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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME... ~~UNKNOWN U-3695~~ BOYER, LOWELL

RANK. **Pvt.** SERIAL. 2433458

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION... **Hq. Co., 1 M.G. Batt'n. 1 Div.**

DATE OF DEATH... **10-4-1918**

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME... **Ohio**

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

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION... **22** **7** **G**
Date Grave Row Block

..... **MEUSE*Argonne American Cemetery #. 1232**
Cemetery

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Boyer,	3	2 5 12 5 5
BURIED	Lowell	1	1
	CEMETERY 1232	2	22
	GRAVE 22	2	07
	ROW 7	1	7
	BLOCK G	2	41
STATE	Ohio	1	2
RANK	Pvt	2	01
DIVISION	1	3	001
ORGANIZATION	1	1	2
ARM	M & Bw	1	3
MARTIAL	remarried	3	
NAME	Hoover	3	8 5 5
Mrs. Mary E	STATE Ohio	2	41
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Miami	2	55
	CITY Covington	3	+++
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	2
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	CITY	3	
RELATION	Widow	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	No	1	2
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Boyer Lowell (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Mary E Hoover
428 N High St
Covington Ohio

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. DIETS,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

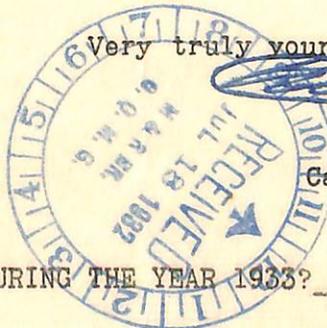
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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

No.
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Mary E Hoover



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 14, 1931

Boyer, Lowell Pvt. (MA) M

Mrs. Mary E. Hoover,
428 N. High St.,
Covington, Ohio

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Boyer, Lowell Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Mary E. Hoover,
428 N. High St.,
Covington, Ohio.

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.

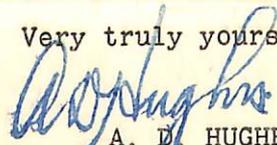
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or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

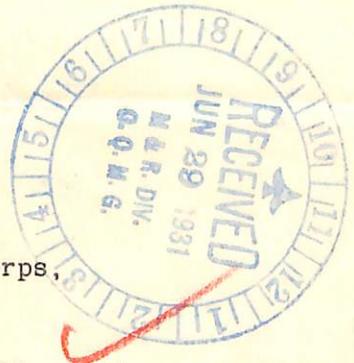
This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

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? No. Not able,
Write answer here

Mrs Mary Ellen Hoover
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boyer, Lowell 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Mary E. Hoover
428 N. High Street
Covington, Ohio.

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

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

No
(Write answer here)

Mrs Mary Ellen Hoover
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Boyer, Lowell 1232 M

Mrs. Mary E. Hoover,
428 North High St.,
Covington, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

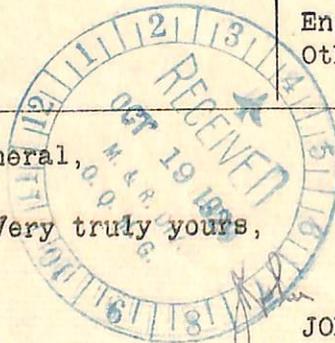
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, 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.

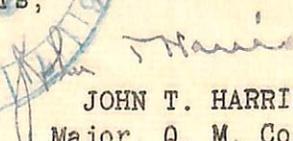
In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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 <u>68</u> Health <u>not good enough to make that</u>	(Years) (Good) (Poor) <u>trife</u>
5. What language do you speak?	English - ^{see} (Yes)	(No)
Other language (Specify language spoken)		

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,




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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boyer, Lowell
1232

Sept. 4, 1929.

428
Mrs. Mary Ellen Hoover,
604 North High St.,
Covington, Ohio

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

The Widow has
remarried.

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

Mary E. Hoover
428 N. High St.
Covington, Ohio
- Mother -

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Boyer, Lowell

426
Mrs. Mary Ellen Hoover,
504 North High Street,
Covington, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Lowell Boyer, Hq. Co., 1st M.G. 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 widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is 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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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Boyer Lowell (MA)

July 8 1932

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428 N High St
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

August 14, 1931

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Boyer, Lowell Pvt. (MA) M

Mrs. Mary E. Hoover,
428 N. High St.,
Covington, Ohio

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.

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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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 298 A-M
Boyer, Lowell Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Mary E. Hoover,
428 N. High St.,
Covington, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boyer, Lowell 1232 M

June 7, 1930

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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)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Boyer, Lowell 1232 M

Mrs. Mary E. Hoover,
428 North High St.,
Covington, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boyer, Lowell
1232

Sept. 4, 1929.

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Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Boyer, Lowell

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Dear Madam:

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Lowell Boyer, Hq.Co., 1st M.G.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 widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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O. Q. M. G.

QM 293 A-C.

(Rosen, Benjamin)
(Boyer, Lowell)

May 16, 1927

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293
Boyer,
Lowell

Subject: Identification.

To: The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G., in Europe,
20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. Referring to your letter of March 26, 1927, file No. 293 Rosen, Benjamin, and to the case of the late Private, first class, Benjamin Rosen, Company A, 1st Machine Gun Battalion, and the case of the late Private Lowell Boyer, Headquarters Company, 1st Machine Gun Battalion, you are advised as follows:

2. The body now buried in grave 22, row 7, block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery as Unknown U. S. Soldier U-3695, has been identified as that of the late Private Lowell Boyer, Headquarters Company, 1st Machine Gun Battalion. The body is to remain in Europe.

3. The body now buried in grave 14, row 22, block D, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, as Private Lowell Boyer has been identified as that of the late Private, first class, Benjamin Rosen, 104971, Company A, 1st Machine Gun Battalion. The body is to remain in Europe.

4. You will change your records and mark the graves in accordance with the above.

5. The following correction should also be made in headstone listings for Block D, Cemetery #1232:

Page 319, Row 22, Block D, Grave 14 -- Change the inscription for Lowell Boyer to the following: STAR OF DAVID -- Benjamin Rosen -- Pvt. 1 cl -- 1 M. G. Batt'n. -- 1 Div. -- New York -- Oct. 4, 1918.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

K. J. HAMPTON,
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.G.,
Assistant

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QM 293 A-C.

(Rosen, Benjamin)
(Boyer, Lowell)

May 16, 1927

Claims Division,
General Accounting Office,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The Quartermaster General desires that the enclosed ring with initials "M.H.S. 1910" thereon, which was found on the remains of an Unknown American Soldier, in Grave 16, Plot A, Row 1, American Battle Area Cemetery, Baulny, Meuse, France, which have now been identified as the remains of the late Private Lowell Boyer, Headquarters Company, 1st Machine Gun Battalion, be forwarded to your office. It has been ascertained from the relatives of Private Boyer that this ring did not belong to him. In this connection it is stated that the ring was found on the body and not on the finger.

For your information you are advised that investigation by this office has established the fact that Private Boyer, Private, 1/cl Benjamin Rosen, Company A, 1st Machine Gun Battalion and Private, 1/cl Carl Connell, of the same organization, were all three killed by the same shell near Baulny, France, on October 4, 1918.

Endeavor has been made to establish the ownership of the ring in question, but the efforts of this office so far have been without success. The relatives of Pvt. 1/cl Rosen do not recall his having such a ring. A letter dated December 23, 1926, was written to Mr. John Connell, father of Pvt. 1/cl Carl Connell, 57 N. 57th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. to ascertain if his son had such a ring, but so far no reply has been received. Mr. Thomas Sanders, Memphis, Mo., advised this office that his son, the late Thomas R. Sanders, Jr., Private, 1/cl, Company A, 138th Infantry, who was killed in action near Chaudron Farm, Baulny, France, Sept. 26, 1918, and whose body, properly identified, was returned to the United States, wore a ring "M.H.S. 1910" (Memphis High School). A photostat of the ring was sent to Mr. Sanders on Feb. 17, 1927, with request that he examine it and advise this office whether it resembled the class ring of the Memphis High School for the year 1910. To date no reply has been received. As Pvt. Boyer was acting a Lieutenant at the time of his death and was in charge of a burial detail, his organization having relieved that of Private Sanders, it may be that in making burials the effects, including the ring were turned over to him, or it may be that he found the ring on the field.

Encl. env. containing ring

Very truly yours,

K. J. HAMPTON,
Lt. Col., Q.M.G.,

O. Q. M. G.

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Boyer
Connell

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O. Q. M. G.

QM 293 A-C

Rosen, Benjamin
Boyer, Lowell
Connell, Carl

November 16, 1926.

SUBJECT: Investigation.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service,
Q.M.C., in Europe.

1. You will communicate with Julius A. Nielsen, 10 Algade, Nykoebing, Sjaelland, Denmark, advising him that he made the following report on the late Lowell Boyer, Headquarters Company, 1st Machine Gun Battalion: "We were going up to take positions on hill 269 when we were past Charpentry I was some 50 yards from Boyer and as the enemy was shelling that area heavily we had scattered out and were resting. A shell dropped and exploded in a group of 3 men which killed him and his two comrades". Also, that the records of this office show only two men, besides Boyer, killed, October 4th, 1918, viz: Carl Connell and Benjamin Rosen of Co. A, 1st M.G.Bn. A Lieutenant of Company A, states that Rosen, Connell and Boyer were killed by that same shell, which no doubt, agrees with statement of Nielsen that the three were killed.

2. The bodies of Boyer and Connell are reported buried in a plot with others in the vicinity of Baulny near a cross road. In this plot there is also buried the body of an unknown soldier in the adjoining grave reported as Boyer. The body now carried as Boyer has thereon a picture of a woman in a celluloid button, and on the unknown body there appears a ring with the initials "M.H.S. 1910", (possible a girl's ring from size), leather leggings, leather gloves, etc.

3. It is requested that Mr. Nielsen advise if he recalls either of the men wearing such leather equipment and having in his possession a ring with the above initials, or whether either man had a button with picture therein. A sister of Rosen states that her brother was wearing her picture in a button on his coat. Also, if he recalls either of the two men having an upper front tooth broken off, and whether he can advise who made the burials in this vicinity, a large portion of the men being from the 35th Division.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

F.H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C

Boyer, Lowell Pvt.

November 13, 1926.

SUBJECT: Investigation.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service,
Q.M.C., in Europe.

1. With reference to the cases of Private Lowell Boyer, #2433458, Headquarters Company, 1st Machine Gun Battalion, and Unknown U. S. Soldier U-3695, reported taken from graves as follows:

Plot A, 148 - 35 S.E.

Grave 39 which is same as Gr.16, Row 1, - Unknown
" 40 " " " " " 17, Row 1, - Boyer.

Form 16- Gr. 16, dated May 6th, 1919, showing reburial in Grave 63, Plot 2, Section 90, Cty. 1232, for Unknown, bearing the ring, gloves, belt, etc. (this Gr.16 agreeing with blue print Gr.16); coordinates 302.42, 277.79. This Form signed by Lt. Lewis.

Form 16 - dated May 6th, 1919 by Lt. Lewis shows an unknown from Gr. 1, B.A.C. Baulny, 302.42, 277.79, to Gr. 64, Sec.90, Plot 2.; woman's picture on celluloid button and gold crown on tooth #18.

Form 114-B, for Pvt. Boyer, shows Gr. 17, reburied into Gr. 63, Sec.90, Plot 2, and as bearing "M.H.S." ring, then reburied in Gr. 14, Row 22, Block D; tooth #9 broken off and rest present.

Form 114-B for U-3695 shows Gr. 16 reburied to Gr. 64, Sec.90, Plot 2, then reburied in Gr. 22, Row 7, Block G, with gold crown and some extracted teeth.

You are informed that from the above it would appear that a transposition has occurred in the reburial of these men, or that they were not as originally reported in Baulny. This office believes that the body bearing gold crown and certain extracted teeth, now reported in Grave 22, Row 7, Block G, Cty. 1232, and on which was originally the woman's picture on button, is actually the body of Pvt. Boyer, since he had at enlistment teeth #17, 19, 30 and 31 missing. It is also believed that the body bearing the ring, gloves, puttees, etc., is actually U-3695. However, it is not positive as to the exact graves these bodies are in.

2. You will, therefore, determine which grave bears the body with the gold crown and extractions and report it as Pvt. Boyer, advising this office,

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and designate the other as the Unknown.

3. Information will also be furnished as to the disposition made of picture of woman in celluloid button, reported on Form 16 dated June 7th, 1919, as having been "turned in". This office is investigating the case of Benjamin Rosen in connection with this unknown.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

F.H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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Attach copy to each case.

May 13, 1927

ROSEN, Benjamin, 104971 Pvt.1/cl Co.A. 1st M.G.Bn.

✓ BOYER, Lowell 2433458 Pvt. Hdqrs. Co. 1st M.G.Bn.

There is to be no more correspondence on these cases,
outside of the necessary letters to Europe advising them
of the identification of the body, adjusting their records
and marking graves.

Specific inquiries

Or in answer to

W/B

Memo for Mr. E.E. Davis:

Attached hereto are the papers belonging to the ring case and that of Rosen, concerning which I talked with you and which you seemed to agree that there was evidence to warrant the identification of the two.

The letter that we spoke of has not reached me from the father of the boy or the school where the son attended which had such a ring in question. If such a letter has come in it is being held by some one in your department for some reason.

You will note hereon a letter from Europe to the effect that these two bodies were originally exhumed they were found buried together in one shelter half. This much further strengthens the opinion and findings as I have set them forth.

If you care to approve these or have me finish same please advise.

Scott.4-22-27

Memo for Mrs. Mullen

Before sending final instructions to Europe regarding these two bodies suggest you take up with Mr. Davis, the question of whether he want to permit the return of the body of Rosen to the States, wr whether he desires to do more than give the final grave location.

In the event that he does not desire to return either, I doubt the necessity of having the heads removed and placed with respective bodies, due to the mixed up state of bodies in question.

In other words if he desires both to remain, advise may be sent as per the 5x8.

Scott

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QI 293 A-C. *France*

(B/A Cemetery Baulney)

March 17, 1924.

SUBJECT: Burials in Plot A, B/A Cemetery Baulney.

TO: The Chief, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, Paris, France.

1. The records of this office show that 56 burials were made in Plot A, B/A Cemetery, Baulney, 358E, E302.42, N277.79, graves 1 to 23 being in row 1, and graves 24 to 56 being in row 2. The bodies in row 2 were likewise numbered from 1 up, that is, grave 24 being identical with grave 1, and so on. The records then show graves 1, 16, 27, and 30 as containing bodies of unknowns.

2. In grave 16 was reported an unknown bearing High School ring with the initials "M.H.S. 1910"; also 5 ft. 10 inches in height; weighed 160 lbs.; in uniform, leather belt, leather gloves and evidences of leather puttees. This body was reported later to have been disinterred May 6, 1919, and reburied in grave 63, section 90, row 2, Cemetery 1232. Form 1-A, May 13, 1919, lists grave 63, section 90, row 2, as Unknown.

3. 1st Indorsement dated August 23, 1923, paragraph 2, shows that grave 17, under the cross of Lowell Boyer, was empty. In paragraph 3, it is advised that the unknown in grave 16 was designated as Boyer by the Commanding Officer of Area No. 1, October 3, 1919. A report is desired as to the information on which the identification was based. Records of disinterment show no teeth missing. The records of The Adjutant General's Office at time of enlistment show the following for Boyer- mobilization physical examination not on file - Local Board gives 19, 30 and 31 missing.

4. This office can find no evidence on which to base the decision of the Area Supervisor.

5. It is also desired that the U numbers for unknowns in graves 1, 27 and 30 of the second row be furnished. Information is also desired as to the organization or chaplain that made the burials of these men. This office cannot so far locate grave location blanks, nor any information pertaining to original burials, except disinterment and reburial. In the event that no body was found in grave 17, were bodies in succeeding graves found under proper markers and was an extra body found elsewhere in the row?

6. Full and complete data and details covering all men in the row and in connection with graves 16 and 17 are desired as early as possible.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

R. L. FOSTER,
Assistant.

O. Q. M. G.

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O. Q. M. G.

QM 293 A-C.

(Europe)

March 14, 1924.

Mr. Alonzo C. Huff,
Fayetteville,
Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that this office is endeavoring to secure information which would lead to the identification of the four Unknown U. S. Soldiers, shown on the enclosed list. As there is on file here, a report signed by you, covering the death and burial of one of the, it is thought you might be able to assist in the matter.

The men in question were killed the latter part of September, and the 1st of October, during the drive in the vicinity of Baulney. They are reported buried in a valley near Exermont in the cross-road section of an unimproved cross-road, two branches of which lead to Chaudron Farme and Baulney. There are two rows of burials in this cemetery; the first containing 23 graves and the second row beginning with grave 24 and running up to 56. The bodies in the second row are the ones this office is interested in, grave No. 1 on the attached list being identical with grave 24, and so on.

The following information is particularly desired:

- (1) What organization made these burials.
- (2) Name of the Chaplain.
- (3) The unknown in grave 16, he having been reported to have a high school ring in his possession with the initials "M.H.S. 1910"; also to have had on his person a leather belt; leather gloves; evidences of leather puttees. He was reported about 5 ft. 10 inches in height; weighed 160 lbs; right leg mangled below the knee; no gold teeth and one upper front tooth broken off.
- (4) If you were personally acquainted with Lowell Boyer, and whether he would fit these descriptions. He was reported as having been put into grave 17, but it has been further reported that his body was not found therein.

Please know that this information, if received, will materially aid in the investigation, and will be appreciated by the Department. Kindly reply as soon as possible, using the enclosed official envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
1-list
2-envelope

R. L. FOSTER,
Assistant.

293 Boyer Howell

✓ FULL NAME *Lowell Boyer* ✓

✓ RANK *priv* ✓ SERIAL *2433458*

✓ DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *Hq Co. 1st m G Bn 1st Div*

✓ DATE OF DEATH *10-4-18*

✓ STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Ohio*

✓ MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *-*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION *14* - *22* - *D*

Date	Grave	Row	Block
	Reburied into Grave 22,	Row 7,	Block G, Cty. 1232
	Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery # 1232		
	Cemetery		

This form is to be filed with #1232

Extracts from statements of comrades
on which this identification and opinion was based.

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BY JOS. ROCHE: ...wish to advise that I remember when the three were killed by high explosive shell as you have noted.....

BY M. H. GRANGER:(re Rosen)and I was with him lying in a trench not two minutes before the barrage hit us. The place did not look safe to me so I moved. After the barrage lifted and the battalion moved on I stayed behind with the captain to get information on the dead Benjamin Rosen and Carl Connell. If I remember correctly we could not get a thing to identify them as they were blown completely to pieces. I also knew Lowell Boyer by sight and not being personally acquainted with him there is a possibility of his being with Rosen and Connell as there were several men right near when I left them but I cannot remember if they were killed or who they were. This happened between Charpentry and Chaudron Farm beside a small unimproved road for hauling guns and ammunition. We were in the trench that was occupied by the Germans the night before.

BY JULIUS NIELSEN: We were going up to take position on hill 269 when we were past Charpentry I was some 50 yards from Boyer and as the enemy was shelling that area heavily we had scattered out and were resting. A shell dropped and exploded in a group of three men, killing him and his two comrades.

BY ALBERT BREDEHOFT:Rosen was attached to an infantry battalion October 4 and killed by enemy shell fire northeast of Exermont on that date. Boyer was attached to the same infantry and both men were killed by same shell at same time.(He gives similar report on Connell)

BY HERMAN VOGT:in response to our letter....Rosen and Connell were killed together. Lieut. Lowell Boyer was wearing the leather equipment

BY SGT JOHN SCHNUR: Oct. 4 were advancing towards a farm to relieve 35th Div. on an open field under heavy shell fire. I met Rosen and Connell standing talking together as both boys were messengers or runners. One large shell exploded close to us. A second shell landed right between Rosen and Connell tearing Rosen into pieces and as I went back I could not even find Rosens pistol. I did not look for Connell, only for Rosen as he was a good pal to me. Lowell Boyer is the 2nd Lt. of Co B 1st MG Bn. I had not the time nor did I care to look for the pieces of Rosens body.

BY PAUL ROSKOWSKI: ...I remember well on that morning there was in the trench, Carl Connell, Lowell Boyer, Benjamin Rosen and myself. We were talking and Rosen asked if I was afraid. I answered that the shells were going over us. Just then a shell hit square in the center of the three of them. I was about 3 feet away from them. When I regained consciousness my head was badly hurt and covered with blood and the other fellows were no where to be seen. Rosens head was lying about 10 feet from where the shell hit. Lowell Boyer was wearing the leather puttees, belt and gloves as he drove a motorcycle and Rosen and Connell were runners.

Chaplain Terrence King of the 18th Inf. made burials of the 1st and 35 Div. men killed at this point. Among the burials which he made in one continuous row along this unimproved road(33 burials) he reported the burials of Carl Connell and Lowell Boyer and 1 unknown soldier. It is this UNKNOWN soldier that has given rise to the case for investigation as Benjamin Rosen.

HOWEVER INASMUCH AS THESE THREE SOLDIERS WERE ALL BLOWN TO PIECES, THE HEAD BEING BLOWN SOME DISTANCES FROM BODIES, and practically all bones broken and fractured, all 3 bodies, i.e. the two carried as Boyer and Connell and the unknown are herewith given further consideration and comparison:

It is therefore an established fact that Boyer, Rosen and Connell were killed by the same shell, all badly mutilated, decapitated and that burials were reported in the row for Boyer and Connell and 1 burial as an unknown,-therefore the three men must be in the row.

The body now carried as Boyer is reported with leather gloves, leather belt, leather puttees, and as bearing on the body a ring marked M.H.S. 1910.

On the body now carried as U 3695 is the notation that there was found picture of a woman on celluloid button(turned in)(this understood to mean to effects bureau)

On the body carried as Carl Connell, there was per plat a report- "no tag-GRS plaque-illegible" On 16a GRS plaque--"Carl.....104838" tag on marker.

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The enlistment records show

Boyer,	missing teeth	17 19 30 31
Rosen	missing teeth	31 32
Connell		1-2-16-17

Family reports show

(For Boyer)

He had some dental work done before entering service. The dentist did not keep a copy of records but for short time.

(For Rosen)

My efforts to obtain a chart are in vain. I distinctly remember he had his teeth fixed before and after his enlistment. If he did have fillings or extractions there were on sides of his mouth.

(for Connell) not secured.

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The sister of Rosen advises this office that her brother wrote her that he was still wearing her photo in a button on his coat.

This links the body of U 3695 now unknown with the body when alive as Rosen, for the unknown is wearing the photo of a woman in celluloid button, which data agrees with Rosen's sister's advice that he wore her picture in button.

The fact that comrades (two at least) state that Boyer was acting as 2nd Lieut at death and was wearing the various leather equipment, due to his riding a motorcycle at the time, links the remaining portions of the body with the leather equipment (as well as the MHS ring) with the body or rather with the former Boyer. The fact that he was then a 2nd Lt. might explain his wearing the leather equipment.

This leaves then for consideration the one disputed point;-- the identity and ownership of the ring MHS 1910-- of which there are two solutions:

1. The widow of Boyer states that he had two gold rings⁰ but that she does not know what initials, if any, were thereon, nor can she describe same. The mother stated that he did not attend such a school that would entitle him to a graduation ring MHS 1910.

2. The second solution of the ownership is that as Boyer was then acting a Lt. that the ring was taken from some dead member who was killed prior to that time and handed to him as effects and he had same on his person when killed. It will be noted here 'ring was found on body--not finger.

INASMUCH AS IT IS PROVEN THE THREE MEN WERE KILLED BY THE SAME SHELL AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN BURIED TOGETHER, that two have identities and there being an unknown for consideration, -- a further consideration will be given of the individual dental charts.

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Connell

Enlistment
1-3-16-17 missing,

(family)
no report

Present body
1-16-17-32 partly erupted
3-30 decay.
19-14 silver fillings.

Boyer

17 19 Enlistment
17 19 30 31 missing

(family)
work done-- cannot get chart

present body
none missing
decay- 3 17

Rosen

Enlistment
31 32

He had teeth fixed before and
after enlistment-- on sides not
in front.

Unknown body
18 gold crown 19-30 broken
1-16 not out
jaw missing 4 to 12 17 31 32

It has been determined that one Pfc Thomas R. Sanders, Co. A 138 Inf. was killed on September 28th, about six days prior to the death of Boyer, Rosen and Connel. The organization with which he served was in the same vicinity at the time of his death and historical records show that the 35th Div of which the 138th was a part, was replaced by organizations ~~and~~ of which the 3 men in question belonged.

It has been definitely determined that Thomas Sanders, ~~It~~ attended and graduated from the Memphis High School, Mo. in the year 1910, that his father states that he was wearing such a ring when he entered the Service, i.e. "M.H.S. 1910", that his body has been shipped home, properly identified, his burial having been in a slightly different plot, but that the father did not get the ring as effects and there is no record in the GAO of the ring having been received.

It is therefore assumed that one of two things took place: 1st. That Boyer was possibly in charge of burial detail as his organization relieved that of Sanders and that in making burials thereof, the effects, including the ring was turned over to him, same having been found in POCKET. or 2nd; that he found the ring in question on field.

There is every evidence to indicate that the 3 men in question were killed by the same shell, all more or less dismembered, the heads being some distance from the portions of bodies found, that they were gather up as best they could under the circumstances and buried by the chaplain of the 1st Div. later.

There is an apparent discrepancy in the dental chart of one man, but investigator believes the evidence is sufficiently strong to overrule this one discrepancy and recommends that the identities of the 3 be established.

Copy

January 25, 1927.

Mr. E. E. Davis,
Cemeterial Div. OQMG

Dear Mr. Davis:

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I had the Ring Case worked up to a climax the latter part of December and had formulated my notes and opinion thereon subject to rendering it to you for approval. My notice of dismissal from your Service came without the customary warning and on the last day when I proposed to finish this case, I found that you were on leave and could not get the opinion approved. I am more familiar with this case, having worked it, than either your present investigators and I should esteem it a privilege to be permitted to put the finishing touches thereon and submitting it for approval.

Very truly yours,

Signed-Cecil Scott.

Mrs. Mullen

Look into the Ring Case. Seems like we should let Mr. Scott complete it if practicable.

E.E.Davis 1/25

Jan. 26, 1927. Memo for Mr. Davis:

In view of fact that Mr. Scott has been working on the Ring case for a long time and is therefore more familiar with it than either of the present investigators, and at the time of his transfer from Division had worked it up to point where he could render an opinion and submit it, I think he should be permitted to complete it.

Signed E.S.M.

O.K. Advise Mr. Scott.

signed E.E.D.

Carl

104838

Born Apr 4 - 1899
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Lowell Boyer Nov. 13, 1890

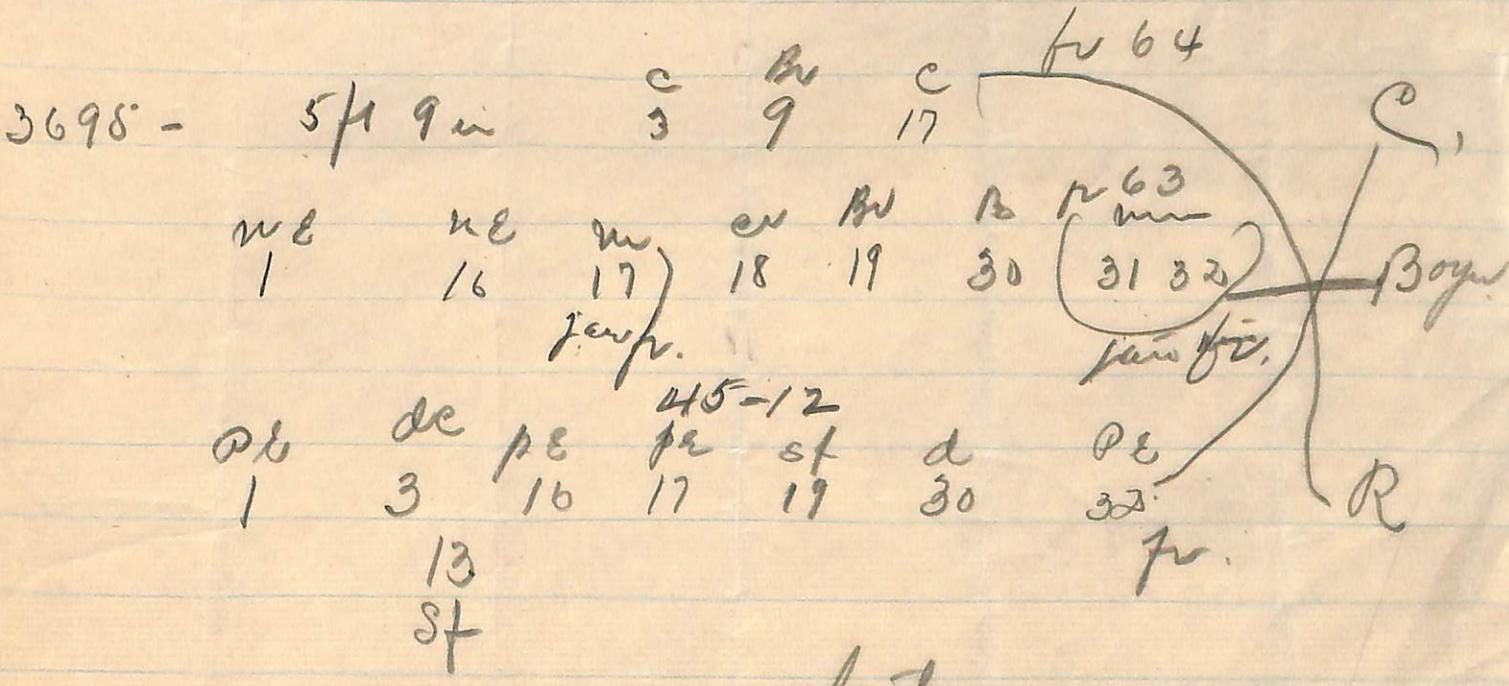
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Boyer, Rosen

18 yrs 11 mo.

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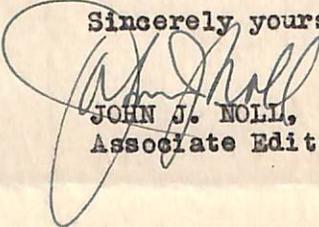
Dear Colonel:

Referring again to your letter of March 24, 1926, your file QM 293 A-C (Boyer, Lowell), I am inclosing herewith copy of a letter which was received from Legionnaire Louis Zuckerman, Box 331, Schofield Barracks, T.H.

You will note that Mr. Zuckerman suggests that the unknown body which was found in a grave adjoining that of Boyers may be the body of Private Carl J. Connell, Co. A, 1st MG Bn.

I am sure that if you will write direct to Mr. Zuckerman he will be pleased to furnish you with such additional information as may help your Division to solve this case.

Sincerely yours,


JOHN J. NOLL,
Associate Editor.

Lieut. Col. K. J. Hampton,
Assistant, Off. of Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

R. J. H.
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C O P Y

Box 331
Schofield Barracks, T. H.,
February 16, 1927

Company Clerk,
American Legion Monthly.

Dear Buddy:

In a recent issue of the American Legion Monthly magazine, your column contained a request from the Quartermaster General, U. S. Army for information regarding the graves of several men of the First Machine Gun Battalion, First Division, killed in action in the Meuse-Argonne. You mentioned the names of Lowell H. Boyers and Benjamin Rosen and the question was to determine whose unknown body was in the grave next to that of Boyers'.

In looking through some of my papers, I discovered that on the same day that Boyers and Rosen were killed, a Private Carl J. Connell, Co. A, 1st MG Bn. was also killed. In view of the fact that you did not mention Connell's name, I believe that he may be the party in the unknown grave.

The description you gave of Boyers is correct and without doubt fits him.

PFC Benjamin Rosen, Co. A, 1st MG Bn., Pvt. Carl J. Connell, Co. A, 1st MG Bn., and Pvt. Lowell Boyers, Hq. Det., 1st MG Bn., were killed in action October 4, 1918. They were the only members of the 1st MG Bn. killed in action on that date, as I recall it, Rosen and Connell were killed by a direct hit and by the same shell.

Sincerely yours,

LOUIS ZUCKERMAN
Master Sgt., 11th F.A.

(Former Sgt. Major, 1st MG Bn.)

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE. Q.M.C. IN EUROPE

IN REPLYING

PLEASE ADDRESS:

CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES
REGISTRATION SERVICE.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE

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FILE NO. 293 Rosen, Benjamin.
X-293 Boyer, Lowell.
X-293 Unknown U-3695.

PARIS FRANCE

March 26, 1927.

Subject: Case of Pvt. 1/cl. Benjamin Rosen, Co. A, 1st M.G.Bn. (Grave unlocated).

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. The Investigator in reporting an unsuccessful search for the remains of the above named late soldier states as follows:-

"Coordinates strike a point on hillside about one kilometer N.W. Charpentry in Commune of Baulny near former German trenches. All shell holes, trenches and depressions in ground were opened up without results.

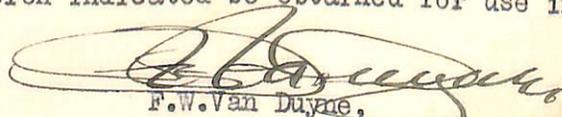
The site of a former BAC. of 56 graves was located near these coordinates. This former BAC is charted on blue print Plat A-148.

On the blue print in Grave 39 an Unidentified American is registered. In Grave 40 is registered Boyer, Lowell, Pvt., Hq. Co., 1st M.G.Bn. The Recheck Form 1-A numbered these graves in a different manner from the blue print, and according to the Recheck Form 1-A Grave 39 is Grave 16 and Grave 40 is Grave 17. When these two bodies were originally exhumed, they were found buried in a shelter half, two bodies together. Recently a change of designation was ordered and the remains carried as Pvt. Boyer, Lowell, in Cemetery 1232 were given designation of U-3695 and U-3695 changed to Pvt. Boyer.

It is believed U-3695 may possibly be the remains of Pvt. Rosen. On one of these two remains, there was found a High School class ring marked "MHS", either 1910 or 1919; it is impossible for this office to determine which date as the ring has been forwarded as personal effects.

It is suggested that information be obtained as to whether Pvt. Boyer was a former student of an "MHS" high school, and if not if Pvt. Rosen ever went to an "MHS" high school, also that inquiry be made of 1st Lt. A. Bradhoft, 1st M.G.Bn., as to whether he has any knowledge of the death and burial of Pvt. Boyer."

2. It is recommended the information indicated be obtained for use in further investigation.


F.W. Van Duyne,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief.



Carson in A/k city Banking file

Ring Case

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patric
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ring
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Julius Nielsen made report on Lowell Boyer as follows (see ring case)
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and exploded in a group of 3 men which killed him and his 2 comrades.

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have had a picture of a woman on a celluloid button.

Sister of Rosen states that her brother wore on his coat her picture on
a button. but she has not secured any information re ring as yet.

INVESTIGATOR BELIEVES THERE IS SUFFICIENT LINKING EVIDENCE IN THE
ABOVE TO WARRANT GOING INTO CASE FURTHER.

Scott

293- (Unknown Ring Case)

Carl J. Connell

File of 11/1/45

Julius Nielsen made report on Lowell Boyer as follows (see ring case)
"We were going up to take positions on hill 269 and when we were past Charpentry I was some 50 yards from Boyer and as the enemy was shelling that area heavily we had scattered out and were resting. A shell dropped and exploded in a group of 3 men which killed him and his 2 comrades.

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Scott

QM 293 A-C (Boyer, Lowell Pvt.) "Letter to Europe Nov.13/26 cont'd."

and designate the other as the Unknown.

3. Information will also be furnished as to the disposition made of picture of woman in celluloid button, reported on Form 16 dated June 7th, 1919, as having been "turned in". This office is investigating the case of Benjamin Rosen in connection with this unknown.

By order of The Quartermaster General:



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F.H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

293 Boyer, Lowell.
X-293 Unknown U-3695.

1st Ind.

Hdgrs. A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, Dec. 30, 1926.
To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. Form 1 for U-3695 in this office shows decedent from Grave 16, BAC. Baulny, concentrated to Grave 64, Sec. 90, Plot 2, Cty. 1232. Another copy (Recheck), same coordinates, bears a mark in red pencil like a figure 1 but this mark is very evidently not a grave number. No copies of the Form 16 dated May 6, 1919, are on file.

2. The body with gold crown on lower right molar has been disinterred from Grave 22, Row 7, Block G, Cty. 1232, reburied into Grave 14, Row 22, Block D, same cemetery as Pvt. Lowell Boyer, and the remains which were in the latter grave have been placed in Grave 22, Row 7, Block G, as U-3695. Copies of Form 16-A covering these transfers are inclosed.

3. Records do not disclose what disposition was made of the picture of woman in celluloid button; it cannot be located here.

2 Incls.

- 1. Form 16-A, 12/16/26 Lowell Boyer.
- 2. " 16-A, " U-3695.

JAN 15 1927



[Handwritten signature]

F.W. Van Duyne,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

IN REPLY REFER TO

Boyer, Lowell Pvt.

November 13, 1926.

SUBJECT: Investigation.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service,
Q.M.C., in Europe.

1. With reference to the cases of Private Lowell Boyer, #2433458, Headquarters Company, 1st Machine Gun Battalion, and Unknown U. S. Soldier U-3695, reported taken from graves as follows:

Plot A, 148 - 35 S.E.

Grave 39 which is same as Gr.16, Row 1, - Unknown
" 40 " " " " " 17, Row 1, - Boyer.

Form 16- Gr. 16, dated May 6th, 1919, showing reburial in Grave 63, Plot 2, Section 90, Cty. 1232, for Unknown, bearing the ring, gloves, belt, etc. (this Gr.16 agreeing with blue print Gr.16); coordinates 302.42, 277.79. This Form signed by Lt. Lewis.

Form 16 - dated May 6th, 1919 by Lt.Lewis shows an unknown from Gr.1, B.A.C. Baulny, 302.42, 277.79, to Gr. 64, Sec.90, Plot 2.; woman's picture on celluloid button and gold crown on tooth #18.

Form 114-B, for Pvt. Boyer, shows Gr. 17, reburied into Gr. 63, Sec.90, Plot 2, and as bearing "M.H.S." ring, then reburied in Gr. 14, Row 22, Block D; tooth #9 broken off and rest present.

Form 114-B for U-3695 shows Gr. 16 reburied to Gr. 64, Sec.90, Plot 2, then reburied in Gr. 22, Row 7, Block G, with gold crown and some extracted teeth.

you are informed that from the above it would appear that a transposition has occurred in the reburial of these men, or that they were not as originally reported in Baulny. This office believes that the body bearing gold crown and certain extracted teeth, now reported in Grave 22, Row 7, Block G, Cty.1232, and on which was originally the woman's picture on button, is actually the body of Pvt. Boyer, since he had at enlistment teeth #17, 19, 30 and 31 missing. It is also believed that the body bearing the ring, gloves, puttees, etc., is actually U-3695. However, it is not positive as to the exact graves these bodies are in.

2. You will, therefore, determine which grave bears the body with the gold crown and extractions and report it as Pvt. Boyer, advising this office,

Boyer,

Lowell

2433,458

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army service number.)

Pvt.

Hq Co 1 MG Bn

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes

(Com.)

(Yes or no.)

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

No private

(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:

Mary Ellen Hoover, American Express Co. Western Union

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

604 N. High St

Covington

Ohio.

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mary Ellen Hoover.

604 N High St

Covington

Ohio.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

1232 Sec 90-

unknown

Plot 2 gr # 63

Cores 7-88

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name BOYER, Lowell Ser.No. 2433458
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Hq. Co., 1 M.G. Batt'ry
 (c) Date of Death 10-4-18 (d) Cause of Death K/A CKR

II. Registration Card

(a) Grave No. 63 Row _____ Plot 2 Sec. 90 Block _____
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary Ellen Hoover (Mother) 604 North High St., Covington, Ohio

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name Mary Ellen Hoover (b) mother
 (c) Address 604 N High St, Covington, Ohio
 (d) Remains to be brought to U.S.? yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U.S. at _____
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival in U.S. Mary Ellen Hoover / American Express Co. Western Union Telegraph Co. 604 N High St. Covington, Ohio
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. _____

IV. G.R.S. Files, Correspondence—shows as follows—Letter Dec. 10, 1926

from mother above address " I cannot obtain dental chart requested as the dentist does not keep the records of dental work performed for but a short time. I am sorry but I cannot think of any particular that would positively identify the body. I think it would be the best therefore to make burial in a national cemetery if the body has been brought from France, and not try further to identify the above. (This was not signed by mother— name only typed on letter.

Examiner's Initials SWB Date 7/1/27

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Examiner's Initials SWS Date 5/12/07

COUNTRY ----- Cemetery No. Cemetery 1232 S-80 Sheet No. 207

To be prepared in triplicate

DATE Dec. 14, 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 BOYER, Lowell
 2. No. 2433458
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Hq. Co. 1st M.G.Bn.
 5. D.D. 10-4-1918
 6. C.D. XIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 63 Sec. 90
 8. Plot 2 Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery Romagne AMOR.

19. Commune or town Romagne-sole-Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County None

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sect.90

23. Disinterred (Date) Aug. 29, 1921.

By A. P. McCabe.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Lowell Boyer
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 2433458
 Organization Hq. Co. 1st M.G. Bn

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

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).

~~One GRS plate found with body and one in grave read, "Unknown" Has ring with initials M H S 1910 (Ring not found).~~

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.

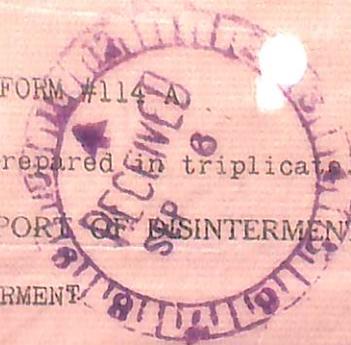
28. Nature of burial Pine box, hurlap and US uniform.

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. 29, 1921. By A. P. McCabe.

31. Casket sealed by A. P. McCabe.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) .McCabe.



sub 5/1/27

QM 293 A-C

Boyer, Lowell Pvt.

November 13, 1926.

SUBJECT: Investigation.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service,
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U-3695
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No FI's on file here see FI's.

(Form 16) dated May 6th, 1919 by Lt. Lewis shows an unknown from Gr. 1, B.A.C. Baulny, 302.42, 277.79, to Gr. 64, Sec. 90, Plot 2.; woman's picture on celluloid button and gold crown on tooth #18. *red pencil mark. No relation to BAC. Baulny's grave.*

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JA

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-7144

32. Designation of body:

Name BOYER, Lowell Serial No. 2433458

Rank Pvt. Organization No. Co. 1st H.Q. Bn.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Aug. 29, 1921. By A. F. McCabe.

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 R. C. Worthington, 1st Lt. QMC.

36. Remarks None.

I hereby certify that the entries made under Items, 14-17-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-34-35 & 36 were obtained from G. R. S. Forms 16-A executed at the time of disinterment, and that it is impracticable to obtain the signatures of the Supervising Embalmer, Checker and Inspector owing to the absence of that Personnel from this Station.

J. Gerald Cole
J. Gerald Cole,
Captain, C.A.C.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Aug. 29, 1921.

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne.

(Name) J. Gerald Cole
Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole
Captain, C.A.C.

Convoyer W. J. Royed.

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)
Signature Shipping Officer

Convoyer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Qty 1232 Mon 28th 1922. (Date)

42. Grave No. 14 Section

43. ~~Plot~~ Block D Row 22

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

D.V.L. jt.



Meuse-Argonne Am. Cemetery #1232.
Place Rom. gr. sous Montfaucon (Meuse).

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date December 16, 1926.

2433458

1. REMAINS OF Bayer Lowell SERIAL NUMBER U-5695
RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Hq. Co. 1 M.G. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec. 16, 1926 From (give complete location): Gr. 14 Bl. D Row 22
Meuse-Argonne Am. Cemetery #1232.

By: Group W.B. Sheild, Civ. Empl. Unit Unit AGRS.

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 16, 1926 In (give complete location): Gr. 22. Bl. G Row 7
Meuse-Argonne Am. Cemetery #1232.

By: Group W.B. Sheild Civ. Empl. Unit Unit AGRS Nature of reburial Regulation.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Buried 6 feet deep in AGRS case and casket, wrapped in blanket and sheet. Flesh entirely decomposed, skeleton disarticulated.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No On grave marker? No
Inscription on cross read "Lowell Boyer Pvt. Hq. Co. 1st M.G. Bn. #14".

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
GRS plaque with remains reads "Unknown. Has ring with initials MHS 1919," ring not found". No effects. Designation changed from BOYER, Lowell to U-5695 as per Par 1 letter dated Dec. 2, 1926, Hq. A.G.R.S.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Est 5' 9"

(b) Weight (estimated) 160

(c) Hair—Color App. brown

Quantity medium

Characteristics straight

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location Do

Quantity Do

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

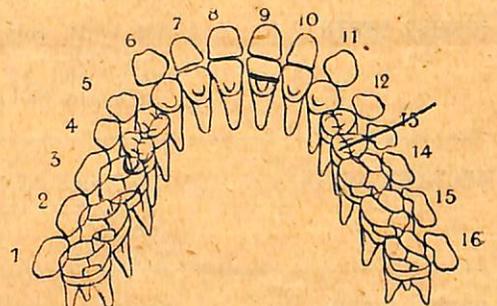
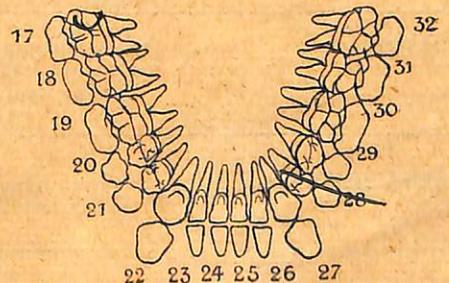


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) teeth: #3, 17, Cav. #9, broken off
Left Ulna, middle third, right pelvic bone, #15 sets in sideways. #28 sets out
right femur middle and lower third, right in front.
tibia and fibula middle and lower third, left tibia lower third fractured. Left
foot and ankle bones missing.

7. Disinterment supervised by W.B. Sheild
W.B. SHEILD
Civ. Empl. A.G.R.S.

Approved: James M. Garity
JAMES MC GOURTY
(Title) Chief Investigator.

8. Reburial supervised by W.B. Sheild
W.B. SHEILD
Civ. Empl. AGRS.

Approved: _____
(Title)

Place Romagne s/s Montfaucon

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Aug. 29, 1921

1. REMAINS OF Boyer, Lowell SERIAL NUMBER 2433458

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Hdq. Co. 1st M.G. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Aug. 29, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 63 Sec. 90 Pl. 2

Argonne Amer. #1232

By: Group McCabe Unit Sec. #1

3. Reburied (date): Mch 28th 1922 In (give complete location): Cty 1232 Gr. 14 block D row 22

unlined casket.

By: Group Re-burial S Unit Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
In Pine box, burlap and US Uniform. Badly decomposed. Unrecognizable.

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

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

One GRS plate found with body and one in grave read. "Unknown" Has ring with initials M.H.S. 1910" (ring not found)

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Est. 5ft 9 in.

(b) Weight (estimated) 160 Lbs.

(c) Hair—Color Apparently black

Quantity Medium

Characteristics straight

(d) Hair on face—Color none

Location None

Quantity None

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

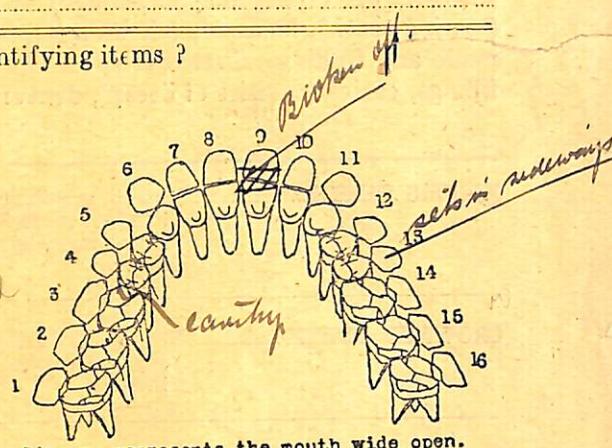
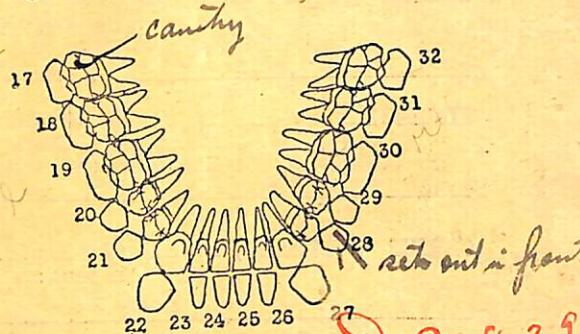


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)
Features Fractures: Left ulna middle third, right pelvic bone. Compound. Communicated Fractures: right femur, lower third, left femur upper middle and lower third. right tibia and fibula upper middle and lower third. left tibia lower third. Left foot and ankle bones, right foot and ankle bones.

7. Disinterment supervised by A.F. McCabe
A.F. McCabe, Sup. Embalmer

Approved: R.C. Worthington
R.C. Worthington, 1st Lt. MC
(Title) Inspector.

8. Reburial supervised by W.B. Shield
W. B. Shield

Approved: A.E. Dewey
A. E. Dewey, 1st. Lt. MC,
(Title)

jt.

Date March 28, 1922

1. NAME BOYER, Lowell SERIAL No. 2453458
 RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION _____ Hq. Co. 1st M.G.Bn.
 GRAVE LOCATION Argonne Amer. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, #1252 Sect.90

63 Sect. 90 2
 Grave Row Plot

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 17 BAC BAULNY MEUSE
 Grave Commune Dept
 COORDINATES Verdun 35SE XXXXXXXX 302.42E
277.79N

CONCENTRATED TO 5/6/19 63 Sect. 90 2
 Date Grave Row Plot

Meuse Argonne 1232
 Cemetery Cty Number

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

GOLD RING M.H.S. 1910 engraved

Data form 1
 SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS _____
 Date Grave Row Plot Cemetery

 Date Grave Row Plot Cemetery

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. B. Birdseye
 1st Lt. Q. M. Corps, U. S. Army

3 FINAL GRAVE LOCATION March 29, 1922 14 22 Block D
 Date Grave Row Plot
Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty 1252, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse
Cemetery.

Argonne s/s Montfaucon

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place _____

Date Aug. 28, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BOYER: LOWELL SERIAL NUMBER 2433458

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Hq. Co. 1st M.G.Bn

2. Disinterred (date): Aug. 29, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 63. Sec. 90, Pl. 2
Argonne Amer. #1232

By: Group McCabe Unit Sec. #1

3. Reburied (date): _____ In (give complete location): _____
Mar. 28, 1922 Cty #1232 Gr. 14, Block D, row 22

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

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
In Pine box, burlap and U.S.Unidorm. Badly decomposed. Unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
One GRS plate found with body and one in grave read. "Unknown" Has ring with initials M.E.S. 1910" (ring not found)

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) est. 5' 19"

(b) Weight (estimated) 160 lbs

(c) Hair—Color Apparently black

Quantity medium

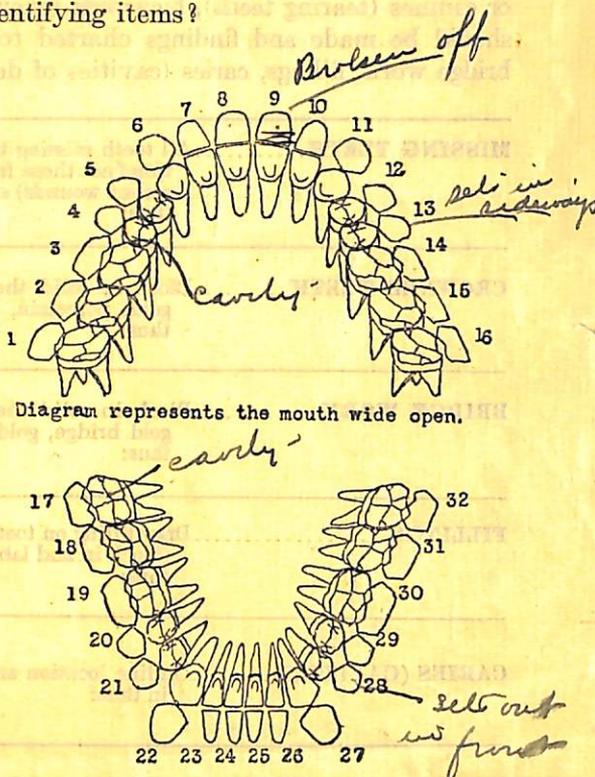
Characteristics straight

(d) Hair on face—Color none

Location none

Quantity none

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



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) _____
Fractures: left tibia middle third, right pelvis bone. Compound communicated fractures: right femur, lower third, left femur upper middle and lower third, right tibia lower third. Left foot and ankle bones, right foot and ankle bones

7. Disinterment supervised by A.F. McCABE SUP. Embalmer

Approved: R.C. Worthington 1st Lt. QMC
(Title) Inspector

Reburial supervised by _____
W.B. Shatta

Approved: _____
(Title) A.E. Dewey 1st Lt. QMC

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

Remains of:

Name: Lorced Bayer
~~UNKNOWN AMERICAN SOLDIER~~Number: UnknRank: UnknOrganization: UnknH/1 M.L.B.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

6th, May 1919.Amer. B/A Cemetery Grave # 16 Row 1 Plot ABAULNY MEUSE35 SE E 302.42 N 277.79

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

6th, May 1919.Grave # 63 Sec. # 900 Plot # 2ARGONNE AMER. CEMETERY #232ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

good; body buried in uniform; body in fair condition.Was one identification tag found upon the body? NoWhat other means of identification were found on the body? Wore leather puttsOne gold ring "M.H.S. 1910" engraved. Had leather belt and gloves.

Note:

This is the form 16 for the "Unknown" 19213
as the "Ring Case". card in investigation files for
this case under that name. Capt. Smith conducting
 If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be
 promptly sent to the Effects Dept. 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, G.R.S.

Supervised by: Lt. LewisR. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.
C.O. Group Unit

Place; NEUFCHATEAUDate; 7th, June 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of;

Name; Boyer Lowell
UNKNOWN AMERICAN SOLDIERNumber; Unkn.Rank; Unkn

Organization;

Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From; (Give complete location)

6th May, 1919Amer. B/A Cemetery Grave #16, Row 1, Plot ABaulny, Meuse35SE E302.42 N 277.79

Reburied (Date)

In; (Give complete location)

6th May, 1919Grave #63, Sec. 90, Plot #2ARGONNE AMER. CEMETERY 1232ROMAGNE, MEUSE

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

Burial good, body buried in uniform; body in fair condition.Was one identification tag found upon the body? No.What other means of identification were found on the body? Wore leather puttsOne gold ring "M.H.S. 1910" engraved. Had leather belt and gloves.Supervised by Lt LewisR.H. Rosenthal
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.D.S.A.

Supervised by; _____

C. O. Group _____

Unit. _____

DATE March 28, 1922

1. NAME BOYER, Lowell SERIAL No. 2433458

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Hq. Co. 1st M.G.Bn.

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne Amer. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, #1232 Sect.90

CTY. NAME	NUMBER
<u>63</u>	<u>Sect.90</u>
	<u>2</u>

GRAVE	ROW	PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 17 BAC Baulmy Meuse

GRAVE	COMMUNE	DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35SE ~~#####~~ 302.42E
277.79N

CONCENTRATED TO 5/6/19 63 Sec 90 2

DATE	GRAVE	ROW	PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232

CEMETERY	CTY. NUMBER

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

Gold ring M.H.S., 1910 engraved

Data form 1

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE	GRAVE	ROW	PLOT	CEMETERY

DATE	GRAVE	ROW	PLOT	CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. B. Birdseye M. B. BIRDSEYE
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION March 28, 1922 14 22 Block D

DATE	GRAVE	ROW	PLOT

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

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

Wk The Ring Case

QH 293 A-C.

(Sanders, Thomas R., Jr.)

February 17, 1927

Mr. Thomas R. Sanders,
Memphis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the American Legion Monthly has forwarded to this office your letters of December 14, and 20th, 1926, concerning the Unknown soldier on whose body was found the high school ring with inscription "M.H.S. 1910" on it.

To assist this office in its investigation in this case, it will be appreciated if you will please examine the enclosed photostat of this ring and advise this office whether it resembles the one which your son, the late Thomas R. Sanders, Jr., wore.

Your cooperation in this important matter will be appreciated. Kindly reply as soon as possible, using the enclosed official envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

K. J. HAMPTON,
Lt. Col., Q.M.G.,
Assistant

2 Encl.
photostat of ring
envelope



QM 293 A-C.
(Sanders, Thomas R., Jr.)

February 17, 1927

Superintendent,
Memphis High School,
Memphis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that this office is endeavoring to identify an unknown soldier who was killed overseas and on whose body was found a ring with the inscription "M.H.S. 1910" on it.

To assist this office in its investigation, it will be appreciated if you will please examine the enclosed photostat of this ring and advise this office whether it resembles the class ring of the Memphis High School for the year 1910.

Your cooperation in this important matter will be appreciated. Kindly reply as soon as possible, using the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

ESM *ESM*
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K. J. HAMPTON,
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.,
Assistant

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C., IN EUROPE

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE.

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IN REPLYING

PLEASE ADDRESS:

CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES

REGISTRATION SERVICE.

FILE NO. 293 Boyer, Lowell.
X-293 Rosen, Benjamin.
X-293 Connell, Carl.

PARIS, FRANCE.

December 17, 1926.

Subject: Investigation.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

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2 Incls.

1. c/letter 12/3/26.
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DEC 31 1926



F.W. Van Duyne,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
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TELEFON NUMMER: 290

NYKØBING SJ.

NYKØBING SJ., DEN 13 Decbr 1926

Hdgrs. A.G.R.S.? Q.M.C.

20 rue Molitor, Paris France.

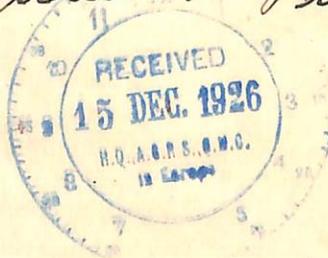
I have recieved Your letter of 3 December, and I have been trying to recall those Men there was killed on the 4 of October 1918 .

But i doht belive that I can give You any Information, ~~Them~~ about Them. I can not replase 'em any more, but as far as I remember, about the burial, do I not remember the Name , but He wasa fat Man and not verry tall and of Iris decent.

He was Leutnant of Rank. I hope that can help you to find Hem.

Very truly Yours.

Julius A. Nielsen



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Jan 2

293 Boyer, Lowell.
X-293 each name.

December 3, 1926.

Mr. Julius A. Nielsen,
10 Algade,
Nykoebing,
Sjaelland, Denmark.

Dear Sir:-

In a report which you made on the late Pvt. Lowell Boyer, Hq. Co.,
1st Machine Gun Battalion, you stated:

"We were going up to take positions on hill 269 when we
were past Charpentry, I was some 50 yards from Boyer
and as the enemy was shelling that area heavily we had
scattered out and were resting. A shell dropped and
exploded in a group of 3 men which killed him and his
two comrades".

Records show only two men, besides Boyer, killed October 4, 1918, viz: Carl
Connell and Benjamin Rosen, both of Co. A, 1st Machine Gun Battalion.

In order to aid in an investigation being made to establish the
identity of the bodies of Boyer and Rosen, it is requested you advise whether
you can now recall:

- (a) Whether either of these men wore leather leggings,
leather gloves and leather belt,
- (b) Whether either had in his possession a ring with in-
itials "M.H.S. 1910" on it,
- (c) Whether either wore a celluloid button with a woman's
picture in it on his coat,
- (d) Whether either had an upper front tooth broken off.

These decedents were reported buried with others in a Battle Area
Cemetery Plot in the vicinity of Baulny, (Meuse), and information is request-
ed whether you can advise who made the burials in that vicinity.

Very truly yours,

F.W. Van Dwyne,
Colonel, G.M. Corps,
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Dear Colonel:

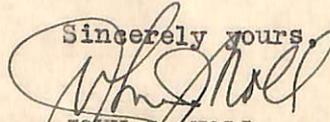
Your File QM 293 A-C (Unknown)

Inclosed find copy of a letter from Austin Pyle, Superintendent of Schools, at Marionville, Missouri. The report made by Mr. Pyle eliminates, of course, the possibility that this unknown may have been Hope McFall, a former student of the Marionville High School.

I am on the trail of another possibility. Inclosed find copies of letters received from Mr. Thomas R. Sanders, of Memphis, Missouri, who advises that his son, Thomas R. Sanders, Jr., Company A, of one of the regiments of the 35th Division, was killed in action near Chaudron Farm, September 28, 1918, and that this young man wore a high school ring with an inscription similar to that on the ring found on the body of the unknown. I sent a clipping of the cut of this ring, which we used in the Weekly several years ago, to Mr. Sanders, and he is now making an effort to find a duplicate of the ring in order that he may have an impression made and submit it to this office. You will note that Mr. Sanders suggests that his son may have lost the ring and that some other soldier found it and was wearing it.

The additional information given in your letter of December twenty-first will be included in "Then and Now" as soon as possible, and the five questions suggested therein will also be published. The letter from Sanders with reference to the Memphis (Missouri) High School ring is the best clew that we have run across to date.

Sincerely yours,


JOHN J. NOLL,
Associate Editor.

Colonel F. H. Pope,
Off. of the Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

F. H. P.

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C O P Y

Marionville, Missouri,

December 21, 1926.

Mr. John J. Noll,

Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

I have done all that I can to help identify the one you spoke of and I feel sure that this soldier was not a Marionville boy.

The body of Hope McFall was returned and buried here some months ago. Mr. McFall did not graduate from the Marionville High School in 1910. He was much taller than the one you mentioned.

Yours truly,

Austin Pyle /s/
(Supt. of Schools)

C O P Y

Memphis, Missouri,

December 14, 1926.

The American Legion Monthly.

Dear Sir:

I see in the Legion Monthly on page 56, of the December issue. I inquire about soldier buried in grave no. 16, with high school ring "M.H.S. 1910" My son, Thomas R. Sanders, Jr., of 35th Division, Co. A., who was killed in action or or near Chaudron Farm near Baulny, France, September 28, 1918, wore a ring "M.H.S. 1910" (Memphis High School)

I understand my son was buried near Baulny, but his body has been returned to this country. My son might have lost the ring and the unknown soldier found it. My son was commanded by Sergeant Clyde E. Heath at the time he was killed.

Yours respectfully,

Thomas R. Sanders.

C O P Y

Memphis, Missouri,

December 20, 1926.

The American Legion Monthly.

Your letter of Dec. 16 received with cut of ring
"M.H.S. - 1910" (Memphis High School) found on unknown
soldier.

Will say that it looks very much like the one my
son, Thomas R. Sanders, Jr., of Co. a, 138. 35th Division,
usually wore. I will try and find a ring of one of his
class mates, and if I can, will have impression made of it
and send it to you.

Yours respectfully,

THOMAS R. SANDERS

CAM:GN

May 2, 1922.

From: Chief
To: Quartermaster General, U.S.A., Washington, D.C.
Subject: Identification.

1. Reference letter, Office of the Quartermaster General dated August 19, 1920, copy hereto attached on the subject of identification of an unidentified body by means of a photostat of a ring found on remains, would suggest that this matter be brought to the attention of the Editors of the "American Legion Weekly," 627 W. 43rd St., New York City, and "Foreign Service", c/o Veterans of Foreign Wars, 32 Union Square, New York City.

2. This unidentified body was found buried in a Battle Area Cemetery at Baulney (Meuse) and was evidently that of a man approximately 5 feet 10 inches in height, weighing about 160 lbs. The right leg had been mangled below the knee. With the remains were evidences of leather leggings, leather belt and gloves.



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

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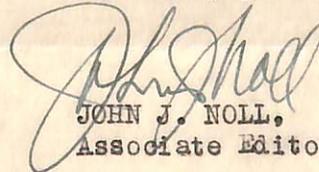
Dear Colonel:

Referring to your file QM 293 A-C, (Boyer, Lowell), March 24, 1926, and particularly to the case of the unknown body on which was found a ring bearing the inscription, "M.H.S. 1910", I am inclosing copy of a notice from Elmer E. Bogart, Principal of the Morris High School in New York City. From the information contained in this notice, the possibility that this unknown might have at one time been a student in the Morris High School is eliminated.

I am calling your attention to the suggestion of Mr. Bogart that this might be taken up with the various State Commissioners of Education who might be able to give information which will lead to the identification of the school, the pupils of which wore a ring similar to that found on the body of the unknown dead.

I have not yet had a response from the principal of the Marionville, Missouri, High School, but as soon as I hear from him, I shall be pleased to notify you.

Sincerely yours,


JOHN J. NOLL,
Associate Editor.

Colonel F. H. Pope,
Office of the Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.



DEC 16 1926



C O P Y

THE MORRIS HIGH SCHOOL
New York City.

December 7, 1926

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This school is receiving numerous requests for information that might lead to the identification of the body of an American soldier now lying in a cemetery in France. The only clue to identification was a ring found on the body, with the inscription, "M.H.S. 1910." As these are the initials of the Morris High School, a thorough investigation has been made. I have communicated with several graduates of the year 1910, both in the January class and in the June class, and I find that these classes had a pin, not a ring, as a class emblem. The teachers in charge of the senior class affairs also confirm this statement. All of the eighteen Morris boys who lost their lives in the World War are accounted for.

Since every state in the Union doubtless has several schools to which these initials might refer, I can only suggest that the matter be taken up with the various State Commissioners of Education who might bring the request to the attention of the principals concerned. Many of the States, I believe, have department bulletins that are issued periodically to the schools. Notice in such bulletins would reach all the schools of the State. Since the ring may have been loaned to the unknown soldier by his girl, the schools for girls should not be overlooked.

ELMER E. BOGART /s/
Principal

EEB H

1st Ind.

CES/mcd

G.R. Officer, Neufchateau Area No. 1, A.P.O. 731, January 13, 1919.
To: Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. 717.

1. Forwarded - For your information and action necessary.
2. Commanding Officer of Unit 306 has been directed to furnish sketch showing the exact location where tag mentioned in body of the letter was found.



Chester E. Staten
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Captain of Infantry
G.R.S. Officer

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HQ. GRAVES REGISTRATION UNIT 306,
SECHAULT, France.

January 7th, 1919.

From: C.O., Graves Registration Unit 306.
To: Graves Registration Officer, Neufchateau Area, Neufchateau.
Subject: Identification of soldier killed in action.

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1. Inclosed herewith is the remains of an identification tag which was apparently worn by a soldier hit by a shell, and which was found by a member of this Unit while out searching for graves.

2. It is thought that the death of this soldier can be positively established by this tag, his number being 2433458, and his first name Lowell J.



C. W. Starr

C. W. Starr,
2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.

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Louise Bayer

2433458

Eme 4/25/18 - 27 yr 5 mo DK Br Hair

5 ft 7 131 lb

Local Board - Lr 6x8

L L 6x7

Kia 10/4/18 Prt Hay Co 1st m^o

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 4-5-22

File No. Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname *Boyer*
- b. Christian name *Lowell J.*
- c. Serial Number *243345 8*
- d. Organization
- e. Rank *Pvt.*
- f. Date of death *10/4/18*
- g. Cause of death
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
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f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

Was also in 322 M.I.

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

BY:

Charles J. Wynne
Charles J. Wynne,
Captain, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

CEMETERY NO:

SHEET NO:

TYPED BY:

REC'D ARCHIVES BR.

APR 6 1922

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D. San File.*

From such a search as has been practicable to make from the information furnished, this office has been unable to identify a soldier by name referred to. Serial number 243345 was assigned Herman G. Scott. Per. C. Wynne

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Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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- ✓ a. Surname SCOTT ✓
- ✓ b. Christian name Herman G. Jr.
- ✓ c. Serial Number 243345 ✓
- ✓ d. Organization War Risk ✓
- ✓ e. Rank Sgt. ✓
- ✓ f. Date of death no record ✓
- ✓ g. Cause of death disch - 34 term serv. ✓
- ✓ h. Authority (C.O.#) - ✓
- ✓ i. Emergency address Ft a Scott (father) ✓
- ✓ j. Relationship father Pittsburg, Pa. ✓

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(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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4-20-22 - Donnelly
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CEMETERY NO:

SHEET NO:

TYPED BY:

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

BY: Charles J. Wynne
Charles J. Wynne,
Captain, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

For William Penn Hotel, Pittsburg, Pa.

WASHINGTON D.C. APR 19 1922

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FILE UNDER NO. 293 Boyer, Lowell,

INDEX SHEET

Jan 10, 1925.

SYNOPSIS

Letter

From US Marine Corps, Naval Operating Base, San Diego, Calif.

Corporal Bredehoft, USMC.

To CQMG

Advising that Pvt. 1st Class, Benj. Rosen, and Pvt. 1st Cl. Lowell Boyer, were both attached to Co. A, 1st Machine Gun. Batl. Both were killed same time by enemy shell fire N.E. of Exermont, France. Burial parties and grave locations unknown—believed both buried same time and in adjoining graves.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293 Rosen, Benjamin,

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FILE UNDER NO. 293.- Boyer, Lowell

Oct. 23, 1924.

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

Letter -

From - O.Q.M.G.

To - Albert Bredehoft,
Grand Haven, Mich.

Advises that an investigation is being conducted with a view toward locating the grave of the late Pvt. 1/c Benjamin Rosen, Co. A., 1st Machine Gun Bn., etc. -

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293 - Rosen, Benjamin.

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Lowell Boyers

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Graves Registration Officer, Adv. Sec. S.O.S., A.P.O. 731, A.E.F., Jan. 29, 1919.
To: Chief, Graves Registration Service, A. P. O. 717, A.E.F.

1. Forwarded - Accomplished.
2. Attention invited to original letter and 1st Ind.

Charles J. Wynne
 CHARLES J. WYNNE,
 Captain, G.M.C., USA.,
 Executive.

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Lowel, J.

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2nd Ind.

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G.R. Officer, Neufchateau Area No. 1, A.P.O. 731, January 13, 1919.
To: C.O. Unit 306, Graves Registration Service.

1. Returned - It is requested that you furnish copy of this sketch showing exact location where tag mentioned above was found.

Chester E. Starn
CHESTER E. STARN
Captain of Infantry
G.R.S. Officer

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3rd Ind.

Ho. Unit 306, G.R.S., January 16, 1919. To: GRS Officer, Neufchateau.

Returned, enclosing sketch requested.

C. W. Starr

C. W. Starr,
2nd Lieut. QMC
Comdg.

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HQ. GRAVES REGISTRATION UNIT 306
SECHAULT, FRANCE

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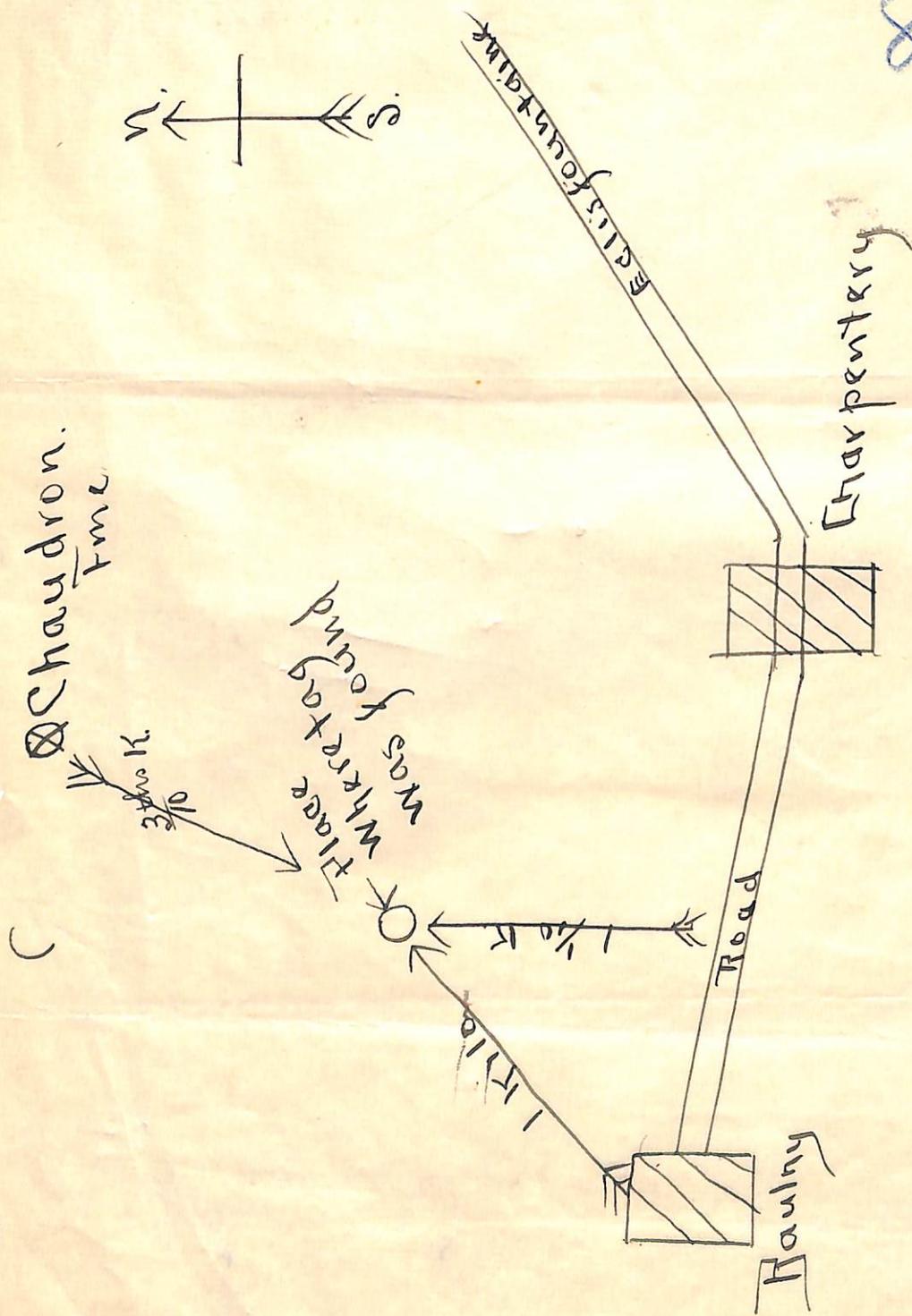
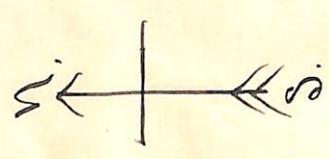
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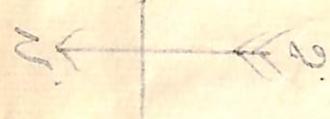
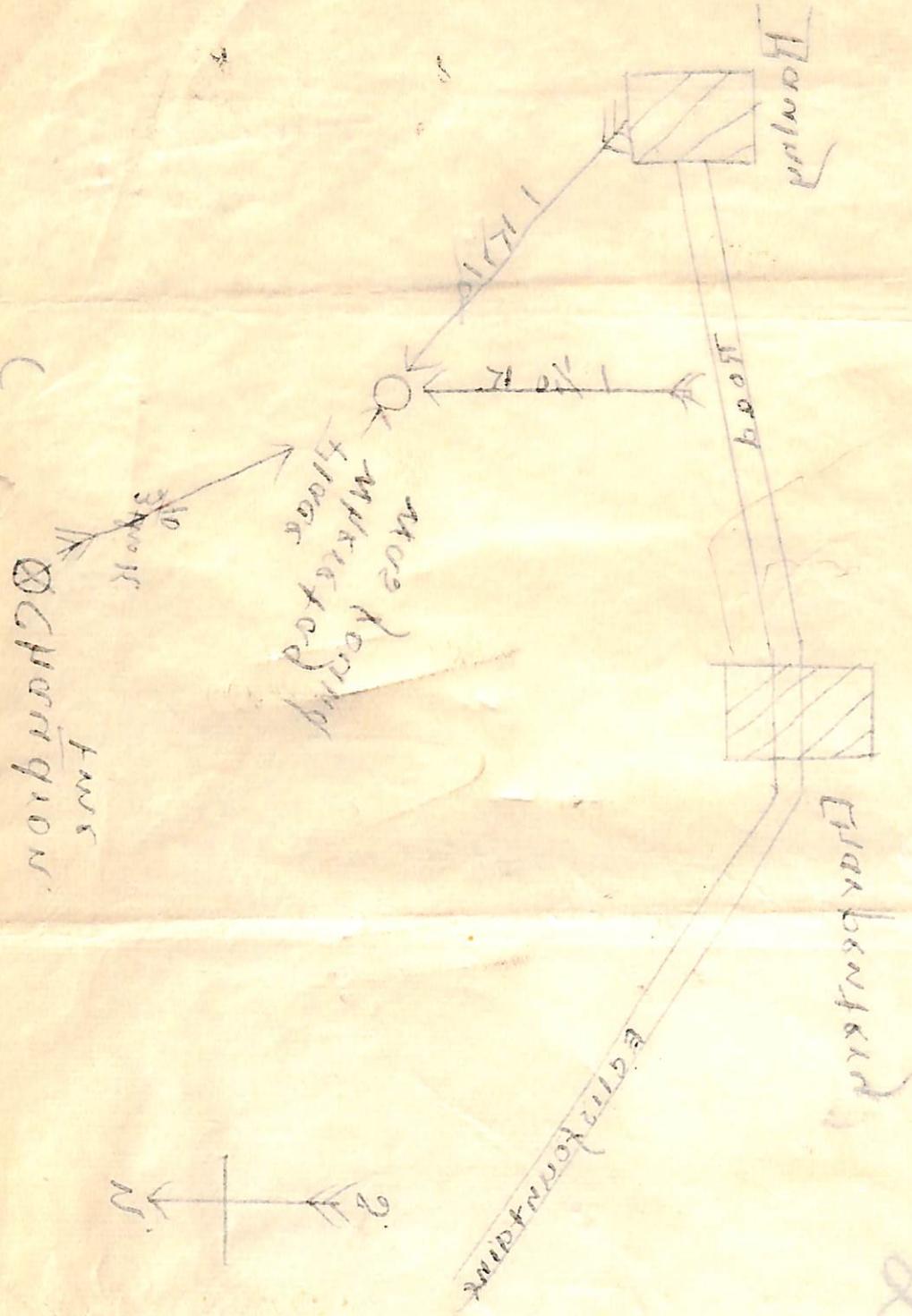
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 Unit 306 G.T.R.S.

This tag was found while looking for the grave of Lt. Col. Parker, who could not be found before the group moved.

C. Starr
 and H. M. B.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

Date 5-1-22

File No. **None** Registration.

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

To: **The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.**

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname. -
- b. Christian name. **Lowell J**
- c. Serial number. **2433458**
- d. Organization.
- e. Rank. **Pvt**

- f. Date of death.
- g. Cause of death.
- h. Authority (C. C. No.)
- i. Emergency address.
- j. Relationship.

Boyer
AS 7/17/22

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

- a. Age at enlistment.
- b. Color of eyes.
- c. Color of hair.
- d. Height.
- e. Weight.
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)

Old file
M. Hummel

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Strike out teeth missing:

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Upper right								Upper left.							

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

By

H. J. Conner
H. J. CONNER, m.
Captain, Q. M. C.

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QM 293 A-C

Boyer, Lowell Pvt.

November 13, 1926.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Hoover,
604 North High St.,
Covington, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that this office is endeavoring to identify the body of your son, the late Private Lowell Boyer, Headquarters Company, 1st Machine Gun Battalion. To assist in the investigation in the case, will you please advise if you recall whether he had a gold crown on the second lower right molar, and if he had an upper front tooth broken off. Also, if he had in his possession a high school ring marked "M.H.S. 1910", (possibly a girls from size), or whether he wore your picture or a picture of a girl in a celluloid button on his coat, and the names of the schools he attended.

Your cooperation in the investigation work, will be greatly appreciated. For your reply, you may use the inclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

F.H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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December 4th, 1926.

Cemeterial Division,
Office of the Quartermaster General,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

The enclosed copies of two letters, I hope will be of some aid in your work of identification.

For the

AMERICAN LEGION WELFARE COMMITTEE
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Yours very truly,

Herbert Holton
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Dr. Elmer E. Bogart, Principal,
Morris High School,
Boston Road & 166th Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Bogart:-

I am enclosing copies of letters to the
Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General,
Washington, D.C., and the Editor of Then and Now, American
Legion Monthly, c/o American Legion Publishing Corporation,
Indianapolis, Indiana, concerning the following item,
which I took from the American Legion Monthly of December
1926, an article "Then and Now," page 56,

"A high school ring with the inscription 'M.H.S.1910'
was found on the unknown in Grave 16 of the second row
above referred to; also a leather belt, leather gloves
and evidences of leather puttees were found on the body,
which was about five feet, ten inches in height, weighed
about 160 pounds, with the right leg mangled below the
knee, one upper front tooth broken off. The body of
Private Lowell Boyer, Headquarters Company, First Machine
Gun Battalion, was buried in Grave 17 of the second row
adjoining."

Possibly you may have some record of a graduate
of Morris High School of the year 1910 who was reported
missing in the late war. If this is so, perhaps this
lead may be the means of disclosing to his relatives his
fate, and the present resting place of his remains.

Regretting that this could not be made more
hopeful, I am,

For the

AMERICAN LEGION WELFARE COMMITTEE
OF NEW YORK COUNTY, INC.

Herbert Holton
HERBERT HOLTON, CHAIRMAN

P.S. I suggest that perhaps a cut of the Morris High

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School ring, together with any other information which you find would be welcome by the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General.

H.H.

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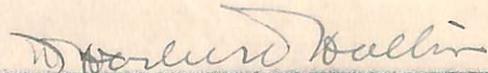
December 4th, 1926.

Editor of
"Then and Now"
American Legion Monthly,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing copies of two letters, which may be of interest to you, and I make the additional request that you send a copy of the American Legion Monthly for December 1926 to Dr. Elmer E. Bogart, Principal, Morris High School, Boston Road and 166th Street, New York, N.Y., and bill same to

Yours very truly,


HERBERT HOLTON, CHAIRMAN

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
THE MORRIS HIGH SCHOOL
166TH STREET & BOSTON ROAD
ELMER E. BOGART, PRINCIPAL

December 3, 1926.

Col. F. H. Cope,

Quartermaster General's Office, War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 1st, we have answered many inquiries regarding the body of the unknown soldier who had in his possession a ring marked "M.H.S.1910." The two classes that graduated from this school in the year 1910 had no ring as their class emblem, but rather a pin. We have thoroughly investigated this matter several times in the past, but have been unable to find any clue so far as this school is concerned. My suggestion, made previously to persons making the inquiry, was that the investigation should start in each state in the United States through the Commissioner of Education whose records would undoubtedly show the names of schools whose initials would be M.H.S.

Regretting that I am unable to give you anything more specific, I am

Yours very truly,

Elmer E. Bogart
Principal.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
THE MORRIS HIGH SCHOOL
166TH STREET & BOSTON ROAD
ELMER E. BOGART, PRINCIPAL

December 7, 1926.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This school is receiving numerous requests for information that might lead to the identification of the body of an American soldier now lying in a cemetery in France. The only clue to identification was a ring found on the body, with the inscription, "M.H.S. 1910." As these are the initials of the Morris High School, a thorough investigation has been made. I have communicated with several graduates of the year 1910, both in the January class and in the June class, and I find that these classes had a pin, not a ring, as a class emblem. The teachers in charge of senior class affairs also confirm this statement. All of the eighteen Morris boys who lost their lives in the World War are accounted for.

Since every state in the Union doubtless has several schools to which these initials might refer, I can only suggest that the matter be taken up with the various State Commissioners of Education who might bring the request to the attention of the principals concerned. Many of the States, I believe, have department bulletins that are issued periodically to the schools. Notice in such bulletins would reach all the schools of the State. Since the ring may have been loaned to the unknown soldier by his girl, the schools for girls should not be overlooked.

Elmer E. Bogart
Principal.

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By order of The Quartermaster General:

F. H. POPE,
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Assistant.

O. Q. M. G.

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QM 293 A-C

O. Q. M. G.

Boyer, Lowell Pvt.

November 13, 1926.

SUBJECT: Investigation.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service,
Q.M.C., in Europe.

1. With reference to the cases of Private Lowell Boyer, #2433458, Headquarters Company, 1st Machine Gun Battalion, and Unknown U. S. Soldier U-3695, reported taken from graves as follows:

Plot A, 148 - 35 S.E.

Grave 39 which is same as Gr. 16, Row 1, - Unknown
" 40 " " " " " 17, Row 1, - Boyer.

Form 16- Gr. 16, dated May 6th, 1919, showing reburial in Grave 65, Plot 2, Section 90, Cty. 1232, for Unknown, bearing the ring, gloves, belt, etc. (this Gr. 16 agreeing with blue print Gr. 16); coordinates 302.42, 277.79. This Form signed by Lt. Lewis.

Form 16 - dated May 6th, 1919 by Lt. Lewis shows an unknown from Gr. 1, B.A.C. Baulny, 302.42, 277.79, to Gr. 64, Sec. 90, Plot 2.; woman's picture on celluloid button and gold crown on tooth #18.

Form 114-B, for Pvt. Boyer, shows Gr. 17, reburied into Gr. 63, Sec. 90, Plot 2, and as bearing "M.H.S." ring, then reburied in Gr. 14, Row 22, Block D; tooth #9 broken off and rest present.

Form 114-B for U-3695 shows Gr. 16 reburied to Gr. 64, Sec. 90, Plot 2, then reburied in Gr. 22, Row 7, Block G, with gold crown and some extracted teeth.

You are informed that from the above it would appear that a transposition has occurred in the reburial of these men, or that they were not as originally reported in Baulny. This office believes that the body bearing gold crown and certain extracted teeth, now reported in Grave 22, Row 7, Block G, Cty. 1232, and on which was originally the woman's picture on button, is actually the body of Pvt. Boyer, since he had at enlistment teeth #17, 19, 30 and 31 missing. It is also believed that the body bearing the ring, gloves, puttees, etc., is actually U-3695. However, it is not positive as to the exact graves these bodies are in.

2. You will, therefore, determine which grave bears the body with the gold crown and extractions and report it as Pvt. Boyer, advising this office,

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QM 293 A-C

Unknown U-3695

November 13, 1926.

General Accounting Office,
Claims Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Quartermaster General requests that this office be informed as to whether there is filed in your office, under Unknown U. S. Soldier U-3695, originally buried in B/A Cty. Grave 1, Baulny, Meuse, a woman's picture on celluloid button. This unknown is now buried in Grave 22, Row 7, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

It is also requested that a report be furnished showing what effects were sent to the relatives of Pvt. Lowell Boyer, 2433458, Hq. Co., 1st M.G.Bn., and Private, 1st class Benjamin Rosen, Co. A, 1st M.G.Bn.

Very truly yours,

F.H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.G.,
Assistant.

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O. Q. M. G.

QM 293 A-C

(Unknowns)

December 22, 1926.

Mr. G. W. Carpenter,
c/o U. S. Veterans' Hospital,
Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires to thank you for the information contained in your letter of the 14th instant.

The records show that all Company I, 139th Infantry men, killed in action, September, 1918, (list herewith attached) have confirmed graves.

Your offer to assist in the investigation work is greatly appreciated by this office.

Very truly yours,

F.H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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UNITED STATES VETERANS HOSPITAL

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MO.

December 14, 1926.

THIS LETTER REFERS TO
YOUR FILE NUMBER:

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Quartermaster General,
U. S. Army,
Washington, D. C.
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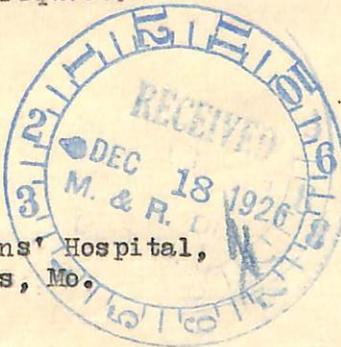
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Very truly yours,

G. W. CARPENTER,

c/o U. S. Veterans' Hospital,
Excelsior Springs, Mo.



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THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ALBANY

GEORGE M. WILEY
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION

December 10, 1926

Referring to - QM 293 A-C
Rosen, Benjamin Pvt. 1st cl.

Col. F. H. Pope
Office of Quartermaster General
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of December first,
with reference to the schools in New York City and
throughout the State beginning with "M" in the year
1910, we would state that the list given below shows
the high schools recognized by this department in 1911.

This is the first year after 1910 for which we have
this list available.

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McLean Union School	Mechanicville High School
Madison Union School	Medina High School
Madrid High School	Meridian Union School
Mahopac Union School	Mexico High School
Mamaroneck High School	Middle Granville Union Sch.
Manchester High School	Middleburg High School
Manhasset Union School	Middlebury Union School
Manlius High School	Middleport High School
Mannsville Union School	Middlesex Union School
Manual Training H.S., Bklyn	Middletown High School
Marathon High School	Middleville High School
Marcellus High School	Milford High School
Margaretville High School	Millbrook Memorial School
Marion High School	Millerton High School
Marlboro Union School	Mineola Union School
Massena High School	Minetto Union School
Masten Park H.S., Buffalo	Mineville High School
Matteawan High School	Minoa Union School



Mohawk High School
Moir High School
Monroe Union School
Montgomery High School
Monticello High School
Moores High School
Moravia High School
Morris High School
Morris High School, N.Y. City
Morrisonville Union School

Morristown Union School
Morrisville High School
Moscow Union School
Mount Kisco High School
Mount Morris High School
Mount Upton Union School
Mount Vernon High School
Munnsville Union School
Mynderse Academy, Seneca Falls

Very truly yours



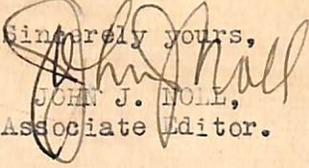
Geo. M. Wiley
Geo. M. Wiley

March Thirtieth
1926

Dear Major:

In accordance with the request in your letter of March twenty-fourth, we shall be pleased to include with the material previously furnished us, the information which you send which might lead to the identity of the remains of Pvt. Lowell Boyer and certain other unknown soldiers whose bodies were buried near Exermont.

The space situation in our magazine has been very bad here of late, and this alone counts for our failure to include "Then and Now" in the magazine. We hope that conditions will become better soon in order that we may continue our service to the Quartermaster General's Department.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN J. NOLLE,
Associate Editor.

Major L. W. Redington,
Office of the Q. M. General,
Washington, D.C.

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Statement for file with case papers of Benj Rosen and Ring case, Lowell Boyer
and Carl J. Connell

Julius Nielsen made report on Lowell Boyer as follows (see ring case)
"We were going up to take positions on hill 269 and when we were past
Charpentry I was some 50 yards from Boyer and as the enemy was shelling
that area heavily we had scattered out and were resting. A shell dropped
and exploded in a group of 3 men which killed him and his 2 comrades.

Of the 1st machine gun bn. there were only two others killed this same
date Oct 4, i.e. Benjamin Rosen, Co. A and Carl J. Connell, Co. A, the
latter being confirmed in grave 27 of this particular plot, Rosen being
unlocated and Boyer being reported in grave 17, and an unknown in 16.

Albert Bredehoft, Lt., Co. A MG Bn reports as follows on both Connell
and Rosen: Killed Oct 4 by enemy shell fire during the Meuse Argonne
Offensive at a point northeast of Exermont. This while he was in gun
positions in a small trench. Burial location unknown.

A letter from Bredehoft states: Boyer was attached to the same infantry
battalion with Benjamin Rosen and both men were killed at the same time.
I am quite certain that both men were buried at same time and in adjoining
graves. I do not recall the name of 3rd comrade.

The unknown in 16 was reported as having a ring with MHS thereon and
the body that was carried as Boyer in adjoining grave was reported to
have had a picture of a woman on a celluloid button.

Sister of Rosen states that her brother wore on his coat her picture on
a button. but she has not secured any information re ping as yet.

INVESTIGATOR BELIEVES THERE IS SUFFICIENT LINKING EVIDENCE IN THE
ABOVE TO WARRANT GOING INTO CASE FURTHER.

Scott

1034 Dayton St. Southwest
Grand Rapids, Mich.
January 5, 1927.

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

Dear Sir;

In reply to QM 293 A-C - Rosen,
Benjamin, I am sorry to say that I
cannot positively answer to any of the stated
questions as I am not sure whether the
young man had any of such thing on
his person or belonging. All I know of
Rosen, Benjamin's death is from a comrade
O'Connell, who was a platoon-runner at
that time, from him you may, Sir, receive
the desired news or information.

Very truly yours
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QM 293 A-C

Rosen, Benjamin "Letter to Mr. Vogt dated Dec. 23, 1926 cont'd".

*I cannot answer
to any of the stated
questions, for I never
saw any of those things
on Rosen's person.*

- (e) Do you recall either of the 3 having a high school ring with such initials or ever remarking such ring was the property of a girl?
- (f) Do you recall Rosen wearing a picture of his sister in button on coat?
- (g) Do you recall the 23rd Pioneer Infantry making any burials at this point.

Your cooperation in the investigation work will be greatly appreciated by this office. For your reply, you may use the inclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

F.H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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107075	Seichepine, Edward C	10/2	2176016	Co. B 138 Inf.	5	10874	Yes
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29650	Thibeault, W.	9/28	500015	L 140 Inf.	18	11027	Yes
110796	Smith, Clyde	9/28	2220049	Co. M 140 Inf.	19	11047	Yes
31484	Killiam, Gilbert	9/28	1462722	M 140	20	11047	
OK 107074	McDowell, Richard L.	9/26	2225992	Co. C 140 Inf.	21	11047	Yes
29296	Vigor, John E.	9/29	1468802	Co. F 110 Eng.	22	11047	Yes
100172	Suess, Albert E.	9/29	1458130	Co. M 139 Inf.	23	11047	Yes
97046	Seifert, Fred J.	9/26	1458142	Co. M 139 Inf.	24	11047	Yes
OK 102749	Gustafson, David A.	9/26	2145816	Co. K 139 Inf.	25	11047	
110792	Heberer, Arthur	9/27	1457222	E 138	26	10874	
	Unknown				27		
31182	Shackleton, Fred H.	9/29	1468026	Co. C 110 Engrs.	28	11026	Yes
110405	Browne, Robt R.	9/28	1443250	A 137	29		
	Unknown				30		
109181	Vantassell, Andrew J.	9/26	2222053	Co. L 140 Inf.	31	11047	Yes
99591	McNulty, Andrew J.	10/6	1146934	F 16	32	11047	
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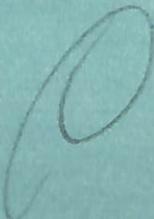
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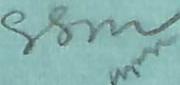
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✓ Encl.
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F. H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
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QM 293 A-C.

(Unknown)

December 21, 1926

Mr. John J. Holl,
Associate Editor,
The American Legion Monthly,
Indianapolis, Ind.

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Dear Colonel:

I am pleased to inclose herewith copies of two letters received with reference to the unknown soldier on whose body was found a ring bearing the inscription, "M.H.S. 1910". This is one of the cases listed in "Then and Now" in the December number of the Monthly, and was included in your file QM 293 A-C, March 24, 1926.

For your information, I am pleased to advise that I have written to the Marionville, Missouri, High School in accordance with the suggestion of Comrade McCall, copy of whose letter is inclosed. You will note that McCall suggests that the body in question may be that of Hope McFall, who graduated from the Marionville High School in 1910, served with the 35th Division, and was reported killed in action. If this suggestion of Mr. McCall's proves to be true, will you kindly advise me. At any rate, I should like to have a report in the Hope McFall case.

Sincerely yours,

John J. Noll
JOHN J. NOLL,
Associate Editor.

Colonel F. H. Pope,
Office of the Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

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C O P Y

Boise, Idaho
December 1, 1926.

The American Legion Monthly,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Attention Now and Then Columns.

Dear Sirs:

In the December number of the American Legion Monthly in the "Now and Then" page, information is requested of an unknown soldier, buried in grave number 16, second row, in Cemetery near Exerment. Body bearing ring inscribed "M.H.S. 1910".

Please be advised that it is possible that this soldier may be one "Hope McFall" of Marionville, Mo. He graduated from the Marionville High School in the year 1910. Served with the 35th Division in the late War, and was reported killed in action.

From the approximate description given of this soldier, I am inclined to believe this information may be of value to those in charge. He was commissioned a 2nd Lt. during the early part of the war.

Information directed to the Supt. of the Marionville High School, asking for a description of the class ring adopted by the 1910 class would aid in the identification of this soldier.

Any information desired from the writer may be had for the asking.

Respectfully,

F.D.B. MCCALL
GRAND CHEF de GARE PASSE
40 et 8
U.S. VETERANS HOSPITAL
BOISE, IDAHO.

C O P Y

Chillicothe, Ohio
December 4, 1926

American Legion,
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Comrade:

In reading over the NOW and THEN article on identification of men from the First and 35th Division near Hill 269, I believe I can help a little.

I handled Intelligence for the 42nd Division and was shaken up a bit, causing somewhat of a lost memory. However, the article recalled to my mind an area which I think holds a Hill 269. I will give you my story and if it happens to be the same place, perhaps a little correspondence will recall more information that may help.

Enclosed you will find brief sketch and a few land marks that I can remember of this occasion.

Respectfully,

R. GRESHEIMER,
22 E. 8th Street,
Chillicothe, Ohio.

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REMONVILLE

82 DIV. SECTOR

ANDRÉ ST. GEORGE

42 DIV SECTOR
601 3RD
72 25 7A

(WOODS I HAVE FORGOTTEN)

BOIS-DE-CHATILLION

32 DIV. SECTOR
OCTOBER

SOMERENGE

COTE-DE-MALTAH
HILL 248

HILL 269

FARM

From this area while searching for maps and other information I saw numbers of dead - I believe from 1st Div. and 35th. Our Chaplain had buried several of these men.

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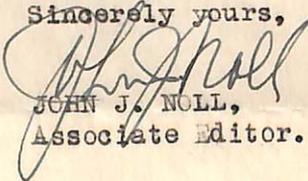
Dear Colonel:

In the December number of the Monthly in "Then and Now" I succeeded in listing request for information regarding the identity of the remains of four unknown American soldiers, which request originated in Major Redington's letter of March 24, 1926, file QM 293 A-C (Boyer, Lowell).

I have already had two responses, one from J. Solomon of Bronx, New York, who was with the Burial Detail of the 53rd Pioneer Infantry which operated in the section in which the bodies were found, and the second from Charles Graeser of Monte Vista, Colorado, in which he makes suggestion that might lead to the identity of the body on which was found a High School ring on which were the initials "M.H.S." Should additional responses be received they will be forwarded to your office promptly.

Will you kindly keep me advised of developments in these cases.

Sincerely yours,


JOHN J. NOLL,
Associate Editor.

Colonel F. H. Pope,
Office of the Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.



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Then and Now:

Write to Principal of MORRIS HIGH SCHOOL of Borough of Bronx, N.Y. for information as to ~~with~~ initials M.H.S. on ring found in grave number 164 as per your printed article.

This no doubt was a pupil of that school and either graduated or was a member of the graduation class of 1910. Custom in N.Y.C. decrees purchase of ring or pin with initials of school and graduation class year.

Here's luck.

CHAS. GRAESER
Box 161
Monte Vista, Colo.

N.B. Don't stop to ask for 1910 class alone. Ask for 1904 to 1910 as he may have flunked and not graduated with class he expected to.

Wm L M

2 copies
1 - Hunt
1 - M'Gale

To Hall - Amer. Leg. -

encl sketch & thank him for data sent.
Adv. we have learned that Chap. Walsh of
16 Inf made the burials in 1st row of
73 graves, and that in 2nd row of
graves 24 to 56, three of the unknowns were
found to be as noted on sketch in graves

74, 50 & 53.

It is therefore noted that Carl Connell,
Lowell Boyer, both of 1st M.G. Bn are buried
in this plot. It has been determined
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was reported killed some day Oct 4 &
by same shell that killed Connell & Boyer.

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5. Call attention to location of C₁ per sketch.

Adv this has been a very important case & any info received will be appreciated.

Reference McFall, Hope -

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Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant

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December 28, 1926

Colonel F. H. Pope

Re your second paragraph in letter enclosed QM 293 A-C

I regret that I am unable to add further light in the case of
ROSEN, BENJAMIN Pvt. 1 class.

I made the burial of some of the bodies whose names are found in
your list inscribed on your MAP enclosure, but my names start with 25 on your list.
I transcribe the record of those burials having kept the record which I made on the
field.

My list:

- 1 Clyde Smith 47
- 2 John Masoni 38
- 3 Gilbert Killian 43
- 4 Wm. Thibeault 41
- 5 Richard McDowell 44
- 6 John Vigor 45
- 7 Albert Suess 46
- 8 Fred Seifert 47
- 9 Edward Mang 37
- 10 Wm. F. Coner (Gower) 34
- 11 Frank Schowalter 77
- 12 L.R. Cory 37
- 13 Theodore Larson 75
- 14 Sgt. Gosling 75
- 15 Carl Swanson 74
- 16 Linus Huus 31
- 17 Jesse McCracken 70
- 18 Lowell Boyer 40
- 19 Wm Lacy 29
- 20 Gilmer Munker 71
- 21 Edward Seichepine 28
- 22 James Parks 77
- 23 Unknown American 73
- 24 David Gustafon 48
- 26 Arthur Heberer 49
- 27 Carl Connell 50
- 28 Fred Schakelton 51
- 29 Robert Browne 52
- 30 Wm Dean 53
- 31 Andrew VanTassell 54
- 32 Andrew McNulty 55
- 33 Fletcher Sutton 56



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NOTE For some reason which I cannot recall I skipped the numeral 25. It may have been an oversight.

These numbers I believe tally with the numbers I inscribed on the burial slips which I turned in at Div. Hdqtrs. As you know they do not agree with the numerals on your chart enclosed.

Since I was a priest in the service I was very careful and conscientious in my burials for I knew how important the work was. Therefore, I can safely say that I did not bury any body without certifying whose it was as far as my knowledge went.



FATHER TERENCE KING
Former Chaplain 18 Inf.

December 28, 1926

F. H. Pope, Colonel, Q. M. C., Assistant
War Department
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Re: QM-293 A-C Benjamin Rosen

Your letter of inquiry at hand and I wish to advise that I remember when the three comrades were killed by a high explosive shell as you have noted. I can't give any information as to who buried the men inasmuch as we immediately advanced forward.

I do not recall the name of the Chaplain. Inasmuch as I was a new member of the Company at the time I am unable to furnish any personal information about the men.

In answer to the last question I do recall later that evening meeting members of the 23rd Pioneer Infantry making burials around this spot.

The only other information I can offer is to give you the names of Sergeants Claude Lord and Harold Olson, members of our Company who were right near when the men were killed. They also knew the men very intimately and should furnish more information than I can.

Yours very truly

Joseph A. Roche



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Cemeterial Division.

Dear Sir

In reply to letter. G.M. 293 A-C Rosen, Benjamin
I like to give you the following Information.

To locate the Body of Pvt 1st Class. Benjamin Rosen
would be quite impossible; on or about Oct. 4.
1918 we were advancing towards a Farm to
relieve 35th Dir. on an open field under heavy
Shell fire I met Rosen and Connell standing
together talking as both Boys were Co. Runners.
or (messengers) one large shell exploded close to us
tree so as Sgt I told them to scatter but
Rec. the Remark "they cant get us," so I left
had but gone 15-20 yards from them a second
Enemy shell landed right between Rosen
and Connell tearing Rosen into pieces
as I went back I could not even find Rosen's
Pistol so I reported him killed in action
I did not look for Connell only for Rosen
as he had been a good Pal to me and
known him for a long time

cont.

Lowell Boyer is the 2nd Lieut Co. B. 1st M. G. Bn.
but as I said before it be impossible to find
the Body of Benj. Rosen. I had not the time
nor cared too at that time to look for pieces
of his Body. Boyer was not killed at the same
time as Rosen and Connell did, those 2 men were
killed by a direct hit.

as I had been the only Ey witness hope that
my Report will help.

Respectfully

formerly, Sgt. John R. Schurer
Co A 1st. M. G. Bn.
4706. Wayne Ave
Baltimore Md.



Capt. George M Gillett jr.
Keyser Bldg.
Baltimore Md.

also Lieut Washburn.

Address ? both could give information

Dec. 27, 1926

Dear Sir:

I will try to answer your questions as you ask them, to the best of my ability:

Question #1. I remember well on that morning there was in the trench, Carl Connor, Lowell Boyer, Benjamin Rosen, and myself, we were talking, and Rosen said to me aren't you afraid,? and as I answered him why be afraid as the shells were going over us, just then a shell hit square in the center of the three of them, I was about 3 feet away from them, when I regained consciousness my head was badly hurt, but I was covered with blood, and the other fellows were nowhere to be seen, so as I was getting away I seen Benjamin Rosen's head lying about 10 feet away from where the shell

hit.

I couldn't answer question f-c-
E-7-H. as I returned to the rest
of my company.

Question D. - It was Lowell Boyer
that wore the leather puttees, belt
and gloves, as he drove a motor-
cycle, and Connell and Rosen
were Runners.

Above is the best that
I can remember of the incident
you ask.

yours truly.

Paul Rostkowski



QM 293 A-C

Rosen, Benjamin

December 23, 1926.

Mr. Herman Vogt,
304-23rd St.,
West New York, N.J.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that an endeavor is being made to locate the body of Benjamin Rosen, Pvt. 1st class, Company A, 1st Machine Gun Battalion, who was reported killed October 4th, 1918 in the vicinity of Baulny and Charpentry and by the same shell which killed Carl Connell of the same company also Lowell Boyer of Headquarters Company, 1st Machine Gun Battalion.

One comrade states that he was lying in a small trench with Rosen when barrage hit them and as the place did not look safe he moved. After the battalion moved forward he remained to check up on the deaths and found Rosen and Connell practically blown to pieces and nothing to identify them. Another comrade states Boyer was killed by the same shell. It has been found that the 1st Division relieved the 35th at this point about this date. At the junction of two unimproved cross roads, one leading to Chaudron Farm and one to Baulny was established a cemetery of 56 graves. In the 1st row there were 23, 1st and 35th Divisions, buried by Chaplain Walsh of the 16th Infantry on October 11th, 1918. Records have not been found to show who made burials in the 2nd row - graves 24 to 56, in which row was found the bodies of Carl Connell and Lowell Boyer. In this row there is also an unknown soldier reported in Grave 39. Grave 40 was supposed to contain the body of Boyer.

On one of these bodies were found a high school ring "M.H.S. 1910", leather puttees, leather belt and leather gloves and on the other a picture of a woman in a celluloid button. One of these men had a gold crown on lower right tooth and the other, an upper front one broken off. Both bodies appear to have possibly been hit directly by high explosive as all bones are badly fractured.

To assist in the investigation work, will you please furnish as much of the following information as possible, or furnish the name of anyone whom you think may be able to:

- (a) Do you recall the three men killed together? *Rosen + Connell where killed together*
- (b) Do you recall who made burials in 2nd row? *no*
- (c) Do you recall the name of Chaplain? *no*
- (d) Do you recall either of the three men wearing the leather equipment? *yes) Lieut Lowell Boyer*

129 Essex Avenue,
Bloomfield, N.J.
November 29, 1926.

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

Dear Sirs:

In the "Then and Now" column of the December 1926 issue of the American Legion Monthly there appears a request for information as to the name of the organization or chaplain superintending the burials at an unimproved cross-road in the vicinity of Baulmy and Chaudron Farm to the south of Exermont.

I believe the chaplain with the First Battalion of the 18th Infantry would be able to give valuable information as he officiated at the burial of a great many men in the vicinity of Exermont. His name, if I remember correctly, was Terence King, First Lieut. If he actually did not look after the burial of the four bodies which still remain unidentified, he probably could give an idea as to what organization was responsible for them. One reason I have for mentioning the chaplain of the First Battalion follows:

The First Brigade (First Div.), when it went into the line, passed through Baulmy and Chaudron Farm, the First Battalion of the 18th remaining in reserve. Elements of the 35th Div., a few days before, had penetrated as far as Exermont but had been forced back and their dead and dying were left on the field. Their bodies had not been buried by the Germans and when the assault waves of the First Brigade took Chaudron Farm, which was strongly protected by enemy machine guns, and moved on toward Exermont, the field was left clear for burial work and I know the First Battalion's chaplain was fully occupied for days in this work.

I might add that the First Machine Gun Battalion, of which Private Boyer was a member, was also in reserve and, if the unidentified men were with him or found near his body, in all probability it is possible that Lieut. King looked after their burial, especially if their bodies were out in the open and readily observed. Lieut. King, if I have the name correct, made it a point to bury the bodies on high ground - near the roadway of course. If the graves of the four unidentified bodies along with the other graves were located in a depression or ravine, then it is possible some other organization looked after the work in which case Lieut. King might be able to offer suggestions as to the chaplains who might have officiated.

Regarding the High School ring that was found on one of the bodies, I might mention that a great many of the First Div. men who fell near Exermont were from North Dakato and Montana. If by chance Private Boyer came from a town in either of these states and the unidentified men were his chums, it would be well to give full publicity to the Legionnaires in those states.



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N. G. Nelson
Formerly Second Lieut.
Co. C, 18th Infantry.

Dulz

9546

22 Folsom St.
Rochester N.Y.
Dec 18, 1826

Dear Sir
your letter received regarding
the late Benjamin Bacon, just you
have sent only part of said letter
to Mr. Sgt. Dyer. Will be glad
to give what information I can
if you send more sheet.

Yours truly
Robert G. Terry

P.S. Enclosed find copy of Sgt. Dyer's letter.

copy Robert's letter
Dyer, 1823 126 number
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QM 293 A-C
Rosen, Benjamin

December 23, 1926.

Mr. Herman Vogt,
304-23rd St.,
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QM 293 A-C
Rosen, Benjamin

December 23, 1926.

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West New York, N.J.

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QM 293 A-C

Rosen, Benjamin "Letter to Mr. Vogt dated Dec. 23, 1926 cont'd".

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Very truly yours,

F.H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

WASHINGTON

CLAIMS DIVISION
MILITARY DIVISION

December 18, 1926.

IN REPLY QUOTE INITIALS

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625822-W
823046-W

Quartermaster General,
Graves Registration Section,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Attention: F. H. Pope, Col., Q.M.C.

Sir:

This office is in receipt of your communication of November 13, 1926, in regard to Unknown U-3695, requesting information as to what effects were sent to the relatives of Private Lowell Boyer, late of Headquarters Company, 1st Machine Gun Battalion, and Private 1st Class Benjamin Rosen, of Company A, 1st Machine Gun Battalion.

You are advised that no effects have been sent to the widow or Mr. Boyer or to the parents of Benjamin Rosen.

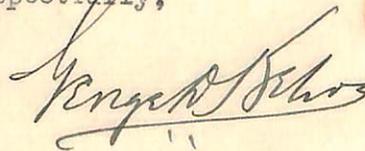
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For the Comptroller General of the United States.

Respectfully,



Chief of Division.



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George D. ...
(Signed) S. B. Tulloss

Chief of Division.



Covington, Ohio, Dec. 10, 26

The Quartermaster General
Washington, D. C.

QM 293 A-0
Boyer, Lowell Pvt.

Dear Sirs:

I cannot obtain the dental chart requested as the
the Dentist does not keep the records of dental work performed
for but a short time. I am sorry but I cannot think of
any particular that would **positively** indentify the body. I
think it would be the best therefore to make burial in a
national cemetary if the body has been brought from France, and
not try further to indentify the above.

Thanking you for your services I am,

Yours truly,

Mary E. Hoover,
Covington, Ohio

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

IN REPLY REFER TO _____

Boyer, Lowell Pvt.

November 18, 1926.

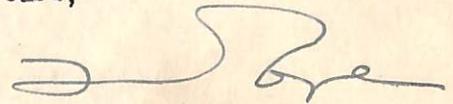
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QMI 293 A-1.

(Boyer, Lowell)

March 24, 1926

Mr. John J. Hall,
Associate Editor,
✓ 4095 The American Legion Weekly,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir:

Referring to previous correspondence with you concerning investigations being conducted by this office to locate the graves of American soldiers who were killed overseas, The Quartermaster General desires that your attention be invited to the enclosed statement of a case which this office is now working on in an endeavor to identify the remains of four Unknown American soldiers. This office is most anxious to identify the remains of Pvt. Lowell Boyer and the other Unknown soldiers and would appreciate it if you would publish this statement in your magazine, providing space permits. In this way, it may be possible to obtain much helpful information from former comrades which will materially assist this office in establishing identity of the soldiers in question.

Please know that your efforts to assist in this work are much appreciated and have already been the means of obtaining much helpful information.

Very truly yours,

L. W. BRIDGEMAN,
Major, C.M. Corps,
Assistant

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*The American Red Cross
National Headquarters
Washington, D. C.*

*With deep sympathy in your loss
The American Red Cross
sends you the photograph of the grave of
this American Soldier
who gave his life for his country*

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*End Letter with is a list of burial in row 2
Ref to. It is believed that #1 is also Lichterman, # 27 is
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QM 293 A-C

Boyer, Lowell Pvt.

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Colonel, Q.M.C.,
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Covington, Ohio, Nov 16, 26

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

Dear Sir:

In Reply to your letter of the 13th. and in reference to QM 293 A-C, Boyer, Lowell Pvt. To my knowledge the particulars given would not identify the above. He had some dental work done before entering the service but I think it was only fillings. He was of medium build had black hair. He may have had a sharpshooters medal with him as he carried one when he left.

I think the record of the exact type of dental work can be obtained from the dentist and if you think this would aid in identification I will try to Obtain it.

Very truly Yours,

Mrs Mary E. Hoover



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293 A-C Boyer, Lowell

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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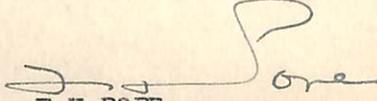
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F.H. POPE,
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Letter to him



January 3, 1927
F. H. Pope
Colonel, I. M. C.
Assistant.

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Dear Sir,-

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This letter is in reply to
D. M. 293 A.- C.

Probably 1st Lt. A. Bradehoft
can give more information

Paul Rackowski, Address

Mrs John Rackowski
141 Lumber St

Detroit, Mich.

Herman Vogt
304 - 23rd St
West N. York, N. Jersey

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nothing was left of them having
been blown to pieces.

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after the shelling let up a

AMERICAN  LEGION

PORTAGE POST NO. 496
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

KENT, OHIO January 3rd, 1927.

To F.H. Pope,
Colonel, QMC, Asst.

Rosen, Benjamin.
(deceased)
QM 293 A-C

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of December 23rd, concerning the death and burial of the above captioned Veteran, I will try and give you an account of his death and such other information as is in my possession, concerning this Veteran.

On the morning that Rosen, Connel and Bowyer were killed, we put down a barrage from Hill 269. The infantry went over the top a couple of hours later, and a little later, we received orders to move on to Chadron Farm. We started this march in file column. Captain Robert E. Lee, First Lieutenant Bredehoff, First Sergeant Vogt, Benjamin Rosen, Carl Connel and myself, in the order named, were the first six men in line. The rear end of the column was just past the trench when the enemy opened fire with their artillery. The shells were falling so thick and fast that it was next to an impossibility to proceed farther without heavy casualties. At this point, Captain G.M. Gillet, who was marching in the rear of the column, and commanding the Battalion, gave us a signal to assemble in the trench which we had just vacated. This trench was not very long, and was not completed for about ten yards back from the road. There was a small ditch dug there, about two feet wide and a foot deep. As we were then the last in line, we did not have any shelter but this small ditch. As soon as we got into the trench, the enemy ceased firing for perhaps a minute, and then commenced again, their fire being directed towards the right end of the trench, and sweeping towards us. The shells were covering up the trench, and the enemy were putting over a merciless sweeping barrage. I felt that something was about to happen, as the enemy had a direct aim on us, and our position was a very exposed one. I then said to Rosen, "This place isn't deep enough, let's move further into the trench". His answer was "You might as well stay where you are". I had a hunch that served me well before, so I moved to a deeper part of the trench. The barrage swept on us before I had time to think. I jumped in on top of some fellows who were laying flat in the trench. The barrage hit with terrific force, sweeping from the end of the trench to the road, and then lifted as sudden as it had started, and the firing ceased. After it was over, I was in a daze, and I can't remember clearly what happened. I do remember seeing a

Put this map

To F.H.Pape, Colonel, QMC Assistant (2

man running along the top of the trench, the man being covered with blood, and part of a man's leg hanging on his canteen. This man was crying that somebody was killed. On the Captain's orders, I remained behind with him, while the Battalion, in command of the other officers, moved on to Chadran Farm. There were several bodies lying close to where the shells had hit, but I do not believe that the Captain and I searched for any identification marks, due to the mangled condition of the bodies. I do not know the present addresses of the officers who were in charge of the Company and Battalion at this time. G.M. Gillet, Captain of Calvary, was in command of the battalion. He and Lieutenant Bredehoff were regular army men, of that I am sure. I heard different men of our company say that Captain Robert E. Lee was from Denver, Colorado, and further, that he was a reserve officer, and was discharged shortly after the war. The map I am sending you was used by Captain Lee and officers of Company A. I have marked in red ink, the location where these events took place, and I think you will find it to be the same location as that shown on the burial chart. I am satisfied that you have the body of Benjamin Rosen in grave 39. Due to the length of time elapsing since the war, I cannot describe the exact way that Rosen was dressed at the time of his death. He did have a pair of leather puttees, also regular issued wrapped leggings. He wore the puttees at every opportunity. I do not remember if Rosen was wearing the puttees when he was killed, but I presume that he was. He also had a pair of leather gloves, of unfinished kid, I believe. He wore a leather belt, of the monogram type, with a letter R thereon. I also remember of him having a ring, but I cannot, at this time, describe it. I believe Rosen told me that he was born in a small town in the middle west. At the time of his enlistment, he was living with his sister in New York, and enlisted from that place when he entered the service. I can't remember at this time if this sister gave him this ring, a girl friend, or if he received same at graduation. He carried a picture of his sister with him, but I can't describe this picture. He was quite fond of his sister and talked of her often. At the time he was killed, he wore an old issue uniform. It had been altered by cutting out the flares in back, so that it fit tight over the hips. I remember also that there hooks and eyes below the last button on the front of the blouse. He was about five feet , seven inches in height, weight about 145 pounds, and of medium stature. I also remember that his teeth were not in very good condition, but I can't remember if he had or had not, any gold crowns on his teeth. I believe that Rosen was wearing a wrist watch at the time he was killed, as he had one in his possession. He also carried a black bill-fold, but I cannot describe it accurately or state what he had in this bill-fold. I think this is about all the information I am able to give, and I sincerely hope it will be of use to you, but I am compelled to admit that some of

To F.H.Pope, Colonel, QMC Assistant (3)

this information is very vague. I have done the very best that I can.

In conclusion, will advise that I would sincerely appreciate the return of my map, when it has served its purpose. Please feel free to call upon me for any additional information that may be in my possession, concerning the above captioned Veteran.

Very truly yours,

Med. H. Granger

M. H. Granger



Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 3rd day of January, one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-seven.

Frank L. Watrous

Notary Public

*my commission expires
December 24th 1928*



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Rosen, Benjamin

December 23, 1926.

Mr. Herbert J. Leary,
22 Folsom Place,
Rochester, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that your attention be invited to the inclosed copy of letter to former Sergeant Vogt, which is self-explanatory.

To assist in our investigation work, will you please furnish as much of the desired information concerning the late Private, 1st class, Benjamin Rosen, Company A, 1st Machine Gun Battalion, as you may recall.

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

Very truly yours,



F.H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.
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QM 293 A-C
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Rosen, Benjamin "Letter to Mr. Vogt dated Dec. 23, 1926 cont'd."

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22 Fabron Pl,
Rochester N. Y.
Jan. 3, 1927

F. H. Pope.
Colonel A. M. C.

Dear Sir.

Your letter received regarding Benjamin Rosen killed in State War. (a) I recall they three men killed, Rosen + Cornell where together I know, Boyer was found some way from them

(b) I do not know who made the burials in 2nd row. (c) I do not know the name of the chaplain. (d) I recall

Boyer as the man who wore leather puttees (e) I don't remember any of them wearing a ring. (f) I don't recall Rosen wearing a button on his coat. (g) I don't remember the 23rd Pioneer Infantry making any burials at the point.

If I remember right Robert Grey of F. Co. 1st M. G. Regt. 1st Div. was wounded at about this same time + place and I.



don't doubt but ~~what~~ he could give
more information on this case.

Boyer was a small man weighing
about 135 pounds and about 5 ft, 5 in.
in height. Cornell was the same. But

Boyer was taller & weighed much more
maybe this may help some.

yours truly

H. J. Leary,

QM 293 A-C

Boyer, Lowell Pvt.

November 13, 1926.

SUBJECT: Investigation.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service,
Q.M.C., in Europe.

1. With reference to the cases of Private Lowell Boyer, #2433458, Headquarters Company, 1st Machine Gun Battalion, and Unknown U. S. Soldier U-3695, reported taken from graves as follows:

Plot A, 148 - 35 S.E.

Grave 39 which is same as Gr. 16, Row 1, - Unknown
" 40 " " " " " 17, Row 1, - Boyer.

Form 16- Gr. 16, dated May 6th, 1919, showing reburial in Grave 63, Plot 2, Section 90, Cty. 1232, for Unknown, bearing the ring, gloves, belt, etc. (this Gr. 16 agreeing with blue print Gr. 16); coordinates 302.42, 277.79. This Form signed by Lt. Lewis.

Form 16 - dated May 6th, 1919 by Lt. Lewis shows an unknown from Gr. 1, B.A.C. Baulny, 302.42, 277.79, to Gr. 64, Sec. 90, Plot 2.; woman's picture on celluloid button and gold crown on tooth #18.

Form 114-B, for Pvt. Boyer, shows Gr. 17, reburied into Gr. 63, Sec. 90, Plot 2, and as bearing "M.E.S." ring, then reburied in Gr. 22, Row 22, Block D; tooth #9 broken off and rest present.

Form 114-B for U-3695 shows Gr. 16 reburied to Gr. 64, Sec. 90, Plot 2, then reburied in Gr. 22, Row 7, Block G, with gold crown and one extracted teeth.

You are informed that from the above it would appear that a transposition occurred in the reburial of these men, or that they were not as originally reported in Baulny. This office believes that the body bearing gold crown and certain extracted teeth, now reported in Grave 22, Row 7, Block G, Cty. 1232, and on which was originally the woman's picture on button, is actually the body of Pvt. Boyer, since he had at enlistment teeth #17, 19, 30 and 31 missing. It is also believed that the body bearing the ring, gloves, puttees, etc., is actually U-3695. However, it is not positive as to the exact graves the bodies are in.

2. You will, therefore, determine which grave bears the body with the gold crown and extractions and report it as Pvt. Boyer, advised.

QM 295 A-C

Unknown U-3695

November 13, 1926.

General Accounting Office,
Claims Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Quartermaster General requests that this office be informed as to whether there is filed in your office, under Unknown U. S. Soldier U-3695, originally buried in B/A Cty. Grave 1, Baulay, Meuse, a woman's picture on celluloid button. This unknown is now buried in Grave 22, Row 7, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

It is also requested that a report be furnished showing what effects were sent to the relatives of Pvt. Lowell Boyer, 2433458, Hq. Co., 1st M.G.Bn., and Private, 1st class Benjamin Rosen, Co. A, 1st M.G.Bn.

Very truly yours,

F.H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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