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QM 293 C-M

Bonezar, Michael

March 21, 1935.

Mr. Frank Bonezar,
269 Barnard St.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In response to your communication of recent date addressed to the Veterans Administration, you are advised there is no authority of law whereby the Government may grant a money allowance in lieu of the pilgrimage of Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Cemeteries in Europe, which was completed in October, 1933.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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COMM M&R BR
[Handwritten signature]

P.S.

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Dear Sirs -

On account of illness my wife was not able and still isn't able to take that Mother's trip to France. Though she would like to, her health would not permit.

I heard say from certain sources that money not so used would be presented to the Mother. If such is the case, owing to financial straits and my unemployment, the money would certainly come mighty handy.



Address:

269 Barnard Street,
Buffalo,
New York.

My wife owes a good sized doctor bill and still needs further doctoring.

This would certainly help plenty.

If such is the case or not, would you be kind enough to inform on the matter? I thank you heartily.

Respectfully
yours

X Frank Bonerax

X Helen Bonerax

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

March 19, 1935

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

Quartermaster General
United States Army
War Department
Washington, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO: MBAB-a

293
BONCZAR, Michael
XC-96,812

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a letter received by this Administration from Frank Bonczar, the subject matter of which it is believed comes within the jurisdiction of your office.

Respectfully

E. L. Bailey

E. L. BAILEY
Director
Widows and Dependents Claims Service

Enc. (1)



Marine

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To The A. G. O.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

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MAY 14 1926

BONGZAR, Michael *OK*

FULL NAME

RANK..... Pvt. *OK* SERIAL..... 108547

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION .. *23rd* Co. *B* 6th MG Bn, (*marine*) *2nd* Div.

DATE OF DEATH..... *November 10, 1918* *OK*

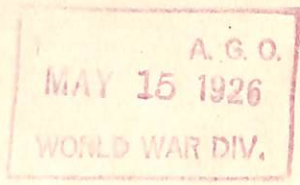
STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *New York*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... *None*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... *15*..... *42*..... *D*.....
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery



23/306/ARK

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

BONCZAR

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

108547 MICHAEL

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

Priv. Co B 6th M. Gun En.

(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: North of Beaumont

CAUSE OF DEATH: R. I. a

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov 17/18

PLACE OF BURIAL: 118

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

Rossettelle Farm North of Beaumont

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Thomas J. G... (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

EAR, Michael - Priv. 108547
address: 125, Thomas St. - Buffalo -
N. Y.

was killed in action, while
sector on November 10th 1918, by
known. No last words recorded.

Company Clerk - Corporal.
23rd Co - 6th M. Gun En. A.P.O. No 7

DAY, Edward F. -

1B' Co - 6th M. Gun En.

8 March 1919.

C° 23 - 6th Ma. Gun Bn.
Ex 2nd Division.

BONCEAR, Michael - Priv. 108547
Home address: 125, Thomas St. - Buffalo -
N. Y.

Priv. Michael Bonezar, 108547, was killed in action, while
serving against the enemy in the Argonne sector on November 10th 1918, by
shell fire. Time and place of burial not known. No last words recorded.

Informant: Company Clerk - Corporal.
23rd C° - 6th Ma. Gun Bn. A.P.O. N° 710 71

Signed: O'DAY, Edward F. -
1st C° - 6th M. Gun Bn.

8 March 1919.

AL.

*Marine
Receipt*

CODE SLIP

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bonzar</i>	<i>BON</i>	3	<i>234</i>
<i>Michael</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>15</i>	2	<i>15</i>
<i>Bn 9-29-98</i>	ROW <i>42</i>	2	<i>42</i>
<i>Emb 4-27-17</i>	BLOCK <i>D</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>N.Y.</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>2</i>	2	<i>02</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>26</i>	3	<i>006</i>
ARM	<i>U.S. Marine Co.</i>	1	<i>X</i>
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bonzar</i>	<i>BON</i>	3	<i>234</i>
<i>Mrs. Helen</i>	STATE <i>NY</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Erie</i>	2	<i>15</i>
	CITY <i>Buffalo</i>	3	<i>016</i>
RELATION	<i>Stepmother</i>	1	<i>3</i>
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
29/514/PJ	<i>Age</i>		<i>40</i>

Mother Dead

AUDITED
MAR 1 1932
At

QM 293 A-M
Bonczar, Michael (MA)

August 8, 1932.

Mrs. Helen Bonczar,
269 Bernard Street,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of July 13, 1932, also information from Dr. M. L. Andrzejewski, stating that you are physically unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private Michael Bonczar.

It is indeed regretted that your physical condition will not permit you to accept the offer of the Government at this time. However, should your health improve and you desire to make the pilgrimage next year, it is requested that you notify this office, and arrangements will be made for you.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past three years many women who were in poor health made the trip and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received. Should you make the pilgrimage, you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

RS

M. L. ANDRZEJEWSKI, M. D.
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

OFFICE HOURS: 2-4 & 7-9 P. M.
1956 CLINTON ST.,

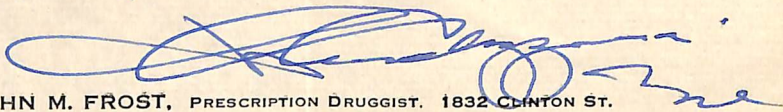
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PHONE JEFFERSON 3106
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

PATIENT'S NAME.....DATE.....

R ADDRESS.....AGE.....

Mrs Helen Boneyan
of 269 Barnard St
is ill under my
care and unable
to make pilgrimage
to France



JOHN M. FROST, PRESCRIPTION DRUGGIST, 1832 CLINTON ST.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 13, 1932

Bonczar, Michael (M A) S

Mrs. Helen Bonczar,
269 Bernard St.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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


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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

2 Encls.

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

no
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Helen Bonczar

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 12, 1931

Boneczar, Michael Pvt (M-1) SM

Mrs. Helen Boneczar,
209 Bernard St.,
Buffalo, New York

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

6-1/31

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bonczar, Michael Pvt (M-A) SM

Encl.

Mrs. Helen Bonczar,
269 Bernard Street,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

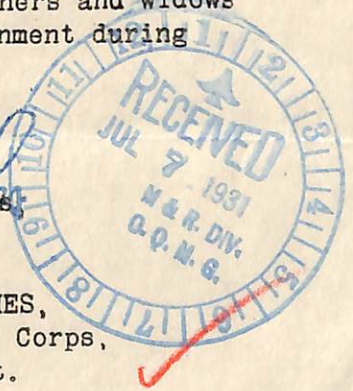
This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

OK BB

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? No - illness

preventing Write answer here

Helen Bonczar
Sign here

May 14, 1931

War Dept.

Quart. General.

Washington, D.C.

QM 293 A-M

Bonczar, Michael (Ma) SM

Dear Sir -

In reply to your letter of May 13, 1931 requesting information pertaining to my son's deceased soldier:

You want to know if he was married or not, the reply is, No.

When he joined the Marines he wasn't yet 16 years of age except for his size.

(over)

Michael never was married
inasmuch as he was too young
for that.

Anyother information you
wish I will gladly help out.
Thank You.

Very truly yours

Mrs. Helen Bonczar, Mother
Mr. Frank Bonczar, Father

269 Bernard St
Buffalo, Ny.



QM 293 A-M

Bonczar, Michael 1232 SM

July 15, 1930.

Mr. Frank Bonczar,
269 Bernard Street,
Buffalo, New York

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 8, 1930 relative to your desire to obtain a money allowance from the War Department, inasmuch as Mrs. Bonczar's health will not permit her to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Michael Bonczar at the expense of the Government, as authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

There is no provision of the law which would permit the Government to allow a mother or widow, or any member of the family, a sum of money in lieu of the pilgrimage, and it is regretted that financial assistance cannot be rendered you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Buffalo, N.Y.
July 8 '30.

O.M. 293 A-C
BONCZAR, Michael
To-War Dept.
Off. of the Quarter. Gen.

Cash paid
Private

Dear Sir.

I am the father of the late Michael Bonczar, Private, U. S. M. C. who was killed in action during the Great War.

Now this may be a rather unusual request, but I am forced to do so on account of the circumstances prevailing.

Now, I am a man of about half a century, and as so I cannot get a job anywhere in order to support my family.

which numbers quite a few ^{big} house tax to pay which I am people. Besides this, my right arm was injured while at work meet. Now I have to pay within years, ^{ago} and ever since I am incapacitated to an extent to prevent me from doing my work properly. a few weeks \$86⁰⁰ City tax. And this only semi-yearly for a single frame house.

As a result it is pretty hard for me to try and keep things ~~to~~ going. I have growing boys and girls who constantly demand clothing, etc. If I should try to sell my house, its one thing thats hard to do. In these hard times few people care to go in debt so deeply. If in case I should find a buyer for the house I would have to stand a great loss.

I wonder if absolutely anything at all could be done by you in this matter to help relieve at least partly for which I would be very grateful. Now my wife would also like to ask your assistance in this matter.

Right now I have a rather over

She would also like to get a job and help but she is in rather ill health, as she is rather also along in years. Just recently she was forced on account of her ill health to refuse a trip to France as a Gold Star Mother.

My wife needs glasses, and also her teeth bother her much.

But even if that was improved she would not be able to work steady. My children are yet too young to work.

We will be very thankful to you if you could in some way or other get us an financial or other wise assistatance. We thank you very much for past favors and hope this letter will bring response.
Yours very truly Mr. Frank Bonegar

P.S. for your information
I have the following

Frank Bonczar father
Helen Bonczar mother

of

Michael Bonczar, Private
U.S.M.C. Killed in action
in France Nov. 10, 1918, day
before the armistice.



Thank you

Address -

Frank Bonczon

269 Bernard St

Buffalo Ny

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bonczar, Michael - 1232 SM

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Helen Bonczar
269 Bernard Street
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

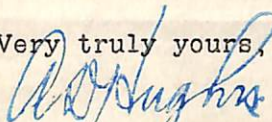
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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



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

no ✓
(Write answer here)

Helen Bonczar
(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C
Bonczar, Michael - 1232 SM

April 2, 1930

Mrs. Helen Bonczar,
269 Bernard Street,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 29, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

I regret that owing to ill health you are unable to accept the invitation of the Government to sail on the SS "Roosevelt" June 21, 1930, to visit the grave of your stepson, the late Private Michael Bonczar, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929. However, arrangements can be made for you to make the pilgrimage at a later date during the calendar year 1930, or in 1931, 1932 or 1933, and if you will advise this office the approximate date you believe your health will permit you to make the voyage, an effort will be made to comply with your wishes.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

F:LG
Enclosure:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bonczar, Michael 1232 -Sm

Mrs. Helen Bonczar,
269 Bernard Street,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

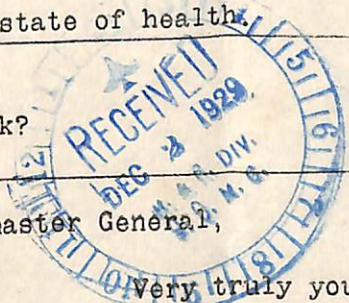
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) <i>no</i> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>40</i> Health <i>good</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	<i>partly spoken English</i> English - (Yes) (No) Other language <i>Polish</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope



Bronza
-
Michael

Invitation issued for 1232-5M
Roosevelt
June 21 Buffalo, N. Y.
1930 Mar. 29, '30.

To the office of the
Quartermaster General.

In reply - QM 293A-C, Bronza Michael 1232-5M

Dear Sirs, —

In reply to your letter
of March 24, 1930.

I am very sorry but
on account of my ill health
I will not be able to go
this year or probably not
at all.

Previously, I have con-
sented to go on the Pilgrimage
to France, but at present on
the advice of my physician, I
will not be able to go, though
I would like to go.

Roosevelt

6/21/30

1232

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I decline also by letter 3/24/30 the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

Bonczar, Michael
ill health
me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the
Government of the United States under the provisions of
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

1931

Mrs. Helen Bonczar

(Name)

269 Bernard St., Buffalo, Erie County, New York

(Town or City)

(State)

If this has caused you
any trouble, I am very
sorry but I really can't
help it.

Please answer, if poss-
ible this letter so I may
know.

Very truly yours.

Mrs. Helen Bouczar
269 Bernard St
Buffalo, N.Y.

July 9, 1929

Q.M. 293A-e

Bonczar, Michael

War Dept.

Quart. Gen.

John T. Harris,

Major, Q. M. Corps Asst.

Dear Sir. —

I wish to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of
June 29th.

You wish me to advise you
regarding the Act "To enable the
mothers and widow of the deceased
soldiers, sailors and marines of the
American forces (over).

now interred in the cemeteries
of Europe to make a pilgrimage
to these cemeteries."

Michael Bonczar's mother's name
and address is as follows:

Mrs. Helen Bonczar
269 Bernard Street
Buffalo, New York

She is in reality stepmother
the boy being 7 years of age
when we were married, my
first wife having died previous
to that. My wife is ~~to~~ living
and is well.

If this is not satisfactory
please write answer.

yours very truly
Frank Bonczar

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bonczar, Michael

June 29 1929.

Mr. Frank Bonczar,
269 Barnard St.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

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 father of the late Pvt. Michael Bonczar, Co. B, 6th ^{2nd} Inf. Bn, whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M
Bonczar, Michael (MA)

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, U. S. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

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Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 12, 1931

Bonczar, Michael Pvt (M-A) SM

Mrs. Helen Bonczar,
269 Bernard St.,
Buffalo, New York

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bonczar, Michael Pvt (M-A) SM

Mrs. Helen Bonczar,
269 Bernard Street,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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QM 293 A-M
Bonczar, Michael (MA) SM

May 13, 1931.

Mrs. Helen Bonczar,
269 Bernard St.,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Michael Bonczar was married and is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Bonczar, Michael 1232 SM

July 15, 1930.

Mr. Frank Bonczar,
269 Bernard Street,
Buffalo, New York

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 8, 1930 relative to your desire to obtain a money allowance from the War Department, inasmuch as Mrs. Bonczar's health will not permit her to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Michael Bonczar at the expense of the Government, as authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

There is no provision of the law which would permit the Government to allow a mother or widow, or any member of the family, a sum of money in lieu of the pilgrimage, and it is regretted that financial assistance cannot be rendered you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bonczar, Michael - 1232 SM

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Helen Bonczar
269 Bernard Street
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C
Bonczar, Michael - 1232 SM

April 2, 1930

Mrs. Helen Bonczar,
269 Bernard Street,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 29, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

I regret that owing to ill health you are unable to accept the invitation of the Government to sail on the SS "Roosevelt" June 21, 1930, to visit the grave of your stepson, the late Private Michael Bonczar, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929. However, arrangements can be made for you to make the pilgrimage at a later date during the calendar year 1930, or in 1931, 1932 or 1933, and if you will advise this office the approximate date you believe your health will permit you to make the voyage, an effort will be made to comply with your wishes.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Bonczar, Michael 1232-SM

March 21, 1930

Mrs. Helen Bonczar,
269 Bernard Street,
Buffalo, New York.
Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bonczar, Michael

June 29 1929.

Mr. Frank Bonczar,
269 Bernard St.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

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 father of the late Pvt. Michael Bonczar, Co. B, 6th Inf. Bn, whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bonozar, Michael 1232 -Sm

Mrs. Helen Bonozar,
269 Bernard Street,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

108547

BONCZAR, MICHAEL, PVT., 23RD CO., 6TH M.G.
BATT, MARINES.

DISPOSITION: RETURN OF REMAINS NOT DESIRED

NEXT OF KIN: FRANK BONCZAR, RELATION, FATHER.

ADDRESS: 269 BARNARD ST., BUFFALO, NY.

CTY: 1203.

Drawings by E.S.
1203-75

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In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R

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January 4, 1923.

Mr. Frank Bonczar,
~~125 Barnard Street,~~ *269 Barnard St.*
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of

**Private Michael Bonczar, Company B, 6th
Machine Gun Battalion is, Grave 15, Block D, Row 48, Meuse-Argonne
American Cemetery at Romagnon, 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, 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.

MAILED

Very truly yours,

JAN 4 - 1923

G.R.S.

H. J. CONNER,
Assistant.

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DATE 3/28/22

1. NAME BONCZAR, Michael SERIAL No. 108547
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B. 6th M.C. Bn.
 GRAVE LOCATION Sedan American, Letanne, Ardennes # 1203
CTY. NAME NUMBER

25 Sec. 1 1
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION amer. B/a #2, Plot 1
No record Villemontry, Ardennes
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 24 28. 306.10 E No record 310.96 N

CONCENTRATED TO 4/3/19 No record 25 Sec 1 1
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Amer B/a Cty # 1203 Sedan, Letanne, Ardennes
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Jan. 26, 21, 25 Sec 1 1 1203
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

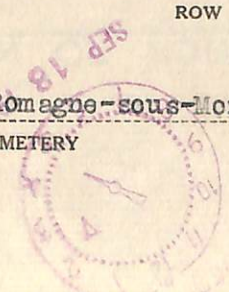
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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Wm M. CLINE
Captain Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 3/28/22 15 42 D
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT BLOCK

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

AUDITED BY
 SR SEB 12/2/22



Place LEFAYNE ARDENNES

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 6th 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BONCZAR, Michael. SERIAL NUMBER 108547

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B, 6th M.G. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 6th 1921. From (give complete location): Grave 25, Sec. 1, Pl. 1, Cam. 1203.

By: Group THREE Unit F.S. 23.

3. Reburied (date): Mch 28th 1922 In (give complete location): Cty 1232, Gr. 15 block D row 42

By: Group Re-burial S Unit unlined casket. Nature of reburial unlined casket.

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

Blanket, reburial box, body decomposed, recognition impossible.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Reburial bottle record dated 1-26-21, signed J.J. Powers 2nd Lt. QMC, reads "GRS Gr. 17 KR. and tag on stake reads Bonczar, Apr. 27, 1917, rebottled and replaced on body. No effects found, Tag on body reads "Michael Bonczar 108547, 27 Apr. 17, U.S.M.C." Tag on cross reads "Michael Bonczar, 108547, 27 Apr. 17, U.S.M.C."

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Package intact, body not disturbed per auth letter dated 8-29-21,

(b) Weight (estimated) Operations Division, AGRS QMC in R.

(c) Hair—Color

Quantity

Characteristics

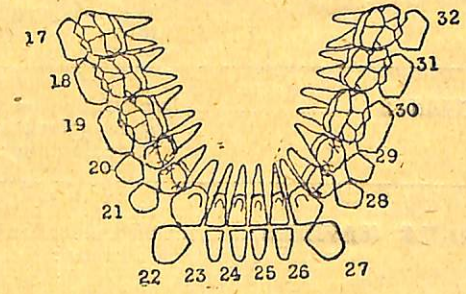
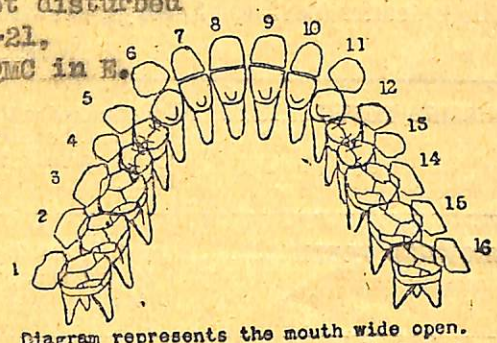
(d) Hair on face—Color

Location

Quantity

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

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



7. Disinterment supervised by D. Bachman

D. Bachman

Approved: J. E. Robinson

(Title) 1st Lt. C.A.C.

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Sheild

Approved: A. E. Dewey

(Title) 1st Lt. QMC.

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept 6th 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BONCZAR, Michael
 2. No. 108547
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. B. 6th MG Bn.
 5. D.D. Nov. 10th.
 6. C.D. K.I.A.

10. Name BENEZAR, Michael
 11. No. 108547
 12. Rank Pvt.
 13. Org. Co. B. 6th M.G. Bn.
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 25 Sec. 1
 8. Plot 1 Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. None.

18. Cemetery Sedan American

19. Commune or town Letanne

20. Dept. or County Ardennes

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1203

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept 6th 1921

By D. Bachman

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Michael Bonczar Serial No. _____

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B. 6th M.G. Bn.

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

Signature D. Bachman
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).

See Par. 36.

27. Condition of body Body decomposed recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial blanket and reburial box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept 6th 1921. By D. Bachman

31. Casket sealed by D. Bachman

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) D. Bachman

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-4398

32. Designation of body:

Name BONCZAR, Michael Serial No. 108547

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B. 6th M.C. Bn.

33. Consigned to:

Officer in Charge Operations,

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne American, #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept 6th 1921 By D. Bachman

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. S. Robinson, 1st. Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks Package intact body not disturbed, Authority letter Operations Div. dated Aug. 29th 1921. Tag on cross read Michael Bonczar 108547 27th April 17, U.S.M.C. Reburial bottle record dated Jan 26th 21, signed J. J. Powers 2nd Lt. Q.M.C. reads in part "GRS Gr. 17 KR and tag on stake reads Bonczar April 27-17. rebottled and replaced with body.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept 6th 1921.

To point of Concentration Romagne sous Montfaucon, Mense.

(Name)

Convoyer J. P. Glendon Signature Shipping Officer Capt. Q.M.C.

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

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date Sept 7, 1921

G.R.S. Representative Arthur J. Morgan

41. Reinterred Mch 28th 1922 Cty 1232.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 15

Section

43. ~~Block~~ block D

Row

42

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

jt.

Date 7th, May 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BENEZAR, MichaelNumber: 108547Rank: Unkn.Organization: U.S.M.C.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

3rd, April 1919.Amer. B/A Cemetery Grave # 2 Plot # 1VILLEMONTRY, ARDENNES24 SE 306.10 E. 310.96 N.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

3rd, April 1919.Grave # 25 Sec. # 1 Plot # 1Amer. B/A Cemetery # 1203LETANNE, ARDENNES 24 SE 307.45 E 308.42 N

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

Buried in uniform; body badly decompose; burial very poor.Was one identification tag found upon the body? NoWhat other means of identification were found on the body? None

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: 2nd Lt. A. E. WilsonR. H. ROSENTHAL

GFE

C.O. Group Unit

Place Letanne, Ardennes

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan 26/1921

1. REMAINS OF BONCZAR, MICHAEL SERIAL NUMBER 108547

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B., 6th M.G. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan 26/1921 From (give complete location):
Sedan Amer. Cty. Letanne, Ardennes, #1203, Gr. 25, Sec. 1, Pl. 1

By: Group Bowes (4) Unit _____

3. Reburied (date): Same date In (give complete location): Same gr. etc.

Same Cemetery

By: Group Bowes Unit _____ Nature of reburial Blanket & Coffin

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

U.S. uniform, burlap, box & 5 ft. earthen grave.
Badly disintegrated, features not capable of recognition

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

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

G. R. S. CR. MKR. & tag on stake read, BENEZAR
Apr. 27-17. None

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) approx 5 ft. 10"

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to determine

(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) do

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) 50420

Impossible to determine

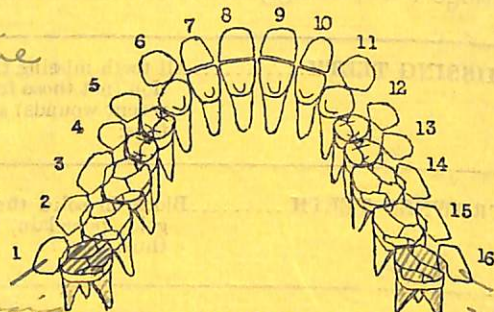
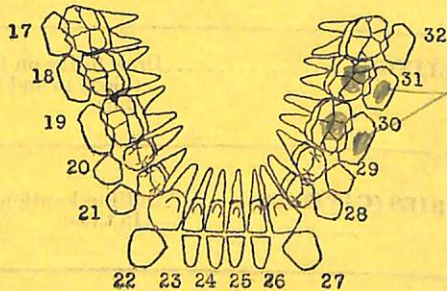


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by _____

Approved: _____
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by _____

Approved: _____
(Title)

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BONCZAR, Michael Ser. No. 108547
 (b) Rank Private Organization Co. B, 6th M.G. Bn.
 (c) Date of death 11-5-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. vbb
 CKR. [initials]

*10/8/21 - In Transit to
 Newark Airplane 1232
 2100-10/27/21*

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

(a) Grave No. 25 Row --- Plot 1 Sec. 1 TYP. vbb
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Frank Bonczar (father) 125 Thomas St., Buffalo, N.Y.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Frank Bonczar (b) Relationship Father
 (c) Address 269 Barnard St Buffalo, N.Y.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. ---

over

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

Examiner's Initials E.S. Date 9/27, 1920.

V. A. G. G. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from ---
---, dated ---
 confirming request in Par. IV., item ---, above, or requesting that ---

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials E.S. Date 9/27, 1920.

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes 29
 Examiner's Initials [initials] Date 9/28, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1203 SHEET No. 75

*OK
 all
 9-28-20*

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 NOV 4 1920, 1920

Part # 2 Not to be returned acc

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Form 124 to Marine Corps Form 840 from Marine Corps
Date Sent 10-1-20 Date Rec'd 10-2-20

Body remain F 840 confirms Marine Card. M



84374-25B-1-IRI

Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,

Washington, October 1, 1920.

From: The Major General Commandant.

To: The Chief, Cemeterial Division, Office of Quartermaster General of the Army.

Subject: A.E.F. dead: Confirmation or revision of G.R.S. record of disposition status.

Reference: Form No. 124, File No. 64935 dated 9-29-20
 Case of Michael BONCZAR #108547 Private
25rd Co.-6th MG Bn., Marines. 1203

1. It is requested that the remains of the above-named man be disposed of as follows:

DISPOSITION: Return of remains not desired.

CONSIGNEE: Name: _____

Address: _____

NEXT OF KIN: Name: Mr. Frank Bonczar.

Relationship: Father

Address: 269 Barnard Street,

Buffalo, New York.

REMARKS: _____

P. A. Barker
P. A. BARKER

Major, U. S. M. C.

Asst. Adjutant & Inspector *lv*

By _____

~~Special Assistant to the~~
~~Major General Commandant.~~

64935

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bouezan ^{108 547} Mich
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Put U. S. M. C.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: North of Beaumont

CAUSE OF DEATH: K. I. G.

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov 14 1918

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

Lasartelle Farm north of Beaumont [Redacted]

GRAVE NUMBER: [Redacted]

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? [Redacted] Cross? [Redacted]

Headboard? [Redacted] Bottle? [Redacted]

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: [Redacted]

Was one buried with body? Yes [Redacted]

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? Yes [Redacted]

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

~~CRIME~~ BEAUMONT (CLAYTONES)

(0521) SHT. 24SE COORD E 306.2

NEAREST RELATIVE: [Redacted]

ADDRESS: [Redacted] N 311.9

RELATIONSHIP: SHT. COORD [Redacted]

REPORTED BY: Thomas J. Gavin Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Card dept.

F #

6-16-19-

64935

G.R.S. Form No. 8: Central Records Liaison

Memo. For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.S.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- () Surname: ~~BENEZAR~~ *Bonecz*
- () Number: 108547.
- () First Name: Michael.
- () Rank: *Pvt*
- () Company: *Co B 6th MGBn*
- () Organization: U.S.M.C.
- () Date of Death:
- () Cause: *R/A 11/10/18* OVER.
- () Place: *R/A 11/10/18*

Location of hospital:

- Number " "
- Class " "
- () Relative:
- () Relationship:
- () Address:

not available

- () Authority:
- Cablegram No.: *cc 348/3*
- Telegram from:

dated:

- () Reported to Washington:
- C.C. Nos:

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

- () Remarks:
- () Show present status on reverse side.

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

Initials of Reporter:

New case.

Off *the*

Cty. 1290.

Amer. B/A. Cty. Villemontry.(Ardennes)/

Reported by G.R.S.

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Communal List No. 521-4/12
Daily Report No. _____

3rd Ind.

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293. Bonczar, Michael

Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, September 21, 1920.

To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Returned accomplished.

2. The Photographic Section, these Headquarters, have been notified of the change in order that another photograph of the grave may be taken with the corrected inscription.

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H. F. RETHERS,
Colonel, Q.M.C.
Chief.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 293.8-64935

FILE

Bonczar, Michael

293. Bonczar, Michael

1st Ind.

RHR/mwa.

Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. Sept. 2nd 1920.
To: Supervisor, Area #1, ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON (Meuse).

1. Forwarded for compliance and report by indorsement hereon when completed.

By direction:

R. A. FRY

EDGAR A. FRY
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Operations Division.

2nd Ind.

JAF
JAF wjc

Supervisor, Area #1 AGRS, QMC in E., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.
Sept. 17, 1920. To: Chief, AGRS, QMC in E., Paris.

1. Returned. Directed changes completed.
2. Red Cross Photographic Section has not been notified.

RECORDED



W. R. MANN
W. R. MANN
Capt., Inf.

Marine Case.

G.R.S. Form 101-A (Information Blank)

File Number **64935**

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

Date **6/14/20**

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME **Bonzar, Michael**

Serial Number **#108547**

RANK **Pvt.**

ORGANIZATION **23rd Co., 6th M.G. Batt., Marines.**

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1. No. Co.B, 6th M.G. Bn.
2.	Date of Death.	2. 11/5/18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. K/A
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4. 348
5.	Date buried.	5. 11/12/18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Reburied - American Cemetery, Grave #25, Plot 1, Sec. 1, Sedan, Letanne, Ardennes. ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	10. a- Yes. b- Yes.
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	11. Mr. Frank Bonzar (father) 125 Thomas St., Buffalo, N. Y.
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	12. F-107- 4/14/20 14. D-2985
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	
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.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

Released by Information Control Dept.
 Directory
 Cards 5x8
 Cards 4x6

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

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G.R.S. Form No. 122.
Change of Inscription.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

August 11, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Registration
Cem. Div. #64935



From: Office of the Quartermaster General, Chief, Cemeterial Division, (GRS)
Munitions Building, 19th & B Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C.

To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe,
8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

Subject: Change of Inscription on Grave Marker.

1. It is requested that the inscription on the marker erected
over grave # 25, plot 1, section 1, Cty. # 1203,
Sedan American Cemetery, Letanne, Ardennes.

be corrected to correspond with the records of this office which show
Private Michael Bonczar, #108547, Company B, 6th Machine Gun Battalion.

Date of death November 5, 1918.

2. When this has been done, advise the Red Cross Photographic
Section in order that another photograph may be taken of the grave with
the correct inscription.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

CMN/ms
Inv.S.S.
Inv. & Adj. Dept.

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RECORDED, A.G.R.S., I.A.G., IN EUROPE
FILE NO. 293 M. BONCZAR, P.V.T.