

FEB 10 1926

DATE

1. NAME BATES, Gordon

SERIAL No. 269516

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. B. 1st Brig. M.G. Bn

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Cemetery, Bonvillers, Oise

#170

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

38  
GRAVE

-  
ROW

A  
PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Gr. 115, American Cemetery, Bonvillers (Oise)  
(Form 1-a, dated Mar. 3rd. 1919)

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES 21 SE. E. 111.35, North 33 32.7

CONCENTRATED TO Dec. 29, 1920.

38

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American Cemetery, Bonvillers (Oise)

170

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Form 16-A, dated Dec. 12th. 1920, signed by Arthur B. Proctor 1st. Lt., MC, shows the above information in addition to no tag buried with body. Apparently not a hospital case. Paper in bottle found with remains reads "269516, Gordon W. Bates, Pvt. Co. B, M.G. 1st. Brig. 1st. Div. May 29th. 1918. Chaplin Dickson in charge and officiating. Also shows disinterred from Gr. 115, Pl. B.

DATE OF DEATH May 29, '18

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

STATE FROM WHICH HOME CAME

PLOT

CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED Cited in

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

LOUIS R. DICE, Major CAC.

bjm

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION October 21, 1922

DATE

GRAVE

22

Block C

ROW

PLOT

Somme American Cemetery #636, Bony Aisne.

CEMETERY

A. G. O.  
FEB 10 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY

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713  
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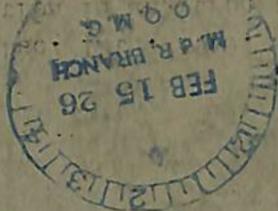
## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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 I6, 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.



**REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL**

Place Bonvillers (Oise)  
 Date 12/29/20

1. REMAINS OF BATES, Gordon SERIAL NUMBER 269516

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B, 1st Brig. M. G. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date) : 12/29/20 From (give complete location) :  
Gr. 115, Plot B, Amer. Cem. #170, Bonvillers (Oise)

By : Group 1 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date) : 12/29/20 In (give complete location) :  
Gr. 33, Plot A, Amer. Cem. #170, Bonvillers (Oise)

By : Group 1 Unit 1 Nature of Reburial In brackets in pine box.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
In French coffin, in hospital shroud. Badly decomposed, unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
Apparently not hospital case. Paper in bottle found with remains reads: "269516, Gordon W. Bates, Pvt. Co. B, M. G. 1st Brig. 1st Div. May 29, 1918. Chaplain Dickson in charge and officiating."

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None on skull

Quantity None

Characteristics None

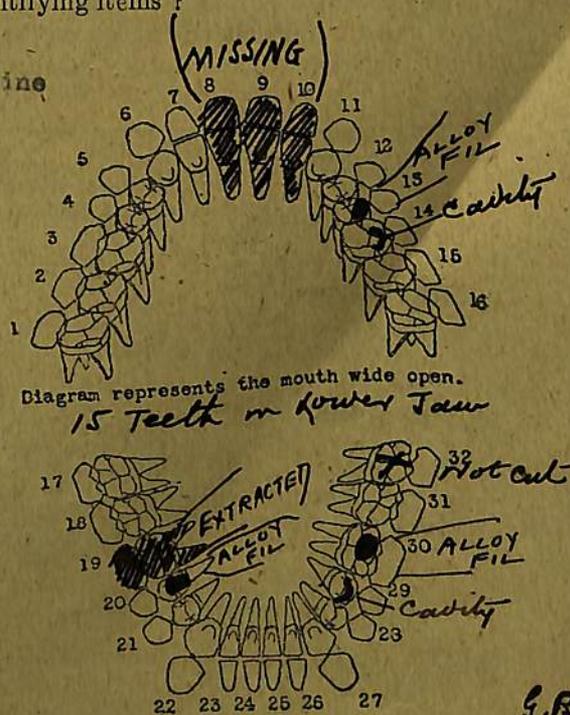
(d) Hair on face—Color None on face

Location None

Quantity None

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Left lower leg fractured.



G.R.

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7. Disinterment supervised by WEM Approved: A. B. P.  
 (Val E. Miltenberger, Major, M. G.) (Title) 1st Lt. QMC.  
 Inspector

8. Reburial supervised by WEM Approved: A. B. P.  
 (Val E. Miltenberger, Major, M. G.) (Title) 1st Lt. QMC.  
 Inspector

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

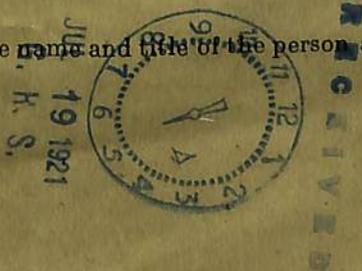
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1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date 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".  
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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.

<p><b>MISSING TEETH</b>.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :</p>	 <p align="center">TOOTH MISSING      TOOTH MISSING</p>
<p><b>CROWNED TEETH</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	 <p align="center">GOLD CROWN      PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
<p><b>BRIDGE WORK</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	 <p align="center">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE      GOLD BRIDGE</p>
<p><b>FILLINGS</b>.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	 <p align="center">SILVER FILLING      GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING      GOLD FILLING</p>
<p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	 <p align="center">CAVITY DECAYED      DECAYED DECAYED</p>
<p><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."</p>	

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.



CARDED  
Francis  
CARRIED

Bates, Gordon.

Pvt Co B 1st Brigade Machine Gun  
Battn.

Died May 29, 1918, of wounds  
received in action.

EA--Mrs. Blanche Haner(mother)  
Shelby, Mich.

A.G.O., June 27, 1918.

REC'D

JUN 27 1918

O. Q. M. G.

Write nothing below this line.

Write nothing above this line.

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BATES-264516-Jordan W.

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

Pr Co B, mach Gun  
1 Bri 1 Div (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL

May 29-18

PLACE OF BURIAL

Bunkers, Oise

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

US Cemetery with  
mil horizon

GRAVE NUMBER

115

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? yes Bottle? yes

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:

Chaplain DeKoon

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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REC  
STATIST

6 - JUN 1913

Co. B.M.G. Bn 2nd  
1st Div

BATES, Jordan - Pvt 269516

Pvt. Gordon Bates was seriously wounded by high explosive on May 28th 1918 while participating in the operations against Cantigny. He was struck by pieces of shell in the left side of the chest and also in the right knee. He was evacuated to hospital as soon as possible but official notice was later received that he had died in hospital of his wounds.

Informant: CAWFIELD -William K. -Sgt105444  
Co. B. 2nd M.G. Bn

Signed: Jas. G. Lus<sup>k</sup> - 1st Lt.  
~~Infantry~~

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CROSS INDEX

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Bates, Gordon	3	21 <sup>12</sup> / <sub>0</sub>
	#		
BURIED	CEMETERY 636	1	5
	GRAVE 6	2	06
	ROW 22	2	22
	BLOCK C.	1	3
STATE	Mich	2	26
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	1	2	01
ORGANIZATION	1	3	001
ARM	M. G. Bn	1	2
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME	Godfrey, Clyde	3	
RESIDENCE	STATE Mich	2	26
	COUNTY	2	31
	CITY Jonesville, Mich	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	6
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	no loco no SA	1	6
NATIVITY	Dead (6-10-27)	1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

**AUDITED**  
SEP 19 1932  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bates, Gordon 636-Adm

July 3, 1930.

Mr. Clyde Godfrey,  
Jonesville, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

no

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

no

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

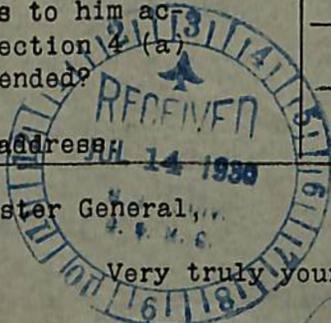
no

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bates, Gordon

Sept. 16, 1929.

Mr. Clyde Godfrey,  
Jonesville, Mich.

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 administrator of the estate of the late Pvt. Gordon Bates, Co. B, 1st Brigade, M.G.Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

*No, he never married*

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. 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.

*mother is dead*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bates, Gordon  
636

August 27, 1929.

Mrs. Blanche Bates Hanes,  
319 State St.,  
Shelby, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 15, 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:

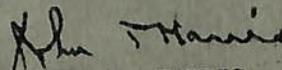
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3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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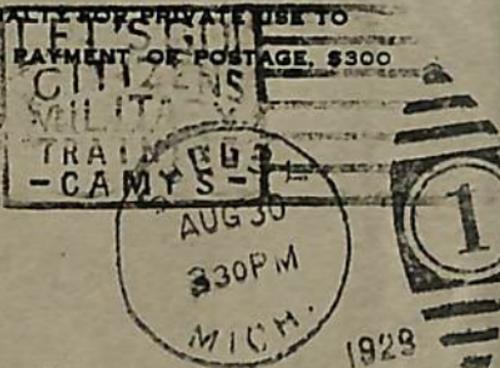
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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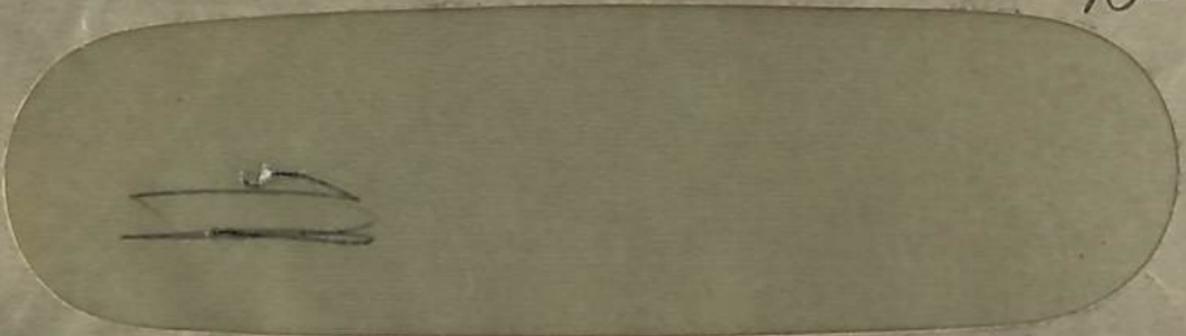


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*Return*

*Deceased*



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 7, 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 BATES, Gordon 13

2. No. 269516

3. Rank Pvt.

4. Org. Co. B. 1st. Brig. M.G. Bn. ✓

5. D.D. May 29th. 1918

6. C.D. D.W.R.I.A. 133

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_

11. No. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

(b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 38 Sec. -

8. Plot A Row -

9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

17. no discrepancy

18. Cemetery 170 Amer.

20. Dept. or County Oise

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 170

19. Commune or town BONVILLERS

21. Country France.

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 7, 1921

By H. T. Geiler

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Gordon Bates

Rank Pvt.

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

Organization Co. B. 1st/Brig M.G. Bn.

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

Henry Hoffmann  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
 Henry Hoffmann

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).

This body previously reburied by Field Section. Strip found attached to blanket.  
Bottle record and strips found agree with form 114-A.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecog.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box. Blanket.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 7, 1921 By H. T. Geiler

31. Casket sealed by H. T. Geiler

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H. T. Geiler

AUDITED BY  
701 211-25

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C- 1461

32. Designation of body:

Name BATES, Gordon Serial No. - -

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B. 1st Brig. M.G. Bn.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery American Cty. #636 - BONY, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 7, 1921 By H.T. Geiler

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector *R.S. Williams* R.S. Williams, 1st Lt. QMC GS

36. Remarks Tag on cross read: "Gordon Bates Pvt. 269516, B. Co. M.G. Bn. 1 Div. U.S.A."

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov. 7, 1921

To point of Concentration Amiens, Somme

Convoyer *E. Schuler* Signature Shipping Officer *R.S. Williams* R.S. Williams, 1st Lt. QMC (Name) Nov. 7, 1921

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative *H.W. Beyette* Hubert W. Beyette, Capt. QMC

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 21 NOV 1921

To Permanent Cemetery No. 636, Bony, Aisne

Convoyer *Chas. Hornback* Signature Shipping Officer *H.W. Beyette* H.W. Beyette, Capt. QMC (Name) 25 NOV 1921

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative *J.P. Duce*

41. Reinterred Oct. 21, 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 7 Section

43. Plot Block C Row 32

G.R.S. Representative *D.E. Lowry* D.E. LOWRY, 1st Lt. QMC..

Place Bonvillers (Oise)

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 7, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BATES, Gordon SERIAL NUMBER 289516

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B, 1st Brig. H.C. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): \_\_\_\_\_ From (give complete location): \_\_\_\_\_

Nov. 7, 1921, Gr. 38, Plot A, American Cemetery #170, Bonvillers (Oise)  
By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 21, 1922 In (give complete location): Grave no. 7, Row 22, Block C, Somme Am. Cty. 636, Bony (Aisne)

By: Group Reburial Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Reg. sheet and shipping case

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

Wooden box, blanket. Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

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

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

This body previously reburied by Field Sect on. Strip found attached to blanket.

Bottle record and strips found agree with form 114-A.

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

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(c) Hair—Color Impossible to determine  
Quantity Very little  
Characteristics Impossible to determine

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

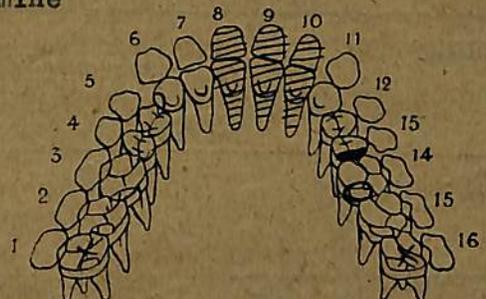
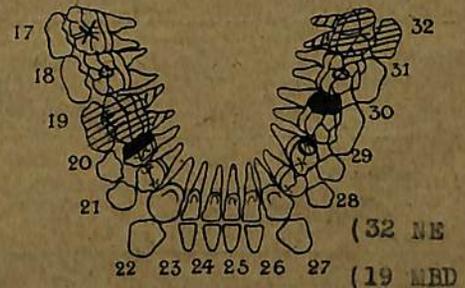


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) (1, 16 & 17 partially erupted; 6, 14, 18, 29, 31 cavities; 13, 20, 30 SF; 8, 9, 10 MAD. Left tibia fractured, middle third; upper third missing. Right scapula missing. Right clavicle fractured, upper third.

7. Disinterment supervised by H. T. Geller H.T. Geller, Sup. Emb. Approved Henry Hoffman Henry Hoffman, Checker. Approved R. S. Williams R.S. Williams, 1st Lt., 2nd (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by Ben. A. Bradford Ben. A. BRADFORD Sup. Emb. Approved: D. E. Lowry D. E. LOWRY, 1st Lt. (Title)

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**CROWNED TEETH**

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**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"

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



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APR 15 1921

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

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ 1920

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- ( cable on \_\_\_\_\_ 1920  
( letter on 8/26 1920

*Para #2 Not to be returned. (EDM)*

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE	ACTION TAKEN
Desires body be	
Body to be shipped to	
<b>FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. 5-5-21 EP</b>	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form 120-9-4-20, Mother - Mrs Blanch Bates Hauer, 319 State St, Shelby, Mich request Body Remain in Europe. 9-11-20 H. (meant of her)*

*4/11/21 Hoboken advises Mother her request for body to remain in Europe will be complied with. 4/28/21 EP*

AUG 27 1920

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

*Rush Answer*

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.  
To: **Mrs. Blanche Bates, Shelby, Mich.**  
SUBJECT: Remains of **Pvt. Gordon Bates, Ser. No. 269516, Co. B, 1st Brig, M/G Bn.**

The records of this office show that you have ~~requested that the body~~  
**made no request as to the disposition of the remains.**

*not to be returned.*

*note 7-11-20  
7-11-20*

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

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; or (3) remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, 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.	CEMETERY DIVISION OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children (Name oldest first.)			
Father	<i>Dead</i>		
Mother	<i>Blanche Bates Namer</i>	<i>319 State</i>	<i>Shelby Mich</i>
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>Rogley Bates</i>		<i>Mich</i>
	2 <i>Stanley Bates</i>	<i>R.R. #2</i>	<i>Mich</i>
	3 <i>Archie Bates</i>	<i>319 State</i>	<i>Mich</i>
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>Birdie Bates Garrett</i>	<i>R.R. #2</i>	<i>Mich</i>
	2 <i>Eva Bates</i>	<i>319 State</i>	<i>Mich</i>
	3		



Date *Sept 4 - 20*

Signature *Blanche Bates Namer*

Address *319 State St Shelby Mich*

Relationship *Mother*

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

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(OVER.)

RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Mother 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.)

Ceremonial Division  
Overseas Branch Sub-Section

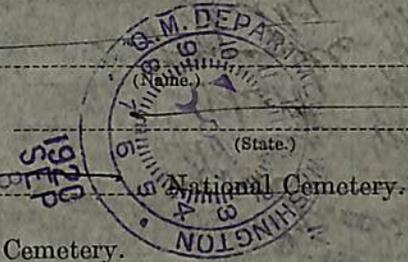
1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_

(R. R. station.)

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

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

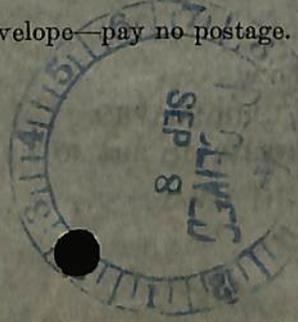


Signature Mrs. Blanche Vots Hauer

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction 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 ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest 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 postage.

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GRAVE LOCATION BOOK. ✓ 13200

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BATES-269516-Gordon W.

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

Pvt Co. B. Mach Gun

(Rank.) 1 Br. 1 Div. (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL May 29-14

PLACE OF BURIAL Amer Bunkers, Oise

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

US Cemetery with  
mil honors

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GRAVE NUMBER 115

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard? yes Bottle? yes

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:

Chaplain Dickson

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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**FILE**  
 CEMETERY DIVISION  
 REGISTRATION SECTION

September 16, 1921 1921

## MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

## CASE OF:

Co. B 1st. Brig. M.G. Bn.

ORGANIZATION (Old)

BATES 269516 Gordon Pvt.

(Name)

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

## ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.	12/29/20	170	D- 30184
3rd Reb.			D-

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

BY: Miss Lannon

Card.

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
 on Organization  
 File Card:

By \_\_\_\_\_

S/1105/LML

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bates, Gordon

May 15, 1929.

Mrs. Blanche Bates Hanes,  
319 State St.,  
Shelby, Mich.

*C 20092*  
*(M) died 6-10-27*  
*Mr. Clyde Godfrey*  
*(Admin of estate of Soldier)*  
*Jonesville*  
*Mich.*

*C 20092*  
*9-6*

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 Gordon Bates, Company B, 1st Brigade, Machine Gun Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aiane, 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,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Bates, Gordon 636-Adm

July 3, 1930.

Mr. Clyde Godfrey,  
Jonesville, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the Cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bates, Gordon

Sept. 16, 1929.

Mr. Clyde Godfrey,  
Jonesville, Mich.

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 administrator of the estate of the late Pvt. Gordon Bates, Co. B, 1st Brigade, M.G.Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. 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.

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

Bates, Gordon  
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August 27, 1929.

Mrs. Blanche Bates Hanes,  
319 State St.,  
Shelby, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 15, 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,

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

Bates, Gordon

May 15, 1929.

Mrs. Blanche Bates Hanes,  
319 State St.,  
Shelby, Mich.

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 Gordon Bates, Company B, 1st Brigade, Machine Gun Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Boxy, Aisne, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since 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.

QM 293 A-C

March 19th, 1927.

BATES, Gordon, Private,  
Co. B, 1st Brig. M. G. Btn.

Mrs. Blanche Bates Hanes,  
319 State St.,  
Shelby, Michigan.

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 overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity 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 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,

K. J. Hampton,  
Lt. Col. Q.M.C.  
Assistant.

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Record card.



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April 11th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div., Corr. Br.  
(BATES, Gordon )

Mrs. Blanche Bates Haner,  
319 State Street,  
Shelby, Mich.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated September 4th, 1920, relative to the remains of your son, the late Private Gordon Bates, Serial Number 269516, Company B, 1st Brig. M. G. Bn., is acknowledged.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.  
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IT-COR. BR. G. R. S.

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Noted on Form No. 115

Date

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G. H. S.

RE:

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

RE: [Illegible text]

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