 feet, 2 inches tall; wore 5E shoes; Local Board dental chart-teeth OK; Camp dental chart-1,2,3,4, bridged; 18,19,20 bridged; 14, 17, 20 extracted. Dental chart received from the nearest of kin of work done in 1917, shows 1-4 tooth bridge, two gold crowns, two porcelain bridges; 1-2 tooth bridge, one gold crown, one porcelain bridge; one silver filling.

5. Physical examination for Private Bettencourt shows him to have been 5 feet 8 inches tall; wore 7 1/2 E shoe; Local Board and

O. M. G.

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From - OQMG.,
To - Herbert C. Umberger, Crestline, Ohio.

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Jan. 27/28

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Co D. 321st Machine Gun Bn
82nd Division

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Home: 3955 Fairmont Ave,
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Informant: Umberger, sgt Herbert C. I895849
Co D. 321st Machine Gun Bn.
Crestline, Ohio.

Emergency address:
Enos E. Bettencourt
322 E. 57th St,
Portland, Ore.

Signed;

R.M. Goodall, 1st Lt, USA
Co D. 321st M.G. Bn

S/A

Feb 4 '29

Co D. , 321st Machine Gun Battalion
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I895849, Co D. 321st M.G. Bn
Home: Crestline, Ohio.

Signed; P.M. Goodall, 1st Lt, F.A. U.S.A.
Co D. 321st M.G. Bn

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Portland, Oregon.

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A.M. 29 Apr 1945
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G. R. S.

C O P Y

From: Rev. Arthur Gagnon, 1359 Acushnet Ave. New Bedford, Mass.

To: K.J.Hampton, Lt. Col., Q.M.C Assistant.

Subject: Benoit, Ernest L. Pvt lcl 1895863, Co. D. 321 M.G.Bn.

Dear Sir:

I fully remember body of Private Bettencourt which I identified and in the same hole another body so mutilated that I could not identify him. Those two bodies were so mutilated that they could not be brought to the cemetery in the village in Sommerance.

Going there the next day I found that those two men had been buried at the place where they had been killed.

I inquired to near-by soldiers who had buried those two men; no one could twll me. I also inquired if any one knew who that unidentified man, killed and buried with Bettencourt, could be, Several told me that it must be Steinberg. How did I get tag No 1924272? I do not recall.

As I identified Bettencourt I felt responsible and under obligation to make a report although I had not buried them.

Later, I was asked where the body of Ernest Benoit was. I may have said that the body was in the cemetery in Sommerance, for the following reason, I had been obliged to leave Sommerance for a whole day and on returning was told an unidentified man had been buried in my cemetery in Sommerance. So I may have deduced that this unidentified body must be that of Ernest Benoit.

Conclusion:

I am ^{strongly} inclined to believe that it was Ernest Benoit buried in the same shell hole with Bettencourt.

Respectfully,

signed

Rev. A. Gagnon

P.S. Recall being told that Benoit and Bettencourt were great friends.

C O P Y

504 Howard Street
East Pittsburg, Pa.
March 5, 1927.

QM 293 A-C

Benoit, Ernest J. Pvt lcl. 11895863
Bettencourt, Enos S. Pvt lcl. 1895864

Lt. Col. K.J.Hampton, Q.M.C.

Dear Sir:

Pvt lcl Benoit as I remember him was of small stature that is he was short about five feet five inches tall and of fair build. He had a fairly low receding forehead and a fairly slender face. The picture of the company before it sailed is at my home in Crestline, Ohio and with it I could probably give you a better description of hi,. The address that I last had of his parents was 27 Wildings St., Fairhaven, Mass. and they may be able to supply you a picture of him.

Pvt lcl Bettencourt was a well built man of about five feet eight inches tall and had a straight forehead and I believe that he had quite a number of gold teeth but as to their location U am unable to say, His Service Record should show the location of the gold teeth,

The shell that killed these two men also killed an Infantry Pvt. who was coming up the road and as he heard the shell coming ducted into a hole side of the one that was occupied by Benoit and Bettencourt and this man was pretty well shot up. I do not however remember what he looked like. I heard later that Pvts. Benoit and Bettencourt were buried in the burial ground located in Sommerance.

Mr. Harry Culbreath then captain of the Company who lives at 607 Magnolia Ave., Tampa, Florida may be able to give you some information on these two men as Pvt. Benoit was his orderly.

Mr. Robert M. Goodall, Glen Iris Park, Birmingham, Ala., a First Lieutenant of the Company was also a witness of the death of these two men and may be able to give you some information.

Hoping this information will aid you in identifying these men,
I remain,

Very truly yours,

Herbert C. UMBERGER.

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March 15, 1928.

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Benoit, Ernest J. Pvt 1/c Co. D 321 MGBn.
Bettencourt, Enos S. Pvt 1/c Co. D, 321 MGBn.

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

Attention Lt. Col. K.J. Hampton, Q.M.C.

Dear Sir:

Private Benoit and I were in the hole marked 1-2 when Private Bettencourt ran up to tell me Captain Culbreath wanted to see me. So I exchanged places with him and ran down the road to Captain Culbreath.

Just as I was returning, a German shell made a direct hit on my hole and when I ran to the spot there was only an unrecognizable mass of feet, hands and one head.

One of my men claimed an infantry runner had jumped into the hole also, but we could not tell how ~~many~~ ^{many} had been ~~there~~ ^{there} beyond being certain that both Privates Benoit and Bettencourt were killed there.

We went forward a few minutes later and I had no further opportunity to investigate. However, I feel that if only two bodies were found one of them must have been Benoit as there was no positive eye witness that any one else was in the hole with these two men.

My impression would be that Benoit's forehead was a low receding one. I am also of the impression that he must have been buried in the same hole with Private Bettencourt as the bodies were too severely mutilated to be buried separately.

Very truly,

signed Robert M. Goodall.

C O P Y
LYKES BROS. STEAMSHIP CO., Inc.
Owners, Agents and Operators.
Tampa, Fla.

May 25, 1928

Lt. Colonel K.J. Hampton, Q.M.C.,
Assistant Quartermaster General,
Washington, D.C.

QM 293 A-C Benoit, Ernest J. Pvt 1/c
Co. D, 321 MG Bn. Bettencourt, Enos S.
Pvt 1/c Co. D. 321 M.G.Bn.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 27th, above subject, was received in due time. I did not reply immediately, but followed the file to Lt. R.M. Goodall, Birmingham, Alabama, seeking his confirmation of my opinion. I now develop that Lt. Goodall wrote you on March 15, 1928.

I am of the opinion that report made by Reverend A. Gagnon, dated March 1, 1927, to the effect that the body of Private Bettencourt was identified and was not subsequently buried at the Sommerance Cemetery. At the time these men were killed, I was advised that a Jewish soldier of the 328th Infantry had been killed in the same hole with Benoit and Bettencourt. Reports were made through channels, and I personally attempted to locate the grave of Bettencourt who was my Orderly. The Chaplain in charge of the burial details at the Sommerance Cemetery advised that Bettencourt's body was so badly mutilated that it was not taken from the shell hole located on the Sommerance-St. Juvin road as shown by drawing sent me. It is possible that he confused the two names in telling me that Benoit's body had been transferred to the cemetery and that Bettencourt's body was left in the shell hole.

In response to your question, I beg to advise that Private Benoit had a low, receding forehead and an unusual amount of gold fillings and crowns. I do not remember any gold bridges. The shape of his head and general contour of his body would indicate a thick skull. It is my opinion that the remains of the unidentified soldier described by you are none other than those of Private Benoit.

Private Bettencourt had a head different in formation from that of Benoit-- high forehead, not receding and more on the Grecian type. He had fairly good teeth, only a few fillings, and, as I recall, no gold crowns or bridges.

I am keeping for my files the copies that you sent me, but should you desire them returned please advise at once and I will forward to you promptly.

Please be kind enough to let me know the result of your findings and the name and address of Bettencourt's mother or nearest relative.

Yours very truly

signed H.C. Culbreath
Lt. Col. Inf. R.C.
607 Magnolia Ave.

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Mr. Abe Steinberg,
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Dear Sir:

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

Very truly yours,

1 Encl. envelope.

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Mrs. E. E. Battencourt,
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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bittercourt 1895864 E. S.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

(Rank).

(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *near Sommerance*

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: *26 October 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *About 500 yds. on right*

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

*side of road leaving Sommerance for
St. Juvin. Depart. of Ardennes*

GRAVE NUMBER:

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *No*

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Lt. Arthur Gannon Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

2-19-27

Case of

Pvt 1/c Ernest J. Benoit- 1895863- Co. D 321st M.G.Bn. KIA 10/13/18
Pvt 1/c Enos S. Bettencourt-1895864 Co. D 321st M.G.Bn. KIA 10/13/18

Letter to

Herbert C. Umberger
Crestline, Ohio.

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that an investigation is being conducted in endeavor to locate the remains of the late Pvt 1/c Ernest J. Benoit- 1895863- Co. D, 321st M.G.Bn. There is on file a Red Cross Searchers report in which your name is given as informant to the effect

"On the night of October 12th our Company took up position along the road between Semmerance and St. Juvin. Pvt Benoit was with the Headquarters Section of the company which was dug in about one-half mile west of Semmerance. Upon arriving in our position we immediately began to dig holes for protection against flying shrapnel. Pvt Benoit and his buddy Bettencourt dug holes near each other and both were sleeping as they were fatigued by six days of continuous work in the lines. About noon the Germans began shelling and a high explosive shell lit near his hole killing him and his buddy instantly. "

Can you recall if either

Pvt 1/c Benoit or Bettencourt had a low receding forehead?
Had gold and porcelain crowns & bridges on the upper and lower right jaws.

Any information you can give relative to death and burial of this soldier will be appreciated. etc.

~~Arthur P. J. Gagnon~~ Arthur P.J. Gagnon, 341 Summer St., New Bedford, Mass.

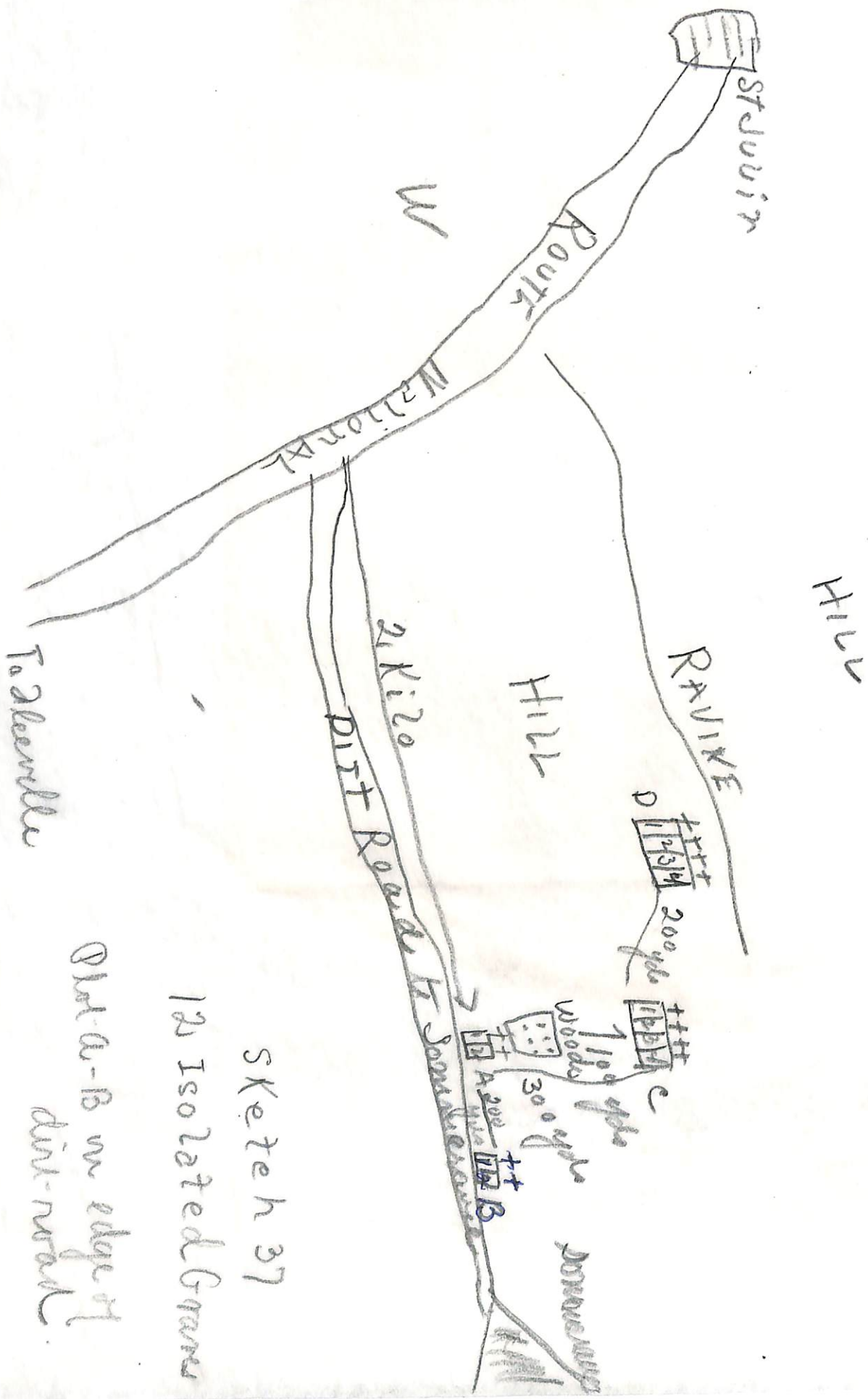
(formerly Lt. Chaplain 82nd Division.) advising

The Q.M.G. desires you to be informed that an investigation is being conducted to locate the grave of Pvt 1/c Ernest J. Benoit- 1895863, Co. D 321st M.G.Bn. KIA Oct. 13, 1918

~~Pvt 1/c Benoit and Pvt 1/c Bettencourt~~ ~~his buddy~~ ~~had dug~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~grave~~ ~~at~~ ~~St. Juvin~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~night~~ ~~of~~ ~~October~~ ~~12th~~ ~~1918~~

The following report is given for the death of this soldier (copy R.C. searcher rep.) There is on file grave location report signed in longhand with your name as per enclosed.

Pvt. A. Steinberg- 1924272-



Sketch 37

123 Isolated Grass

Dist A-B on edge of dirt-track

Ernest J. Benoit 1895863
Enos S. Bettencourt 1895864

1. Sgt. states Benoit and Bettencourt had dug holes near each other 10/12/18
2. High Explosive shell struck near and killed both.
3. GLB for Benoit not accomplished. notation however states both Benoit and Bettencourt were in the same shell, but no grave located for Benoit, Chap. in charge of burial detail verbally reported that he was buried in Semerance.
4. Sketch 37, plot b shows two graves near dirt road from Semerance to St. Juvin-- A. Steinberg, and E.S. Bettencourt.
5. A Steinberg was in hospital at this time, having been gassed in Sept. 1918.
6. Tag was found on the grave marker.
7. GLB for both Steinberg and Bettencourt list burial 10/26/18 about 500 yds on right side of road leaving Semerance for St. Juvin. Both list no tag on body, one on grave marker.
8. Sketch 37 shows 12 isolated graves.
 - A- 2 graves
 - B- 2 graves
 - C- 4 graves
 - D- 4 graves.

A & B on on the edge of the road.

C and D are about 300 meters from these graves.

Both bodies that listed as Steinberg(now U 4003, and that listed as Bettencourt were exhumed in 1919 and removed to Cty 1232, Sec. 28

during

When bodies were exhumed ~~for~~ concentration activities- it was found tag on remains listed as BETTENCOURT-- was blank as to name-- but bore the serial 1 8 9 5 8 6 3 Head shattered. Gold & per cr. _ Brd.

Remains listed as U 4003- formerly carried as A. Steinberg- was badly shattered both jaws missing. Very thick skull, low receding forehead.

E. Mansett Vail
Investigator.

File No.

OUT-CHARGE SHEET

Date charged out

Charged to

Remarks:

Betterment
Ind 10/4/17 at Philadelphia Penn
Black hair
5 ft 8 in
7 1/2 lb

no teeth miss on extra chart

agv 2/19/27

INSTRUCTIONS.—If a document is taken from the files, charge it to the person to whom delivered. Make charge sheet in duplicate. Place one in record file and one in suspended file used for follow up on "charge out sheets."

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

June 27, 1923.

Mrs. Maria Das Dores du C. de Jesus,
Terreiros Mandas,
San Jorge, Azores Islands.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Private 1/c Enos S. Bettencourt, Company D, 321st Machine Gun Battalion, is Grave 12, Row 40, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

RD

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23/236/ARK

H. J. Connelley,
Assistant.



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 41717

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BETTENCOURT, Enos S. Ser. No. 1895864
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/C Organization Co. D. 321st. M. G. Bn.
(c) Date of death 10-13-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. hmp
CKR. [handwritten initials]

Handwritten notes: 3/22/20 Exhumed, 22 Concentration, 1232, 4/11/22

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

(a) Grave No. 53 Row IIIII Plot 2 Sec. 28 TYP. hmp
(b) Emerg. Address E.E. Bettencourt, (Cousin) 322 E. 57th St., Portland, Ore

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases / / / / / / / CKR. [handwritten initials]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt no card in file 4-13-20 PF

(a) Name (b) Relationship
(c) Address
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.?
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-13-1920

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

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-13-1920

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF
Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-13-1920

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 28 SHEET No. 15

JUN 15 1921

H-S

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on **MAY 20 1921**, 1920

Sec 28 **PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED** (*z.a.s*)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

w. R. C. A. - Mrs. Maria Das Dores du S. de Jesus, (Mother)
5-11-21,
w. Terceiros Mandas,
San Jorge,
Azores Islands.

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

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.

Org.

Remarks

71801-204
4-16-21
W.P.E. checked
4-16-21
S.C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

Form 115
Att 4/11/22
Sep

File # 41717

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BETTE NCOURT, Enos S. Ser. No. 1895864
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/C Organization Co. D. 321st. M. C. Bn. } TYP amp
 (c) Date of death 10-13-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } 30

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

(a) Grave No. 53 Row /// Plot 2 Sec. 28 TYP. hmp
 (b) Emerg. Address R. E. Bettencourt, (Cousin) 322 E. 57th St., Portland, Ore
(4-26-21) E. M.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases /////// CKR. 30

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

.....

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on, 192
 letter of transmittal on MAY 20 1921, 192

Sec 28 **PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED** (H. A. S.)

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

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

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

Place Romagne Sous Montfaucon

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec. 28, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF ^(M.F.S.) BETTENCOURT ENOS S. SERIAL NUMBER 1895864

RANK Pvt. 1/c ORGANIZATION Co., D. 321st M. G. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec. 28, 1921. From (give complete location):
Gr. 53 sec 28 pt 2 Cem., #1232.

By: Group 1 Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 29, 1921, grave 12, block F, row 40, Cem. 123 2
In (give complete location):

By: Group Reburial Sec Unit unlined casket Nature of reburial

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

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
body tag reads " 1895863"

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

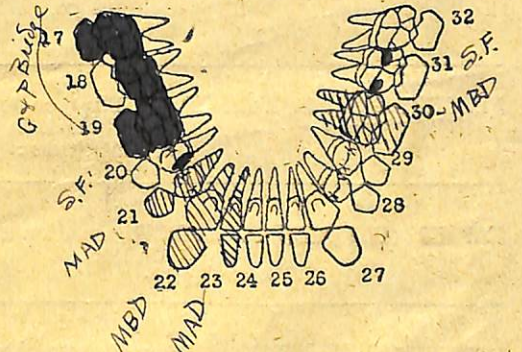
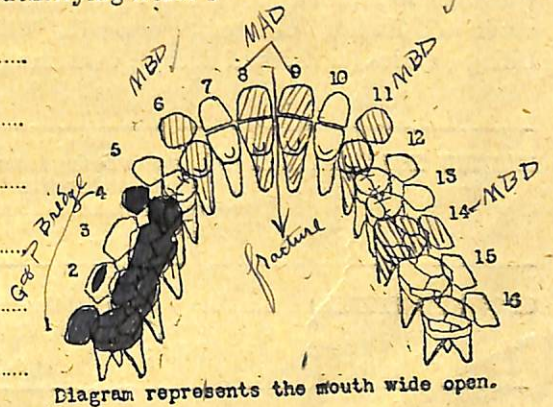
(d) Hair on face—Color do

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) head shattered.



7. Disinterment supervised by H. H. Foster Approved: H. S. Harpole 1st. Lt. QMC

8. Reburial supervised by A. J. Default Approved: James W. Younger
concentration (Title) Captain QMC.

DATE Dec 28 1921

To be prepared in triplicate.

gc 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 BETTENCOURT, Enos S.

10. Name _____

2. No. 189586411. No. 18958633. Rank Pvt. 1/c

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. D., 321st M.G. Bn.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. Oct. 13th.

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 53 Sec. 28

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 2 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. No discrepancy18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France.22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232, Sec. 2823. Disinterred (Date) Dec 28 1921By H.H. Foster.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BETTENCOURT, Enos S.Serial No. 1895864Rank Pvt.Organization Co. D. 321 M.G. Bn.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

H.H. Foster
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. Body tag gave serial no. only

27. Condition of body Decomposed, unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Uniform, burlap and box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See item No. 11.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec 28 1921 By H.H. FosterCasket sealed by H.H. FosterSignature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H.H. Foster

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-21288**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Enos S. BETTENCOURT** Serial No. **1895864**

Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. D., 321st M.G. Bn.**



33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Arg. Amer. Cty. #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Dec 28 1921** By **H.H. Foster**

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

H.S. Harpole
H.S. Harpole
1st Lieut. QMC.

36. Remarks

No ne

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Dec 28 1921**

To point of Concentration **Romagne Morgue** (Name)

Convoyer **J.S. Boyd.** Signature Shipping Officer **Geo F Spain**
Capt QMC

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 (Name) Signature Shipping Officer **Geo F Spain**
Capt QMC

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232, Dec. 29, 1921**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **12** Section

43. ~~Block.~~ **F** Row **40**

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger
James W. Younger
Captain QMC.

pfb

COPY

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

Harlow C.W.
NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER CEMETERY NO. DATE

Bettencourt, Enos S., Pvt. 1/c. 1232-800.28 - 15 4/16/21.
SERIAL NUMBER ORGANIZATION DATE OF DEATH

1895064 Co. D, 521st M.C. Bn. 10/17/18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Original Attached to
Form 115

Date 5-12-21-W.

DATE _____

PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE

Adjustment Made
116-1922


RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS

File No. 41717

Mrs. Maria Das Dones du S. de Jesus, (Mother)
PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION RELATIONSHIP

J. Pereira Mendas, San Jorge, Azores Islands.

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

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Adjustment Made Washington

G.R.S. Form ~~5~~ ^{SEP 1 1921} INFORMATION
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 4/16/21.

File No. **41717** Requisition

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)

(SPECIAL)

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~~ **Bettencourt** ^{OK}
- b. Christian name **Enos S.** ^{OK}
- c. Serial Number **1895864** ^{OK}
- d. Organization **Co. D, 321st M.G.Bn.** ^{OK}
- e. Rank **Pvt. 1/c.** ^{OK}

- f. Date of death **10/13/18.** ^{OK}
- g. Cause of death **K/A.** ^{OK}

- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address **Enos E. Bettencourt,**
522-57th St,
Portland, Ore
- j. ~~Relationship~~ **Cousin.**

NOTED FORM 115
DATE 4-26-21 E.M.

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

PHYSICAL 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)

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*

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

CEMETERY NO:

C.W. **1232-Sec.28**

SHEET NO:
TYPED BY:

15
I.W.

6/713/LML

APR 19 1921

APR 19 1921

Donnelly-M.F.
EP Sec (8)
4-19-21

41717

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bettencourt 1675864 E. S
.....
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

.....
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *near Sommerance*
.....

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: *26 October 1918*
.....

PLACE OF BURIAL: *about 500 yds, on right side*
.....

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

of road leaving Sommerance for St. Julien. Depart. of Ardennes
.....

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? *Yes*

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *no*

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:

SUMMERANCE (ARDENNES)

(342) SIT 35 NE COORD

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Lt. Arthur Gagnon Chaplain
.....
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).



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41717

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

2. Soldier's No. 1895864

3. BETTENCOURT E. S.
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. PVT. 2 321 M.G.
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. X X
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. SX ISOLATED
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. SOMMERANCE ARDENNES
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 2 (B) SKETCH 37
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

CMNB, St. Jovin (Ardenne)
(G-250) SHT 3 N.W. [E: 299.85
[N: 284.8

12. VERDUN, NW 35-
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery
284-8N-299-7E

13. RB
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer
Signed J. Mauder M. Dept 62

1452
Group 4 Unit 305 G. R. S.

41717
Co D. 321st Machine Gun Bn
82nd Division

BETTENCOURT, Pvt. Enos S. I895864
Home: 3955 Fairmont Ave,
Philadelphia, Pa.

On the night of October 12th, 1918 our company took up position along the road between Sommerance and St Juvin, Pvt Bettencourt was with headquarters section of the company which was dug in about one half kilo west of Sommerance. Upon arriving in our position we immediately began to dig holes for protection against flying shrapnel. Pvt Bettencourt and his buddy Benoit dug holes near each other and both were sleeping as they were fatigued by the six days of continuous work in the lines. About noon the Germans began shelling and a High explosive shell lit near his hole killing him and his buddy instantly.

Informant; Umberger, sgt Herbert C. I895849
Co D. 321st Machine Gun Bn.
Home: Crestline, Ohio.

Emergency address:
Enos E. Bettencourt
322 E. 57th St,
Portland, Ore.

Signed; R.M. Goodall, 1st Lt, USA
Co D. 32¹st M.G. Bn

S/A

DUPLICATE

Date 8th. May, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

41717

Remains of:

Name: BETTENCOURT, E. S.

Number: 1895864

Rank: Unkn

Organization: Co D 321st M. G.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

4th, April, 1919

Grave ISOLATED. / ST. JUVIN, ARDENNES

7605-

Map 35 N.W. E 299. N 284.7

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

4th, April, 1919

Grave #53 Section #28 Plot #2

1232

Amer. B.A. Cty. #1232 ROMAGNE, MEUSE

Map 35 N.E. E 308.16 N 284.87

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

Burial very poor. Body buried in blanket. Body decomposed badly.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No

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

CONFIRMED
10379
D/0379

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.

R. H. ROSENTHAL
2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.

C.O. Group _____ Unit _____