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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME BREWER, James W. *Sol sig*

RANK Private SERIAL 240815

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Company I, 125th Infantry *32*

DATE OF DEATH ~~July 31,~~ *Aug 11, 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Nebr.*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *no rec*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Date Grave Row Block

608 Cemetery

Robert G. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General  
By *A 1-9-26*

*file*  
*2-8-29*  
**AUDITED BY**  
*101 7-28-24*

2 A.G.O.  
JAN 7 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

*Mother +  
not married*

JAN 12 26  
M. & R. BRANCH  
O. Q. M. G.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Brewer*, *240815* *James W.*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Pvt.*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *8-3-18.*

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

GRAVE NUMBER *24*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?   
Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

REPORTED BY: *W.C. Robert*  
*R.C. Hatch, Chap's 165 Inf.*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

ER, James W. Pvt. 240815.

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ts, Joseph. Sgt. 253353.  
.I. 125th. Infantry.  
4 N. Adams St. Bay City, Mich  
20-19.

J. Shannon, 2nd. Lt. U.S. Inf.

Co. "I"  
32

31, 191  
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buried

P.

Co."I".125th.Infantry.  
32nd.Division.

BREWER ,James W.Pvt.240815.

Sgt.Butts states that Pvt.Brewer was wounded about 8:30 July 31,1918 while charging the enemy.He asked those near to take off his pack and then begged them to shoot him.He died about two hours later and was buried near where he was killed.

Informant: Butts,Joseph.Sgt.253353.  
Co.I.125th.Infantry.  
Home: 1114 N.Adams St.Bay City,Mich  
2-20-19.

Signed: Wm.J.Shannon,2nd.Lt.U.S.Inf.

P.S.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL



Place SERRES ET NESTLES (Aine)

Date 4.28.21

1. REMAINS OF BREWER, JAMES W SERIAL NUMBER 240815

RANK PVT ORGANIZATION CO. I. 125th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): 4.28.21 From (give complete location): Gr 181 Sect G Plot 4

By: Group AVERY Unit FIELD SECTION # 7

3. Reburied (date): 4.28.21 In (give complete location): Gr 341 Sect G Plot 1

By: Group AVERY Unit FIELD SECTION # 7 Nature of reburial PINE BOX & BURLAP

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
BADLY DECOMPOSED FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE

U.S. UNIFORM AND BURLAP.

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

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

COLLAR ORNAMENT "USNA". BODY TAG PARTLY CORRODED READS "---- BREWER, 240815"

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

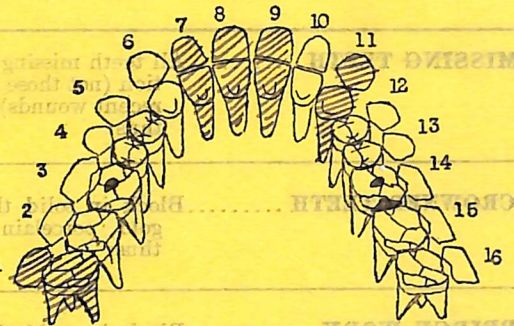
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

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

FRACTURES: RIGHT SCAPULA. MISSING. LOWER JAW.



1, 7, 8, 9, mis. a. d. 3, 14, mis. a. d. 11, mis. a. d.

*A-30579*

7. Disinterment supervised by G. F. Avery, SUP. EMB.

Approved: R. S. WILLIAMS, 1st LT. OMC.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by G. F. Avery, SUP. EMB.

Approved: R. S. WILLIAMS, 1st LT. OMC.  
(Title)

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A**

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No."

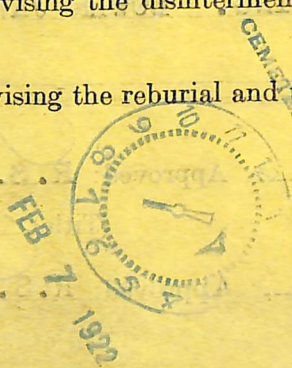
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.



Place Seringes

Date June 12, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name JAMES W. BREWER

Number 24815

Rank Pvt.

Organization: ?

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) June 12, 1919 From: (Give complete location)

Grave # 78 Cem. # 621

Reburied (Date) June 12, 1919 in: (Give complete location)

Grave # 181 Plot 4 Section G. Cem. # 608 Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

Map #33 SoissonsSE.

*OK.  
1/12/22  
BWH*

608

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Buried 4 feet deep. Body badly deposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes and one on cross.

What other means of identification were found upon the body? None.

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CONFIRMED N° D.

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G. O. 170, G. H. O. 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by Cpl. White

1st. Lt. O. W. Forsberg

C. O. Group

Unit

304

REPORT OF DISTINGUISHED EXPERT

Name of:

Number 1818

Name JAMES W. BREWER

Occupation:

Rank Sgt.

Unit 304

District and Sub-district made by Group

Location (Date) June 12, 1919 From (Give complete location)

Grave # 181 Section 4

Grave # 181 Plot 4 Section 4, Cem. 708 Services of Seales (Name)

by 103 witnesses.

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: buried 4 to 5 deep. body well preserved.

The one identification tag found upon the body? Yes and one on cross. Not other means of identification were found upon the body? One.

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If upon disinterment efforts are found upon the bodies, they will be preserved. The Police Dept direct as to location of G. O. 170, G. N. 1918. After being carefully examined for clues to identify in doubtful cases, notification will be made and reported to Chief, Grand Jurisdiction Services.

Jas. H. G. M. Forester

Exp. of. White



CODE SLIP

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Brewer	BRE	3	285
James W	CEMETERY 608	1	2
BURIED	GRAVE 36	2	36
	ROW 7	2	07
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	nebr.	2	32
RANK	Prvt	1	2
DIVISION	32	2	32
ORGANIZATION	125	3	125
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME Brewer	BRE	3	285
Mrs Margaret	STATE nebr.	2	32
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Harfield	2	36
	CITY Burrville	3	XXX
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no age	1	
29/514/PJ			2 67

**AUDITED**  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Brewer, James W. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Margaret Brewer,  
Burwell,  
Nebr.

Dear Madam:

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

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


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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

No  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Margaret Brewer

QM 293 A-M

Brewer, James W. Pvt (OA) M

January 8, 1932.

*Margaret*  
Mrs. Margaret Brewer,  
Burwell,  
Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private James W. Brewer. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor, and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

It is believed that you would experience no difficulty in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested that you so notify this office. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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*EPA*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Brewer, James W. Pvt.(OA) M

June 20, 1931

Mrs. Margaret Brewer,  
Burwell, Nebraska.

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



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

Write answer here

*Mrs Margaret Brewer*  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Brewer, James W. -608 M

Mrs. Margaret Brewer,  
Burwell, Nebr.

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? Na.  
(Write answer here)

*Mrs Margaret Brewer, Burwell*  
(Sign here) *Nebraska*

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**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Brewer, James W. 608 M

October 7, 1929.

**Mrs. Margaret Brewer,**  
**Burwell, Nebr.**

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) <i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No</i>
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) <i>No</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) <i>66</i>	Health (Good) (Poor) <i>Poor</i>
5. What language do you speak?	English <i>Yes</i> (Yes) (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

July 1st. 1929

The Quartermaster General

Washington D. C.

Dear Sir. In reply to yours  
of June 24 - Will say that  
James H. Brewer, Co. 2, 125<sup>th</sup> Inf.,  
32<sup>nd</sup> Div., whose remains are  
buried in France. He was not a  
married man, and I as  
his mother will not be able  
to make the pilgrimage to France.  
Thanking you. I am Respectfully

Mrs. Margaret Brewer  
Burwell, Nebraska



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Brewer, James W.

June 24, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Brewer,  
Burwell,  
Bebr.

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 James W. Brewer, Co. I, 125th Inf., 32nd Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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

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(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

QM 293 A-M

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 20, 1931

Brewer, James W. Pvt.(OA) M

Mrs. Margaret Brewer,  
Burwell, Nebraska.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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A. D. HUGHES,  
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Assistant.

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

Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

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(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

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Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Brewer, James W.**

June 24, 1929.

**Mrs. Margaret Brewer,  
Burwell,  
Nebr.**

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 James W. Brewer, Co. I, 125th Inf., 32nd Div.,** whose remains are now interred in the **Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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



drawn by ~~MM~~

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12-11-20

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WW AI/1-206

War Department, A.G.O., March 20, 1928. To: The Quartermaster General.

The records of this office show July 31, 1918, as the correct date of death of James W. Brewer, A.S.#240815.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Adjutant General.

Dec 11 5 18

OK on 11/18

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE January 18, 1928.

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 BREWER, James W. *Nelur* 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. No. 240815 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Org. Co. I. 125th Inf. 32nd Div. 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. D.D. July 31  
Aug. 1, 1918 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. C.D. K.I.A. (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 36 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Plot Block B Row 7 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne Cty. 19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles
- 20. Dept. or County Aisne 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 608
- 23. Disinterred (Date) January 18, 1928 By P. N. McCabe
- 24. Inscription on grave marker:  
Name BREWER, James W. Serial No. 240815  
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I. 125th Inf.
- 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? yes

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):  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_
- 28. Nature of burial Pine box and hurlap
- 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_
- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date January 18, 1928 By P. N. McCabe
- 31. Casket sealed by P. N. McCabe  
Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *P. N. McCabe*  
P. N. McCabe

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

32. Designation of body: \_\_\_\_\_

Name BREWER, James W. Serial No. 240815

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I. 125th Inf.

33. Consigned to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Cty., Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) January 18, 1928 By C. E. Spahn

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 C. E. Spahn

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

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

41. Reinterred January 18, 1928, Oise-Aisne Cty. (Date)

42. Grave No. 36 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block B Row 7

G.R.S. Representative William E. Moore  
William E. Moore, Superintendent

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 18, 1928.

1. REMAINS OF BREWER, James W. SERIAL NUMBER 240815  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I, 125th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan. 18, 1928. From (give complete location): Grave 36 Block B Row 7

By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Cty. Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date): Jan. 18, 1928. In (give complete location): Grave 36 Block B Row 7

By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Cty. Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Metal Casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Pine box & burlap

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes 2 On grave marker? Al. Strip

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

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity 3 SF

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

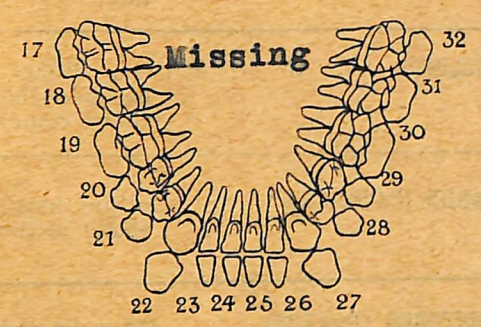
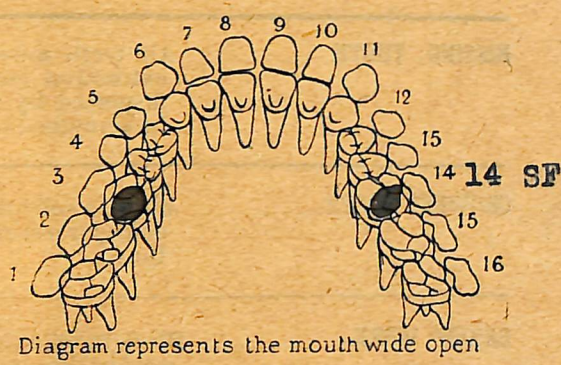
Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Lower jaw missing.



7. Disinterment supervised by P. H. Cole

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) W. E. Moore






8. Reburial supervised by Charles E. Johnson

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".  
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING      TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN      PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE      GOLD BRIDGE</p>
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING      GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING      GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED      DECAYED DECAYED</p>
DENTURES (PLATES)	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

QM 293 A-C

BREWER, James W. - Pvt.

October 31, 1925

Mr. Leroy Brewer,  
Barwell,  
Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

L.W. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.G.,  
Assistant.

1-Incl.  
Record card.



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**COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA** File # 9467

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BREWER, James W. Ser. No. 240815  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 125th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 8-1-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DB  
 CKR. SA

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

(a) Grave No. 181 Row - Plot 4 Sec. G TYP. DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Leroy Brewer, (Father) Burwell, Nebr.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Leroy Brewer (b) Relationship Father  
 (c) Address Covina Point, Burwell, Nebr.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. -  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials MAH Date 12-11, 1920.

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

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

no corres.

Examiner's Initials PF Date 12-11, 1920.

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

Leroy Brewer, Father, (10-29-18) address above, asks all details of death burial and grave location.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? location  
 Examiner's Initials SAH Date 12-13, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 608 SHEET No. 348

Reviewed 3/25/21-EP

Checked  
APR 12-13-21

RECEIVED.

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

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

MAR 17 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

CENTRAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on Jan. 15, 1920

Par. 2 - Not to be returned (841-17-21)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	
<u>Investigation made by this office and grave location shown on our records is correct.</u>	
	<u>WHEH 3/31/21</u>

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

2 - F 21 Form 120 - Leroy Brewer, father next of kin, Erina Route, Burrill, Neb. wishes body to remain in Europe. H-2-289, mmecc

MAR 17 1921

C.M.

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 9467

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BREWER, James W. Ser. No. 240815  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 125th Inf. } TYP DB  
 Cause of death K/A } SA  
 (c) Date of death 8-1-18 death

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

(a) Grave No. 186w Plot 4 Sect. G TYP DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Leroy Brewer, (Father) Burwell, Nebr.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. OKR SA

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

*AHO Card - Leroy Brewer, father  
 Erina Route Burwell, Nebr. desires  
 body to remain in Europe. (J8241-17-21)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 1/15/1921 192  
 (Letter of transmittal on 1/15/1921)

*Par. 2 - Not to be returned (J8241)*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. JAN 26 1921 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
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MAR 17 1921

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

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY NO. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. FORM 115-A August 1920

5-666/LB FRANCE 608 348

JAN 24 1921 - *ap*

March 12, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Gen.Div.Cor.Br.  
(BREWER, James W.)

Mr. Leroy Brewer,  
Burwell, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated February 7th, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late private James W. Brewer, serial number 240815, Company I, 125th Infantry, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your desire, the remains will be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

The Department wishes to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

RY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

MAILED

MAR 16 1921

COR. BR. G. R. S.

ff/cmv

**WAR DEPARTMENT**

**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY**

**CEMETERIAL DIVISION**

**WASHINGTON**

**Hoboken, N.J.**

**JAN 31 1921**

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

To: **Mr. Leroy Brewer, Erina Route, Burwell, Nebr.**

SUBJECT: Remains of **Pvt. James W. Brewer, Ser. No. 240815, Co. I., 125th Inf.**

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

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

**CHARLES C. PIERCE,**  
 Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Army.

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

Was soldier married? No

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.	
Soldier's widow				
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1			
	2			
	3			
Father	<i>Leroy Brewer, (living)</i>	<i>Burwell</i>	<i>Nebraska</i>	
Mother	<i>Margaret Brewer (living)</i>	<i>Burwell</i>	<i>Nebraska</i>	
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1			
	2	<i>George Robert Brewer (living)</i>	<i>Burwell</i>	<i>Nebraska</i>
	3			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1	<i>Mary Brewer (living)</i>	<i>Burwell</i>	<i>Nebraska</i>
	2	<i>Loid Margaret Brewer (living)</i>	<i>Burwell</i>	<i>Nebraska</i>
	3			

Date Feb. 7th 1921

Signature Leroy Brewer

Address Burwell, Nebraska

Relationship Father

Burwell, Neb. Feb. 7, 1921

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

(Relationship.)

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (R. R. station.) \_\_\_\_\_ (State.)

3. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and buried in~~ \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.

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

Signature Leroy Brewer

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

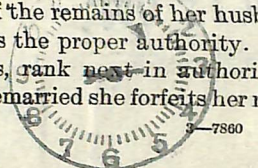
7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

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

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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

GRAVE REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH



FEB 11 1921

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from

90275

FIELD RECORD.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

9467

CONFIRMED

Brewer 240815 James W.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Co. -----  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. Approximately Aug. 2/18.  
Reburied Battlefield Cemetery 9/9/18.

PLACE OF BURIAL. Battlefield Cemetery...

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

Fere-en-Tardenois Map 1:20000 at  
crosspoint of coordinates 198.10 -  
272.25

Field sketch No. 6-Wynne.

GRAVE NUMBER 78 Row C.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here: *Seray (Aisner)*

(C- ) *SHT 33* *NE* COORD *E-198.11*  
*W-272.35*

*Killed in action.*

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.  
CONFIRMED

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REPORTED BY: *Charles J. Wynne*  
Charles J. WYNNE

2nd Lt., Inf., U. S. Com'd'r.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.  
GROUP N 1  
Unit 304. G. R. S.

94103

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Brewer 240815 Jas W.*  
.....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Pat.*  
.....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. *8-3-18.*  
.....

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

*Cumme Sergy - 33 S.E.*  
.....  
*E 197.5 - W 272.05*  
.....

GRAVE NUMBER. *24*  
.....

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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

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

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

*AK*

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

REPORTED BY: *W.E. Rabb*  
*R.C. Hatch, Chap's 168 Inf.*  
.....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

**FILE**

November 7, 1921 192

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co.H. 125th Infantry  
 ORGANIZATION (Old)

BROWN #1425557 James W.  
 (Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

*Error in cancellation b/c case James W. Brown #1425557 d. 12-5-21*

*Cancelled to that of Walter G. [unclear] #1425557 d. 12-5-21*

*1921*

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

5 X 8 Blue Card File No. 90275 Canceled to 5 X 8 White Card File No. 9467  
 BREWER, #240815 James W.

BY: D. T. Dodson,

Adjustment Section.  
 (Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
 on Organization  
 File Card:

By MAC  
 S/3324/LML

Address reply to

WAR DEPARTMENT  
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GRAVES REGISTRATION  
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✓ Eng 96B

for report & notification

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Burnell, Nebraska, Oct. 29-1918

Major Charles S. Pierce, Eng-96B  
Some City in France,

Dear Sir: Am writing in regard  
a telegram which we received Sept. 1st  
stating that our son had been  
killed in action Aug. 1st; and a few  
days later got a letter from  
Washington D. C. confirming the  
telegram, and that we would get  
word from his commander telling  
us all the particulars, where and  
how he was killed and the number  
of his grave etc., since we have  
heard nothing from any one, I  
thought I would write you for  
any information you can give  
as will be a great relief.  
will send his address as he last  
wrote us July 25. also will send  
his his former address.  
any word you can give will be thankful  
rec'd by his parents, Leroy Brewer  
Burnell, Nebraska, U.S.A.

(Last Address Home,)  
Private James Wm. Brewer  
~~Co. I. 123<sup>th</sup> U. S. Inf.~~  
~~American E. F.~~  
A. P. O. 734  
France.

(former address)  
Private James Wm. Brewer,  
Co. No. 1. Camp Funston  
Replacement, Detachment,  
Over Sea Casual,  
Camp Merritt  
New-Jersey  
American E. F.



our address when our son went to  
France, was Greeley, Nebraska,  
since we have moved and changed  
our address from Greeley to  
Burnell, Nebraska.  
Please ans. if possible.

HDQRS. GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
Quartermaster Corps  
American Expeditionary Forces

Reference-9467.

January 14, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E. F.  
TO: Leroy Brewer, Burwell, Nebraska.  
SUBJECT: Private James Wm. Brewer, Co. I, 125th Infantry, American E.F.

1. In reply to your letter of October 29, 1918, relative to death and burial of your son, the records at these headquarters show that he was killed in action on August 1, 1918, and is buried in Grave No. 78, Row C, American Battle Area Cemetery at Sergy, Commune of SERGY, Department of the AISNE.

2. I regret that I am unable to give you the particulars of your son's death; those records are not kept in this office. However, I am today requesting the chaplain of his company to communicate with you, giving all available information in that respect.

3. I am enclosing a note which gives general answers to some of the questions which our bereaved friends are often asking, and it will probably give information concerning some of the things you are anxious to understand.

By direction CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., A.E.F.

per MAURICE B. DIX,  
Captain, American Red Cross,  
Representative assigned to  
Graves Registration Service.

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