

G.R.S. Form #114 B  
MMB

Letter from friend that reared soldier **DEC 18 1925**  
BISMAR checked 3/2/27

1. NAME **BISMAR, Vincent J.** DATE **DEC 18 1925**  
 SERIAL No. **XXV 1746510**  
 RANK **Cpl** ORGANIZATION **Co.D 311th Inf.**  
 GRAVE LOCATION **St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. Thiaucourt MCM** **1233**  
CTY. NAME NUMBER  
**83** **Sec. 2** **2**  
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION **7**  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT. **Premy M-et-Py**  
 COORDINATES **App. 52 NE 242.3 N. 369 E.** **C-256**

CONCENTRATED TO **5/2/19** **83** **Sec. 2** **2**  
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 cross.** **DATE OF DEATH** **Sept 24, 1918**  
**STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME** **Indy**  
**DATA F-1** **MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED** **none**  
nr

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR **I. H. JOFFEE, 1st Lieut., QMC.**

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION **Aug. 4, 1922** **13** **22 Block D**  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

REC'D  
 DEC 19 1925  
 WORLD WAR DIV.

RECEIVED  
 DEPT. OF THE ARMY  
 G. S. O.

**St. Mihiel American No. 1233, Thiaucourt**  
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Bismarck* ..... *1746510* ..... *Vincent J* .....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Captain* ..... *Co D 3112 Inf* .....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL: *Sept 25 1915* .....

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

*In front of 365-9* .....  
*EW 2421* .....

*Bois le Pretre map* .....

GRAVE NUMBER.....

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?  .....

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:

*Harvey B. Curran, Chaplain* .....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Bridgeport NJ  
Jan 17 1919

Quartermaster Office

As soon as any decision is made about bringing the bodies from France to the United States I would be glad to be notified as we would like to have

Corporal Vincent J. Bismar  
311 Inf Co D 78 Div  
brought home.

Yours very truly

Chas Vickery

Bridgeport

PERSONNEL DIVISION  
Central Control Mail Desk

WASHINGTON  
JAN 17 1919  
SERIAL

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JAN 20 1919  
O. Q. M. G.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY,  
WASHINGTON.

January 20, 1919.

293.3 Bismarck, Vincent J.

In answer refer to file No. 293.3-Cemeterial.  
Office, Quartermaster General of the Army.

FROM:

Mr. Chas. Vickery, Bridgeport, N.J.

TO:

Corporal Vincent J. Bismar, 311th Infantry,

SUBJECT: Shipment home of remains of ~~Co. D~~ of

letter of the 17th instant,

1. This office is ~~in receipt of your~~ <sup>you at Bridgeport, N.J.,</sup> ~~requesting shipment of~~ <sup>Corporal Vincent J. Bismar, Co. D, 311th Infantry</sup> ~~of the remains of~~ <sup>in France.</sup> ~~who died~~

2. In reply I regret to inform you that it will be impracticable to comply with your request ~~in view of the~~ <sup>at the present time</sup> difficulties in transportation in France and overseas.

3. You are advised, however, that whenever it is found to be practicable to ship the remains home in accordance with your request, it will be done. If your address as indicated above is not correct, or you should desire that your request for shipment home of the remains be canceled, this office should be advised accordingly.

4. Under existing regulations the necessary steps will be taken by the military authorities in France to mark the grave of each soldier who dies or is killed in battle, and to register the number and location of the grave and to establish beyond a doubt their identity when it becomes practicable to disinter the remains for removal to the United States. ~~which will be done at government expense.~~

Copy to Zone S.O.,  
New York City.

R. E. Wood,  
Acting Quartermaster General,

By:

H.R. Lemly,

Major, Quartermaster Corps.

MAILED  
JAN 21 1919

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Burns,</i>	<i>Bis</i>	3	<i>299<sup>0</sup></i>
<i>Vincent J.</i>	CEMETERY <i>1233</i>	1	<i>3</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>13</i>	2	<i>13</i>
	ROW <i>22</i>	2	<i>22</i>
	BLOCK <i>D</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>N. J.</i>	2	<i>35</i>
RANK	<i>Cpl.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>78th</i>	2	<i>78</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>311st</i>	3	<i>311</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL <i>Friend</i>	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Vickery</i>	<i>Vickery</i>	3	<i>13-293</i>
<i>Chas B.</i>	STATE <i>N. J.</i>	2	<i>35</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Monmouth</i>	2	<i>28</i>
<i>Bridgewater, N. J.</i>	CITY <i>Bridgewater</i>	3	<i>5x1</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Friend</i>	1	<i>2</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>plead</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	YR.	1	
29/514/EAB		1	

**AUDITED**

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bismar, Vincent J. - 1233 Friend

July 7, 1930

Mr. Charles B. Vickery  
Bridgeport, N. J.

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?

No

If so, give her name and address:

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

No

If so, give her name and address:

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

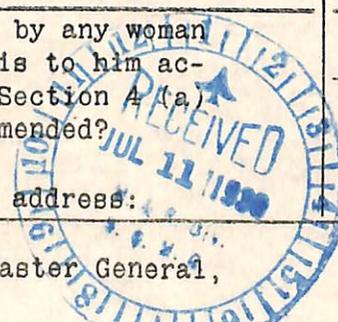
No

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

Bridgeport N.J.

June 1 1929

Dear Sirs

In reply to your letter asking if Vincent J. Bismar has a mother his mother died while he was very young, and he never was married. Glad to give you information at any time.

Respectively Yours  
Chas B. Vickery.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bismar, Vincent J.

May 27, 1929.

Mr. Charles B. Vickery,  
Bridgeport,  
N. J.

Dear Sir:

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 friend of the late Corporal Vincent J. Bismar, Co. D, 311th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Mourthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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

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Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

Bismar

(Surname.)

Vincent J.

(Christian name in full.)

1.746.510

(Army serial number.)

Cpl

Co D 311th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

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?

*no*

(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:

*Charles Vickery*

(Name of person to receive remains.)

*Bridgeport N.J.*

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

*f Bridgeport N.J.*

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Charles Vickery*

*Bridgeport N.J.*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Letter accompanying dated 3-17-19 as follows:

" Corporal Bismar is an orphan with no family at a [redacted] that he ever knew of. He has [redacted] n use as our son and loved as such. We are all he knew. I write this explanation hoping it will help you in your work. We hope to bury his remains in our family lot

(Signed) Charles Vickery.

BD-3-22-19-63

*Checked  
3-17-19*

*Drawn by L.G.*

*1233-257*

*1-31-21*

BISMAR, Vincent J.-Cpl.

March 19, 1924

Mr. Charles B. Vickery,  
Bridgeport,  
N.J.

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.  
Record card.

O. Q. M. G.  
CENTRAL MAIL  
Assistant.  
B. L. FOWLER

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MAR 19 1924  
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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 30485

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BISMAR, Vincent J. Ser. No. 1746510  
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. D, 311th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 9-24-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DB  
 CKR. B.J.

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

(a) Grave No. 83 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 2 TYP. DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address C.B. Vickery, (Friend) Bridgeport, N.J.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases -- CKR. B.J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Name Chas. Vickery (b) Relationship omitted  
 (c) Address Bridgeport, N.J.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Charles Vickery  
Bridgeport, N.J.  
Exp. at Del. Bridgeport, N.J.  
 (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

Chas. Vickery  
Bridgeport, N.J., dated Mar. 17, 1919  
 confirming request in Par. IV., item D, above, or requesting that stating corporal Bismar

was an orphan with no family at all that he knew of  
& that he had been told by a son and they hope

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

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials EB Date 2-1-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 1233

SHEET No. 257

CARD

checked 3-7-21

4-5-21-21

RECEIVED BY  
MAIL UNIT

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, JUN 9 1921, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION



MAR 21 1921

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

{ cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on FEB 18 1921, 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:

*to bury his remains in their family lot  
N.Y.*

*April 18, 1921 - 7#120, Letter 4-15-21  
Mr. Charles Vickery, Bridgeport, N.Y.  
friend, desires body remain  
in Europe 7. 4-25-21 aw*

War Risk-E.A. Mr. Charles J. Vickery-Friend-Bridgeport, N.Y.  
(H-5/6/21-RM)

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Aug. 4, 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 BISMAR, Vincent J.  
 2. No. 1746510  
 3. Rank Cpl.  
 4. Org. Co.D 311th Inf.  
 5. D.D. 9-24-18  
 6. C.D. K.I.A.

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 83 Sec. 2  
 8. Plot 2 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 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) Aug. 4, 1922

By Charles P. Keating

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BISMAR, Vincent J.  
 Rank Cpl.

Serial No. 1746510  
 Organization Co.D. 311th Inf.

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

C.T. Brown  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

C.T. Brown

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).

Tag on body reads: Vincent J.B-----, ---6510.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box, burlap and U.S. uniform

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 Aug. 4, 1922 By Charles P. Keating

31. Casket sealed by Charles P. Keating

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Charles P. Keating  
 Charles P. Keating  
 B.W. 11-1-23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 29394

32. Designation of body:

Name Vincent J. Bismar Serial No. 1746510

Rank Cpl. Organization Co.D 311th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Aug. 4, 1922 By Charles P. Keating

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 *O.E. Davis*

O.E. Davis, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Aug. 4, 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 *O.E. Davis*

O.E. Davis, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred Aug. 4 1922

(Date)

42. Grave No. 13 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. ~~PLK~~ Block D Row 22

G.R.S. Representative *A.E. Dewey*  
A E Dewey 1st Lt. QMC

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Thiaucourt, France.

Date August 4, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BISMAR, Vincent J. SERIAL NUMBER 1746510

RANK Cpl ORGANIZATION Co D 511th Inf

2. Disinterred (date) : August 4, 1922 From (give complete location) :

Gr. 83, Sec 2, Plot 2, Cemetery 1233

By : Group 3 Unit Sec. 1.

3. Reburied (date) Aug. 4 1922 In (give complete location) : Gr. 13 Bk. D Row 22

Cty. # 1233

By : Group Reburial Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Casket & shipping case

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

Wooden box, burlep and US uniform

Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

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

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

Tag on body reads "Vincent J B - - - - - 6510"

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to def.

(b) Weight (estimated) -do

(c) Hair—Color

Quantity -do

Characteristics -do

(d) Hair on face—Color

Location -do

Quantity -do

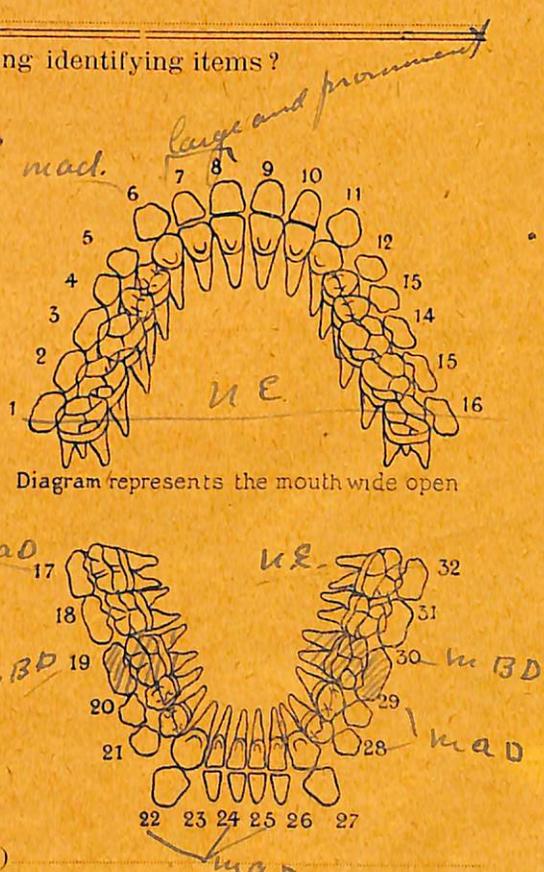
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities,

or missing parts) none visible

Not erupted, 1, 16, 32. Large and prominent 7, 8. Missing after death 6, 17, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29. missing before death 19, 30

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

none visible



7. Disinterment supervised by Charles Keating Approved : [Signature]

Charles P Keating

(Title) O L Davis 1st Lieut OMC

8. Reburial supervised by H L Kramer Approved : A E Dossy 1st. Lt. OMC

(concentration)

(Title) [Signature]

## 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.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b>	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	
<b>FILLINGS</b>	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>	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.



June 7th, 1921.

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

Re: Bismark, Vincent J. Cpl.  
 Ser.No. 1746510, Co.D,  
311th Infantry.

Mr. Charles B. Vickery,  
 Bridgeport, N.J.

Dear Sir:-

Your communication dated April 15th, 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.

BY:

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

MAILED  
 JUN 7 1921  
 COR. BR. G. R. S.

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JUN 8 1921

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*Reese*  
*msk*

*Heckler*  
*4/7/21*

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

Harlow, C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

*C-5-65-74*

Bismar, Vincent J., Cpl.

1233 - 257

2/2/21

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

1746510

Co. D. 311th Inf.

Date of death - 9/24/18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Copy forwarded to  
Adjustment Department

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 4-23-21 JCB  
NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mr Charles J. Vickery - (Friend) Em Address

Address

Bridgeport, N.J.

S/709/LML

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

Harlow, C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Bisler, Vincent J., Cpl.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

1255 - 257

2/2/21.

1746510

Co. D, 811th Inf.

Date of death - 9/24/18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Address \_\_\_\_\_

S/709/LML

Bridgeport N.J.

Apr 15-1922

To whom it may concern

We have decided to let  
the body of Cpl. U. J. Bismar  
remain in France

Charles B. Vickery  
Bridgeport  
N.J.

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

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APR 12 1921

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

To: Mr. Charles Vickery, Bridgeport, N.J.

SUBJECT: Remains of Cpl. Vincent J. Bismar, Ser. No. 1746510 Co. D, 311th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier be returned to the United States and shipped to you at Bridgeport, N.J.

*Remain in Europe*

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? \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

*Noted 7/4/18 -  
Y. 4-28-21*

CEMETERIAL DIVISION



APR 18 1921

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, am the \_\_\_\_\_ and nearest living next of kin of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
 (Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

RECEIVED BY  
 MAIL UNIT

JUN 9 1921

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (R. R. station.) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (State.) \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BISMAR, Vincent J.

Number: 1746510

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Rank: Unkn

Organization: Co D 311 Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

2nd, May, 1919

Grave #7 ISOLATED: PRENY, M-et-M

Map 52 N.E. E 369. N 242.3

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

1233

2nd, May, 1919

Grave #83 Section #2 Plot #2

ST. MIHIEL AMER. CTY., #1233; THIAUCOURT, M-et-M

Map 52 N.E. E 362.03 N 241.44

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

Burial poor. Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body?

Letters on body with name and organization number.

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Note:

**CONFIRMED N° D**

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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 cardfully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. R.S. Davis

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

3004 239

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BISMAR 1746510 VINCENT J  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corporal CD 3112ny  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Sept 27 1918

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

In forest NY 3689  
EW 2721

Bois de Pretree map

GRAVE NUMBER.....

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?..... yes

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

OMME. Priory (M & M)  
(756) SUIT 52 ME  
COORDS: 368.9  
M. 242.1

REPORTED BY:  
Harry Crossman Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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Communal List No. \_\_\_\_\_

Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

Drawn by L. H.

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#3048

Bridgport N.H.  
Mar 17 1911

P. C. Harris  
Adjutant General  
Dear Sir

Corporal Bismar  
is an orphan with no  
family at all that  
he ever knew of. He  
has been use as our  
son and loved as  
such, we are all he  
knew. I write this  
explanation hoping  
it will help you in  
your work. We hope to  
bury his remains in  
our family lot.

Very Respectfully  
Charles Vickery.

card 3-6, 713  
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