

G.R.S. Form #114-B

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DATE 12/15/21.

1. NAME ANDERSON, Benjamin N.

SERIAL No. 2785406

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. D. 361st Inf.

8 DIVISION

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer.Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232 - 36

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

33 Sec.36.

1

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

2

Exermont (Ardennes)

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

35NE, 281.65N, 303.3E

CONCENTRATED TO

6/9/19

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DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse-Argonne

1232.

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Plaque on body.

DATE OF DEATH Oct 9, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Washa

Data Form 1
SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

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DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. BIRDSEYE

1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/15/21

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

D

AUDITED BY

M. M. E.
4-4-23Meuse Argonne Amer.Cty. #1232-Romagne sous-Montfaucon
(Meuse)

CEMETERY

(Meuse)



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
Canderson
(Surname)
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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Anderson 2785403 Benjamin H.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. 361 Inf. Co. D.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Same as burial*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Killed in action*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Oct 11-1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Map reference 1-20,000*

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

Coordinates 35-1-4

GRAVE NUMBER: *Three*

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:

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

E. Capt John A. Micholajczak, 1st Lt.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

Co. D, 361st Infan
32nd Divis

Buried by me Oct. 11
on cross and one bur
Effects Depot Base S

Map Arg
Co- 3.5

by high explosive
bomb was buried. I
thought were other
as names and initi
as marks.

It is bel
and correct.

INFORMANT: MUST, I
CO. J
has address: Don

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NAME OF MOTHER:
Mrs. James Anderson (Mother)
Hartsville, W. Va.

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N. - Pvt. 2785403

oss one tag

and was carried
you know where
of the Anderson

t Lt. Chap. 90908
ry

t. Dept. 12 1918

map.

Co. D, 361st Infantry
32nd Division

Anderson, Benjamin N. - Pvt. 2785403
Home

Buried by me Oct. 11-1918. His Grave No. 3 marked with a cross one tag
on cross and one buried with body. Personal effects sent to
Effects Depot Base Section No. 1 A.P.O. 701

Map Argonne 1/20,000

Co- 3.5-1.4

Informant: Mikolajczak, John A. - 1st Lt. Chap. 90908
Co. 3rd Bn. 128th Infantry
Home 866 Racine St.
Milwaukee Wis.

It is believed that the above is true and correct.

Signed: Mikolajczak, John A. Chap.
3rd Bn. 128th Inf.

1st. Lt. Mikolajczak, John A.
Chap. Co. 3rd

Informant: ENST, Raymond. Sgt. 2785403
Co. D, 361st Infantry
Home address: Denmore, Kansas.

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NAME of MIA:
Mr. Tom Anderson (Mother)
Meyersville, Wm.

Co.D. 361st.Infantry.

ANDERSON, Benjamin N. Pvt. 2785406
Home address: Marysville, Wash.

Informant was an eye witness of the casualty. Death was caused by high explosive and was instantaneous. Informant does not know where body was buried. Informant knew Christian and initials of Pvt. Anderson. There were other men in company by the same name but different Christian names and initials. As far as remembered he had no visible marks or scars.

It is believed that the Information given by Sgt. Best is true and correct.

Albert J. Haas
1st.Lieut.361st.Infantry
Cmmdg. Co. "D"

INFORMANT: BEST, Raymond. Sgt. 2289241
Co.D. 361st.Infantry
Home address: Densmore, Kansas.

NEXT of KIN:
Mrs.Tena Anderson(Mother)
Marysville, Wash.

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Place BUFCHATEAU

Date 23rd June 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Name ANDERSON Benjamin N

Number: 2785406

Rank: Unkn

Organization: UNKN

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

9th June 1919

Isolated Grave

EXERMONT ARDENNES 35NE 303.3E 281.65N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Five complete location)

9th June 1919

Grave # 33 Sec 36 Plot 1

ARGONNE AMER. CTY: # 1232

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

Burial good, buried in Uniform, body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

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. Q. 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 Lt. Steinmetz

r/s

C.O. Group

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.

Unit

1232

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11287

CONTINUED No. D

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>ANDERSON</i>	<i>A N D</i>	3	1 4 4
<i>Benjamin N</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE <i>9</i>	2	09
	ROW <i>20</i>	2	20
	BLOCK <i>10</i>	1	4
STATE	<i>Wash.</i>	2	56
BANK	<i>Pnt</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>91</i>	2	91
ORGANIZATION	<i>361</i>	3	361
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Anderson</i>	<i>A N D</i>	3	1 4 4
<i>Mrs. Tena</i>	STATE <i>Wash.</i>	2	56
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Snohomish</i>	2	31
	CITY <i>Mayville</i>	3	+++
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	2

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QM 293 AM
Anderson, Benj. N. (MA)

August 5, 1932

Mrs. Tena Anderson,
R.F.D.#1, Box 4,
Marysville, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to the form letter recently sent you from this office, advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Benjamin N. Anderson, during the summer of 1932.

It is deeply regretted that your physical condition prevents you from taking advantage of the offer of the Government at this time. Should you be able and later desire to make the journey next year, it is requested that you notify this office, and arrangements will be made for you.

Doctors and nurses will be available to render any medical attention that may be needed by the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage and you are assured that, should you make the trip, everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare. During the past three years many women who were in poor health made the journey and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Anderson Benj N (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Tena Anderson
RFD #1 Box 4
Marysville Wash

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.

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

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(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Tena Anderson
Marysville Wash.
RFD-Box 4

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Anderson, Benj. N. (M-A) M

June 27, 1931

Mrs. Tena Anderson,
RFD #1, Box 4,
Marysville, Wash.

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?

Yes
Write answer here

Mrs Tena Anderson
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Anderson, Benj. N. -1232 M

Mrs. Tena Anderson,
RFD #1 Box 4
Marysville, Wash.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? No.

(Write answer here)

Mrs. Tena Anderson
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Anderson, Benjamin N. 1232 M

Mrs. Tena Anderson,
R. F. D. #1, Box 4,
Marysville, Washington.

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>X</i> <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)	<i>no</i> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>64</i> Health <i>not extra</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) Other language <i>Danish</i> (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Anderson, Benj. N.
1232

September 3, 1929.

Mr. Lars Anderson,
RFD #1, Box 4,
Marysville, Wash.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

No

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.

Mrs. Tena Anderson

Mother,

Marysville, Wash

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

No.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress
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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Anderson, Benj. N.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Lars Anderson,
RFD #1, Bx. 4
Marysville, Wash.

M. Mrs. Lena Anderson

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Benj. N. Anderson, Co. D, 361st Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Anderson Benj H (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Tom Anderson
RFD #1 Box 4
Marysville Wash

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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 AM
Anderson, Benj. N. (MA)

August 5, 1932

Mrs. Tena Anderson,
R.F.D.#1, Box 4,
Marysville, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to the form letter recently sent you from this office, advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Benjamin N. Anderson, during the summer of 1933.

It is deeply regretted that your physical condition prevents you from taking advantage of the offer of the Government at this time. Should you be able and later desire to make the journey next year, it is requested that you notify this office, and arrangements will be made for you.

Doctors and nurses will be available to render any medical attention that may be needed by the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage and you are assured that, should you make the trip, everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare. During the past three years many women who were in poor health made the journey and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Anderson, Benj. E. (M-A) M

June 27, 1931

Mrs. Tena Anderson,
RFD #1, Box 4,
Marysville, Wash.

Dear Madam:

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 295 1-M

Anderson, Benj. N. Pvt. (M-A)

June 9, 1931.

Mrs. Tena Anderson,
R. F. D. #1, Box 5,
Marysville, Tenn.

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.

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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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Anderson, Benj. H. -1232 M

Mrs. Tena Anderson,
RFD #1 Box 4
Marysville, Wash.

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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7 1929.

Anderson, Benjamin N. 1232 M

Mrs. Tena Anderson,
R. F. D. #1, Box 4,
Marysville, Washington.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Anderson,

Benjamin N

2,785,406

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co D 361 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

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)

Lars Anderson

Marysville, Washington.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Brown by F.L.
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checked by
24-29-21

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Anderson, Benj. H.
1232

September 3, 1929.

Mr. Lars Anderson,
HFD #1, Box 4,
Marysville, Wash.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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
Anderson, Benj. B.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Lars Anderson,
RFD #1, Bx. 4
Marysville, Wash.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Benj. B. Anderson, Co. D, 361st Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

July 17, 1923.

Mr. Lars Anderson,
R.F.D. #1, Box #4,
Marysville, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that
Private Benjamin H. Anderson, Company D, 361st
the permanent grave of
Infantry, is Grave 9, Row 20, Block D, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery,
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were
exactd and more than willingly accorded by those performing this
sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually main-
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting
place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

RD

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H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

O.Q.M.G.
Central Mail & Files Bldg



JUL 17 1923

H. B.

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Make Form No. 114

Place ROMAGNE SOUS MONTFAUCON

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec 14 19211. REMAINS OF ANDERSON, Benjamin N. SERIAL NUMBER 2785406RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. D. 361 Inf.2. Disinterred (date): Dec. 14 1921 From (give complete location):Gr. 35, Sec. 56, Plot 1, Cem 1232By: Group 1 Unit Section 1

3. Reburied (date): Im (give complete location):

Dec 15th 1921 Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 9 block D row 20By: Group re-burial S Unit Unit Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

Decomposed unrecognizableUniform Burlap and pine box.5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes

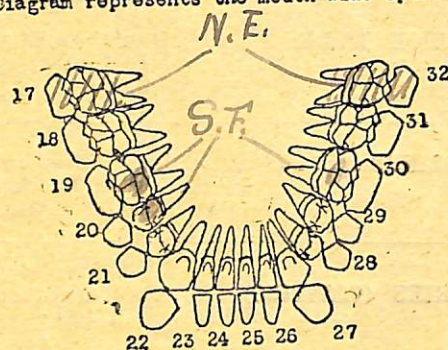
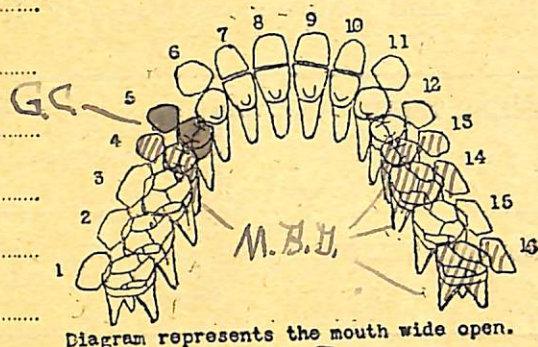
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

G.R.S. plaque on body checks OK.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine(b) Weight (estimated) do(c) Hair—Color doQuantity doCharacteristics do(d) Hair on face—Color doLocation doQuantity do(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible

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

None visible7. Disinterment supervised by H. H. Foster Approved: F. B. DanielH. H. Foster(Title) Capt. G.M.C.8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault Approved: James W. YoungerA. U. Dufault(Title) James W. Younger, Capt G.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), 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:



CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



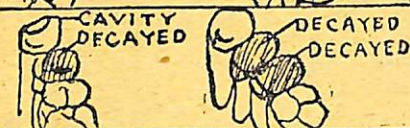
BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:



FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



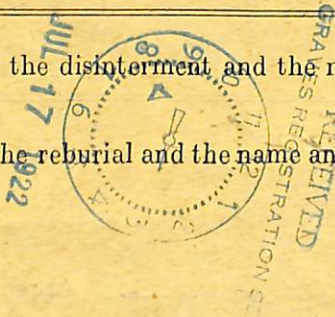
CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



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.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec 14 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name ANDERSON, Benjamin H.

10. Name _____

2. No. 2785406

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. D. 361st Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. Oct. 9/18

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. KIA(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 33 Sec. 66

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 1 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. None18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse.21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 - 3623. Disinterred (Date) Dec 14 1921By H H Foster.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Benjamin H. AndersonSerial No. 2785406Rank Pvt.Organization Co D 361 Inf25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

John H. Crawford
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

John H Crawford

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).

G.R.S. plaque on body checks OK27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable28. Nature of burial Uniform burlap and box

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 Dec 14 1921 By H H Foster.31. Casket sealed by H H Foster.

AUDITED BY, Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H H Foster
H H Foster.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-18918

32. Designation of body:

Name Benjamin N. ANDERSON. Serial No. 2785406
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D. 361st Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec 14 1921 By H H. Foster.

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 F B Daniel

36. Remarks F B Daniel Capt. 361st

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec 14 1921 cc

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne (Name) J. Gerald Cole
Convoyer W J Royed Signature Shipping Officer J. GERALD COLE
Captain, C. A. C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____
By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____
To Permanent Cemetery _____ (Name) _____
Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____
G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred _____

42. Grave No. Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 (Date) Dec 15th 1921 Section _____

43. Block 9 Row 20
XXX D

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger

James W. Younger, Capt Q.C.

jt.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #49246

See Form 115
att 3/30/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ANDERSON, Benjamin N. Ser. No. 2785406
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.D, 361st Inf. TYP. als
 (c) Date of death 10-9-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 33 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. 36 TYP. als
 (b) Emerg. Address Lars Anderson, (Father) RFD #1, Box 4, Marysville, Wash.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ CKR. no

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on 5/11/24, 192

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., _____, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source. Relationship and name. Desires. Action taken.

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

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Anderson 2785 103 Benjamin N.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt.
(Rank).

1st Inf. Co. Ill.
(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Same as burial

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in action

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct 11 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: May Argonne 1-20,000

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

Coordinates 3.5-1.4

GRAVE NUMBER: Three

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:

ONE. EXERMONT (ARDEENNES)
10209 NEAREST RELATIVE: 35 NE COOED E 3036
N 2814

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

John A. Nikolajczak, 1st Lt.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

49246

4-29-21
(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 36

FORM 115 Sheet No. 3

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(Initials)

OSP-SS
Form No. 1011.

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