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1. NAME ANABLE, Leo Benson DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co.C 54th Inf. SERIAL No. 3184569  
GRAVE LOCATION XX. Amer.Cty. Langres, Haute Marne 516  
CTY. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
107  
GRAVE \_\_\_\_\_ ROW \_\_\_\_\_ PLOT \_\_\_\_\_

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 107 LANGRES (Haute-Marne)  
GRAVE \_\_\_\_\_ COMMUNE \_\_\_\_\_ DEPT. \_\_\_\_\_

COORDINATES E.322.33 N.120.35

CONCENTRATED TO Not of record

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ GRAVE \_\_\_\_\_ ROW \_\_\_\_\_ PLOT \_\_\_\_\_

CEMETERY \_\_\_\_\_ CTY. NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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

DATE OF DEATH Nov. 7 - 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME New York

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED no record

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ GRAVE \_\_\_\_\_ ROW \_\_\_\_\_ PLOT \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ GRAVE \_\_\_\_\_ ROW \_\_\_\_\_ PLOT \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR S.H. Hunsicker

**S.H. HUNSICKER, 1st. Lt. QMC., Supervisor Area No. 4**

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION August 24, 1922 17 20 Block B  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_ GRAVE \_\_\_\_\_ ROW \_\_\_\_\_ PLOT \_\_\_\_\_

St. Miniel American Cemetery #1233, Thiaucourt, M et M.

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

OCT 23 1925  
WORLD WAR DIV.



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK  
LOCATION OF THE GRAVE  
Available 3184569  
(Surname.)  
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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

3184569  
LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Anable 3184569 Leo B.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. C. 54 Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL.....

PLACE OF BURIAL 96 Franchises.....

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

GRAVE NUMBER 107.....

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Thos B Roche Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Pres. Harding

Anable, Leo Benson Pvt.

5-17-33

StM

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*Declines letter rec'd 3-14-33*

I ~~accept with pleasure~~ the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of  
the Government of the United States under the pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Anable,

-----  
(Name)

Leeds

Greene County

New York

-----  
(Town or City)

-----  
(State)



ANABLE, LEO BENSON

Leo Benson Anable

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

April 14, 1933

To All Concerned:

Please make the following changes in passenger  
list for:

CHANGE #12

PARTY A

PAGE

PRESIDENT HARDING - MAY 17, 1933

DELETE Mrs. Elizabeth Hayes Price

MASSACHUSETTS A - 14

DELETE Mrs. Mary Anable

NEW YORK A - 19

For The Quartermaster General,

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



## CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB- HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Annie Leo. B.</i>	<i>A N A</i>	3	<i>1 4 1</i>
	CEMETERY <i>1233</i>	1	<i>3</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>17</i>	2	<i>17</i>
	ROW <i>20</i>	2	<i>20</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>New York</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>6</i>	2	<i>06</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>54</i>	3	<i>654</i>
ARM	<i>Infantry</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Mrs. Annie Mary</i>	<i>A N A</i>	3	<i>1 4 1</i>
	STATE <i>New York</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Greene</i>	2	<i>20</i>
	CITY <i>Leeds</i>	3	<i>#XX</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. <i>1933</i>	1	<i>4</i>
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
29/514/PJ	<i>Age</i>		<i>76</i>

Declined Rev. 5-17-33

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QM 293 A-M  
Anable, Leo Benson (STM)

April 15, 1933.

Mrs. Mary Anable,

Leeds, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that your health will not permit you to sail May 17th on the PRESIDENT HARDING to visit the grave of your son in France.

It is deeply regretted that you are unable to accept the last offer of the Government to make a pilgrimage to your son's grave.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Gentlemen,

I have been suffering from a serious  
heart trouble which will - of course -  
cancel my expected trip. Sorry.

Mary Anable

Changed from accept  
to Decline Standing -  
May 17.





WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Anable, Leo Benson (StM)

April 10, 1933.

Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Leeds, New York.

Dear Madam:

Your passport for the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe has not been received in this office.

You must have a passport to enter Europe. You should go at once to the Clerk of the Supreme Court at Catskill, New York, taking with you:

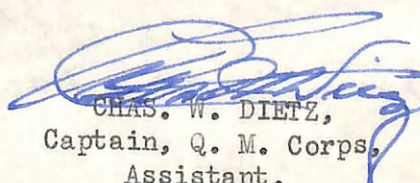
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2. Your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you may have.
3. Some one who has known you for at least two years to identify you.

The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the State Department, Washington, D. C. The passport will be delivered to you aboard the boat. No charge will be made for the application or passport.

In the event conditions have arisen which prevent your making the pilgrimage, sailing May 17th on the PRESIDENT HARDING, it is requested you advise this office in order that the reservations made for you may be cancelled.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M  
Anable, Lee Benson (STM)

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Very truly yours,

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

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PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,  
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED  
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Anable, Leo Benson (StM)  
Anable, Mrs. Mary  
Leeds, Greene Co. N.Y.  
President Harding May 17, 1933.

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find the name,  
address, and relationship to me, of the person in the United  
States whom I desire to be notified in case I become  
seriously ill or other emergency arises while I am making  
the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress  
approved March 2, 1929.

Elwyn Anable.  
Name  
Leeds. New York.  
Address  
Son.  
Relationship

Very truly yours,



Mary Anable  
Your name  
Leeds N.Y.  
Your address



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Anable, Leo Benson, (STM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Leeds, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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


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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? Yes.  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mary Anable.

OM 293 A-M  
Anable, Leo Benson Pvt. (StM)M

December 22, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Leeds, N. Y.

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 Leo Benson Anable. 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 that your age and physical condition would not permit you to endure cabin class accommodations. In this connection you are advised that steamship accommodations, as well as the hotel rooms used by the pilgrims, are entirely first class in every respect. Personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available throughout the pilgrimage. 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.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Anable, Leo Benson (STM) M-

October 1, 1931

Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Leeds, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<i>No</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

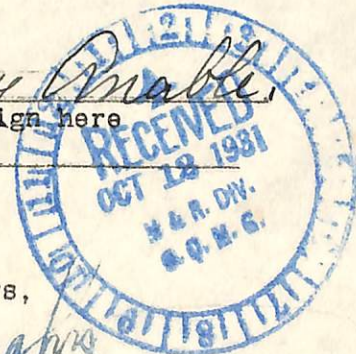
*Mary Anable*  
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.





WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Anable, Leo Benson, Pvt (StM) M

June 15, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Leds,  
New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Anable, Leo Benson-1233 M

Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Leeds, New York.

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.

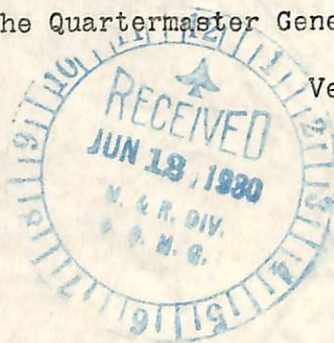
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

*Mary Anable*  
(Sign here)



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8, 1929.

Anable, Leo Benson 1233 M.

Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Leeds, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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

*Much as I would love to go my age and state of health could not endure Cabin Class accommodations. Yours very truly Mary Anable*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 27, 1929.

Anable, Leo Benson  
1233

Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Leeds,  
New York.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 25, 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:

*Yes.*

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.

*Yes. Mother.*

*Mary Anable  
Leeds, New York.*

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

*Yes.*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Anable, Leo Benson

May , 1929.

Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Leeds,  
New York.

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 Leo Benson Anable, Co.C, 54th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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 remarried 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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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Anable, Leo Benson (StM)

April 10, 1933.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Anable, Leo Benson, (STM)

July 11, 1932

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Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)



CH 295 A-11  
Anable, Leo Benson Pvt. (StM)

December 22, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Lodi, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Anable, Leo Benson (STM) M-

October 1, 1931 od

Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Leeds, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
~~Anable, Leo Bonson, Pvt (StM) M~~

June 15, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Leeds,  
New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 12, 1931

Anable, Leo Benson, Pvt.(StM) M

Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Lees,  
New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Anable, Leo Benson-1233 M

Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Leeds, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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

Anable,

Leo Benson

3,184 569

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Pvt.

Anable

Co C 54th Inf  
Leo Benson

3184569

(Rank and organization)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No.

(Yes or no.)

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

(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:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mary Anable

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Leeds.

New York.

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713



It is all such a farce!  
Since it is impossible  
to find out anything  
about our beloved boys -  
even where they are  
sleeping. why should  
I want to put perhaps  
some one else in his  
place? It is such awful  
tormenting & competing  
that is driving us mothers  
mad.

Yours very truly

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8, 1929.

**Anable, Leo Benson 1253 M.**

**Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Leeds, N. Y.**

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 27, 1929.

Anable, Leo Benson  
1233

Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Leeds,  
New York.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 35, 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,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Anable, Leo Benson

May , 1929.

Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Leeds,  
New York.

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 Leo Benson Anable, Co.C, 54th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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 remarried 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.



ANABLE, Leo B. 293-461.

January 17, 1924

Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Leeds,  
N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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,

R. L. FOSTER

O. O. M. E.  
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM.  
Assistant.

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1-Incl.  
Record card.



JAN 17 1924

B. O. C.

QM 293 A-M  
Anable, Leo Benson (StM)

April 15, 1933.

Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Leeds, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that your health will not permit you to sail May 17th on the PRESIDENT HARDING to visit the grave of your son in France.

It is deeply regretted that you are unable to accept the last offer of the Government to make a pilgrimage to your son's grave.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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1933 APR -17- PM 12:41

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE FEBRUARY 2, 1922.

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

## DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name ANABLE, Leo Benson  
 2. No. 3184569  
 3. Rank Pvt  
 4. Org. Co.C 54th Inf.  
 5. D.D. 11-7-18  
 6. C.D. XXXXX Bro. Pneumonia

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 107 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. None

18. Cemetery Amer.19. Commune or town Langres20. Dept. or County Haute Marne21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 51623. Disinterred (Date) Feb 2, 1922.By J.E. BENSON

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name LEO BENSON ANABLE

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank Pvt.Organization Co.C. 54th Inf.Gr.No. 107.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? YesSignature J.C. ANNABEL 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).

No effects found.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Recognition impossible.28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Feb 2, 1922. By J.E. BENSON31. Casket sealed by J.E. BENSON

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

J.E. BENSON



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. C - 26422

32. Designation of body:

Name Leo Benson ANABLE

Serial No. 3184569

Rank Pvt

Organization

Co. C 54th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. Thiaucourt, M-et-M

1233

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) February 2, 1922. By J. E. BENSON

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

WALTER F. BROWN, CAPT. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

Tag on cross reads: Leo --- Anabel, 3184569

Tag on body partly corroded, Serial Number only legible which checks.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) February 2, 1922.

To point of Concentration

Chaumont, (Hte. Marne)

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

C. J. BLAKE

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

Date

Captain, Q. M. Corps, U. S. Army

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

gbt

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty 1233, Thiaucourt, (M et M)

Convoyer

Michael Plotkin

Signature Shipping Officer

Captain, Q. M. Corps, U. S. Army

40. Received: Date 12 3 FEB 1922

G.R.S. Representative

G. D. GAMBLE, Captain, Q. M. C.,

41. Reinterred AUGUST 24, 1922

(Date)

42. Grave No.

17

Section

43. Plot Bk. B

Row

20

G.R.S. Representative

A. E. DEWEY, 1st Lieut, QMC



Place LANGRES, (HTE. MARNE)

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date FEBRUARY 2, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF ANABLE, Leo Benson SERIAL NUMBER 3184569  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.C. 54th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb 2, 1922. From (give complete location):  
Grave No. 107, American Cemetery No. 516, Langres, (Hte. Marne)

By: Group 2 Unit Section 4.

3. Reburied (date): AUGUST 24, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 17, Row 20, Bk. B  
Cemetery 1233, Thiaucourt, (M ET M)

In casket and shipping case

By: Group Reburial Unit  Nature of reburial

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

Wooden box and uniform.

Badly decomposed. Recognition impossible.

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

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

Tag on body partly corroded, Serial Number only legible  
which checks. No effects found.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Unable to determine

(c) Hair—Color Unable to determine

Quantity Unable to determine

Characteristics Unable to determine

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

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

**DECAYED-4-6.**

**EXTRACTED- 19-30.**

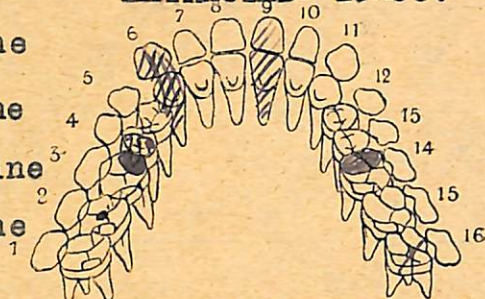
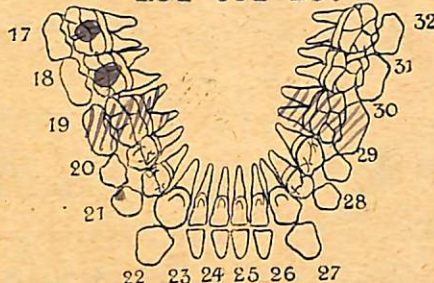


Diagram represents the mouth wide open

**NOT CUT-16.**



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

None

**SILVER FILLING-2-3-14-17-18.**  
**MAD-9.**

7. Disinterment  
 supervised by

gbt

J.E. BENSON

Approved: Walter F. Brown  
JCA

(Title) CAPT. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial  
 supervised by

H.L. KRAMER

Approved: A.E. Dewey






(Title) 1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.



## 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), bicuspid (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.



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 52790

(a) Name ANABLE, Leo *Benson 11/18/13* Ser. No. 3184569  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C, 54th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 11/7/18 (d) Cause of death Broncho-Pneumonia.

TYP. EK

CKR. 573

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

(a) Grave No. 107 Row — Plot — Sec. — TYP. EK

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary Anable (mother) Leeds, N.Y.

## III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

NO CARD

CKR. 573

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt Sept 11-1919

(a) Name Mary Anable (b) Relationship Mother

(c) Address Leeds, New York

(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 SH Date 11/16, 1920.

## V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from Mary Anable

(Reverse of Card), dated (9-10-19 Rec'd)

confirming request in Par. IV., item —, above, or requesting that "It is all such a farce!

Since it is impossible to find out anything about our beloved boys—where they are sleeping, why should I want to put perhaps—someone else in his place? It is such awful, tormenting incompetency that is driving us mothers mad."

Examiner's Initials SH Date 11/16, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes

Examiner's Initials SH Date 11-17, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 516

SHEET No. 7

84 1-3/21

Reviewed 11/21/21 GP.

576/22  
Examiner for Concentration  
Lt. Michael # 1233  
6/18/22 - 576



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

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.  
letter on Dec-13, 1920

Par # 2 Not to be returned (JES)  
Anable, Leo Benson,

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 1/19/21 - Form 120 - Mrs. Mary Anable (mother) Hoboken,  
Leeds, New York, wishes body to remain in Europe. H-1/24/21-jt

2/8/21 Hoboken advises Mother her wish  
will be complied with. 2/21/21 E.P.

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY**  
**TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. FEB 8 1921**

*M.*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,  
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

February 8th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Branch.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G., Overseas Project  
Sub-section, Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #516.  
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 928.

1. The enclosed records covering the following cases are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the bodies are to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

7	✓	Anable, Leo Benson Pvt., Serial Number 3184569, Co. C, 54th Infantry.
92	✓	Grafton, Gilbert C., Lt. Col., Army Service School.
207	✓	Sargent, Harry A. S., Wagoner, Serial Number 1395636, Co. G, 108th Amm. Train.

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

By:



F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

3 Incls.

R. 2/14/21 K

WAR DEPARTMENT  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,  
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

February 28th 1921.

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F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

3 Incls.



Feb 8  
~~January 31, 1921.~~

File No. 293.8 Com. Div. Cor. Br.  
 (ANABLE, Leo Benson)

Mrs. Mary Anable,  
 Leeds, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt of "Shipping Inquiry" relative to the remains of your son, the late Leo Benson Anable, Private, Serial No. 3184569, Company C, 34th Infantry, is acknowledged.

Your request that the remains be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery will be complied with.

You are advised that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

The department desires to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
 Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
 Officer in Charge.

By:

J. F. BUTLER,  
 1st Lieut., Infantry.

ff-mrt

Noted on Form No. 115  
 Date 2/21/21 ED MA 1st-Lieut.  
 FEB 12 1921



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G.S.S. Form 120  
Shipping Inquiry  
(Revised)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
HOBOKEN, N.J.

JAN 11 1921

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Mrs. Mary Anable, Leeds, New York.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Leo Benson Anable, Ser. No. 3184569, Co. C, 54th Inf.

No change

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body ..  
.....remain in Europe.....

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on second page.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut. Colonel, U.S.A.

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 these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF	NO. AND STREET	TOWN	STATE
Was soldier married?	<del>X</del>		
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children (1)			
(Name oldest first) (2)			
(3)			
Father	Dead		
Mother	Mary Anable Leeds, New York		
Brothers (1)	Ed Anable Leeds, N.Y.		
(Name oldest first) (2)	2 Anable		
(3)			
Sisters (1)	L. A. Elting Leeds, N.Y.		
(Name oldest first) (2)	M. A. Pickerton 111 East 11th St New York		
(3)	C. A. Horvath, Cato, N.Y.		

Date Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 1921 Signature Mary Anable  
Address Leeds, New York Relationship Mother

Important. - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.



I, the undersigned, am the Mother (relationship) and nearest living relative of the within-named 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.....  
.....  
(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 Mary Smith

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative 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 FREE at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEAREST RELATIVE 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 living relatives 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 relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative 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 post.



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G.R.S. Form No. 113  
Reply to G. L. Inquiry.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 25, 1919.

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Mrs. Mary Anable,  
Leeds, New York.

1. In reply to your inquiry we beg to say that the records of the Graves Registration Service contain the following information as to grave location:

Case of: Private Leo B. Anable  
Co. C, 54th Infantry.

Place of burial: American Cemetery  
Langres, Haute-Marne. G. R. S. MAILED  
Grave #107

2. The grave has been registered and suitably marked for present purposes, pending the adoption of a more permanent monument by the National Fine Arts Commission, which now has the matter under consideration.

3. While it is a sad duty on our part to convey information concerning the burial of men who were our valient comrades, it is a satisfaction to answer the queries of those who suffer so grievously by the casualties of War.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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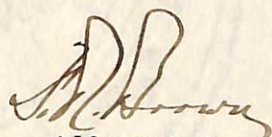
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War Dept., A.G.O., October 15, 1919.--To the Chief, Graves Registration Service, Washington, D. C.

1. For a reply direct to the writer of the foregoing communication, relative to the exact location of grave in the case of Private Leo B. Anable, Co. C. 54th Inf. #3184569.
2. The records of this office show that this soldier died of broncho pneumonia on November 7, 1918.
3. The writer has been advised of this reference.

By order of the Secretary of War:

  
Adjutant General.

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COPY OF ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION.

It is all such a farce! Since it is impossible to find out anything about our beloved boys- even where they are sleeping, why should I want to put perhaps some one else in his place? It is such awful, tormenting incompetency that is driving us mothers mad.

Yours very truly,

Mary Anable,  
Leeds, New York.

Anable, Leo Benson 3,184,569  
Pvt. Co. C, 54th Infantry.

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PJ 2-201

War Dept., A.G.O., October 15, 1919. To the Chief, Graves Registration Service, Washington, D. C.

1. For a reply direct to the writer of the foregoing communication, relative to the exact location of grave in the case of Private Leo B. Anable, Co. G, 54th Inf. #3134509.

2. The records of this office show that this soldier died of broncho pneumonia on November 7, 1918.

3. The writer has been advised of this reference.

By order of the Secretary of War:

F. R. Brown.

Adjutant General.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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October 15, 1919.

FROM: The Adjutant General of the Army.  
TO: Mrs. Mary Anable, Leeds, N. Y.  
SUBJECT: Particulars of death in re Leo B. Anable.

1. In response to your letter of recent date, relative to the particulars of death, etc., in the case of your son, the above named soldier, I beg leave to advise you that the records of this office show as follows:

"Pvt. Leo B. Anable was admitted to Evacuation Hospital #9, A.E.F., on October 30, 1918, suffering from influenza. He was transferred to Base Hospital #88 on the same day. November 1st, the patient had a restless night, indications of broncho pneumonia. November 2nd it developed into broncho pneumonia, all lobes. November 4th, delirious all night, very poor pulse. November 6th, soldier very nervous, poor pulse. Died at 7:50 A. M. on November 7, 1918."

2. For information regarding the exact location of your son's grave, a copy of your letter is being referred to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, Washington, D. C., for a reply direct.

3. Permit me to express the sincere sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you have sustained in the death of your son, and to commend you for the contribution made to the cause for which this soldier gave his life.



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HR.

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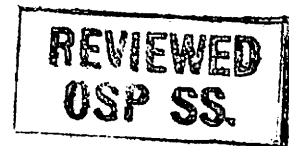
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Yours very truly,

Mary Anable,  
Leeds, New York.

Anable, Leo Benson 3,184,569  
Pvt. Co. C, 54th Infantry.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Amable* *3105689* *Leo B.*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Pvt.* *Co. C.* *54 Inf.*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Nov. 8, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *New cemetery east*

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

*of Langres. 96 Tranches.*

GRAVE NUMBER *107*

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *Yes*

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

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

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REPORTED BY:

*Thos B. Roche, Chaplain.*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service

1. G.P.S. Form No.1.

IN. GRS 1113

2. Soldier's No.

3. Surname (block letters) 1st name & initials

4. Rank Co. Rgt & corp

5. Date of Death Cause if known

6. Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Grave No. Plot No. or letter

8. Town-Commune (block letter) Dept.

9. Name beg?..Cross?..Hoboard?..B.T.I.E?..  
Check method of marking

10. Buried with body?.. Attached grave mark  
identification Tags YES or

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

12. Map reference if interment outside cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain-Burial Officer

Signed. A.L. Cade

Group.....Unit.....GRS



11/18/20

Mr. Wilson:

Amable, Leo Benson

Ser. # 3184569

Prov. Co. C. 54th Inf.

Make adjustment

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

Date 10/24/19

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Anable Leo R.*

Serial Number 3184569

RANK *Priv.*

ORGANIZATION

*Co. C. 54th Inf.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	<i>Leo Anable</i>
2.	Date of Death.	<i>(2) 11-7-18</i>
3.	Cause and place of death.	<i>(3) Broncho Pneumonia</i>
4.	Number of Casualty VCablegram.	<i>(4) # 3/2</i>
5.	Date buried.	<i>(5) 11-8-18</i>
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	<i>(6) grave #107 Amer. Cty. Langres, <del>His Name</del> # 516 (Hauke - Name)</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	<i>(10) (a) yes (b) yes</i>
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	<i>(11) Mrs. Mary Anable Mother Leeds, N.Y.</i>
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	<i>(12) 12-10 -18</i>
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

Released by Information Control  
Dept.  
Directory  
Cards 5 x 8  
Cards 4 x 6 ✓

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

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Form 100 and 10B Forwarded  
April 29, 1919.

New York, U.S.A.  
Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1919.

Headquarters American Grave Regis.

Yours. Francis

Dear Sirs;

Could you give me any  
information as to the locality  
of the grave; also, as to the  
personal belongings of my  
brother, Private Leo Benson A. 10th  
No. 3184569

Co. C. 54<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
American E. F.

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who died of Lobar pneumonia,  
Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 1918. Somewhere in  
France.

Very truly yours  
(Mrs. J. F.) Laura Annette Elting.