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MAR 10 1928

DATE 3/18/22.

1. NAME BATES, Thomas A SERIAL No. 3171157

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co K 128th Inf

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Cty. Ancement - Meuse 32nd DIVISION 548

CTY. NAME NUMBER

46 1 D

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Not known.

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Not of record.

CONCENTRATED TO Not known.

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 Oct. 29, '18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME N. Va.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none of record.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Wm M. CLINE  
fg.2. Captain Q.M.G.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 3/18/22. 8 3 B.

DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

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

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY  
M.M.C.  
2-19-23

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Grave Location Blank  
Location of Grave of  
BATES 3 171157 THOMAS  
Pvt Co K 128<sup>th</sup> Inf

Place of Death  
Gas Evac. Hosp 3 La  
Morlette, Ancement, Meuse

Cause of Death  
Mustard Gas, Bronchus  
pneumonia, acute rephritis

Date of Burial Oct 23-18

Place of Burial - Grave # 56  
American Cemetery south of  
La Morlette Ambulance, Ancement  
Meuse

Grave # 56

How marked - Cross

Identification Tags  
1 Buried with Body - yes  
1 Fastened to name tag - yes

Nearest Relative

Address  
Relationship  
Reported by

Russell W Coelder  
1st Lt MC Comdg

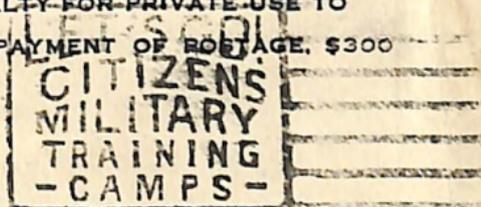
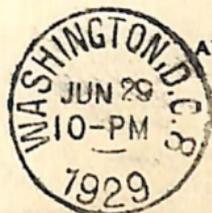
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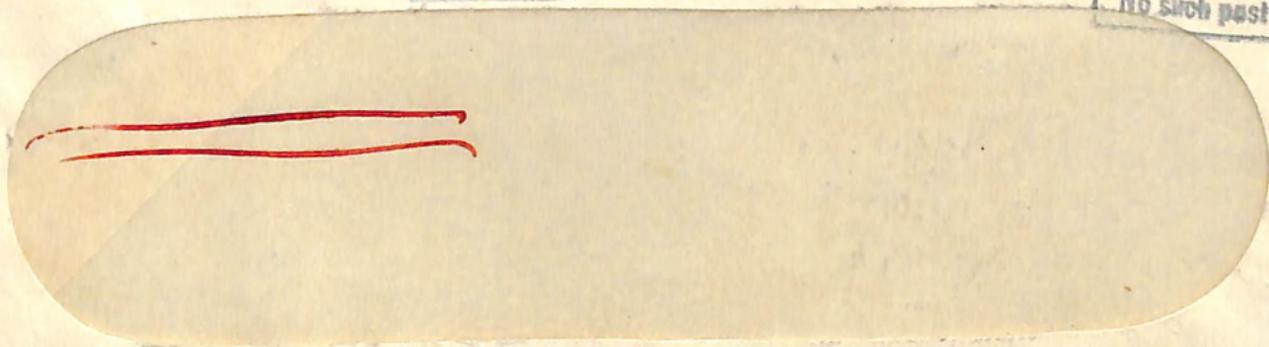
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Thomas A BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE <i>8</i>	2	<i>08</i>
	ROW <i>3</i>	2	<i>03</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>W Va</i>	2	<i>57</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>32</i>	2	<i>32</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>128</i>	3	<i>128</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bates</i>	<i>B A T</i>	3	<i>2 1 12</i>
Mrs. Mary Ann RESIDENCE <i>Rt #1 - Box 86</i>	STATE <i>Ohio</i>	2	<i>41</i>
	COUNTY <i>Jackson</i>	2	<i>40</i>
	CITY <i>Wallston</i>	3	<i>138</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE <i>29/514/PJ.</i>	<i>no ag</i>	1	

**AUDITED**

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 6, 1932.

Bates, Thos. A. (MA)

Mrs. Mary Ann Bates,  
R. #1, Box 86,  
Wellston, Ohio

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, 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 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	<i>No</i> ✓
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>70</i> Health: <i>Poor</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>none</i>

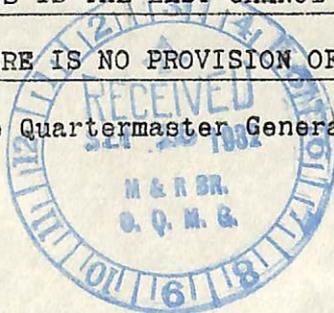
*Mary Ann Bates*

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



*Chas. W. Dietz*  
CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bates Thomas A (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Mary Ann  
R #1 Box 86  
Wellston Ohio

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Bates, Thomas A. (M-A) M

Nov. 17, 1931

Mrs. Mary Ann Bates,  
R. #1, Box 86,  
Wellston, Ohio.

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Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bates, Thomas A. M-A M

November 2, 1931

Mrs. Mary Ann Bates,  
R #1, Box 86,  
Wellston, Ohio

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. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that 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. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?

No

2. Please state your age and condition of health:

Age:

69

Health:

poor health

3. Do you speak English?

yes

4. What other language do you speak?

None

Mary Ann Bates X  
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*

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

Encl:  
Env.



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bates, Thomas A. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Ann Bates,  
Rt. #1, Box 86,  
Wellston, Ohio

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

Undecided  
Write answer here

Mary Ann Bates  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bates, Thomas A. 1232 M

June 6, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Ann Bates,  
R. #1, Box 86,  
Wellston, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

No. ✓  
(Write answer here)

*Mary Ann Bates*  
(Sign here)

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

October 7 , 1929.

Bates, Thomas A. 1232 M

Mrs. Mary Ann Bates,  
R #1, Box 86,  
Wellston, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

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

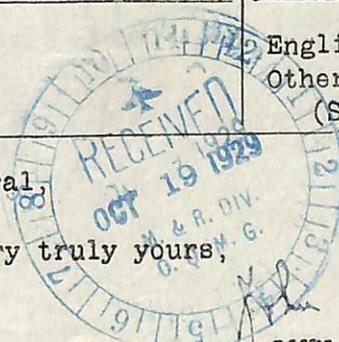
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No) <i>no</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <i>no</i>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) <i>69</i>	Health <i>not very good</i> (Good) <i>good</i> (Poor) <i>poor</i>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) Other language (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  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bates, Thomas A.  
1232

Sept. 12, 1929

Mrs. Mary Ann Bates,  
Wellston, R. F. D., #1,  
Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 30, 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:

*Not married*

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.

*Mother  
Maryann Bates  
R #1 Wellston  
Box 86 Ohio*

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

*No.*

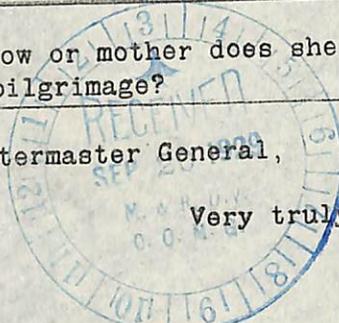
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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

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

Bates, Thomas A.

August 30, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Ann Bates,  
Wellston, R. F. D., #1,  
Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private Thomas A. Bates, Co. K, 128th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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. Will you 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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Mrs. Mary Ann Bates

Wellston

R. F. D #1 Ohio

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bates, Thomas A.

June 28 , 1929.

Mrs. Mary A. Bates,  
Sophia, W. Va.

XO 150943  
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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".

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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.

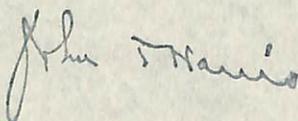
In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Sept. 6, 1932.

Bates, Thos. A. (MA)

Mrs. Mary Ann Bates,  
R. #1, Box 86,  
Wellston, Ohio

Dear Madam:

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In order that your desires may be of record, 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.

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2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

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NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bates Thomas A (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Mary Ann  
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Wollston Ohio

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Bates, Thomas A. (M-A) M

Nov. 17, 1931

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Wellston, Ohio.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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November 2, 1931

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Bates, Thomas A. M-1 M

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in 1932?

2. Please state your age and condition  
of health:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Age:  
Health:

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
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WASHINGTON

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bates, Thomas A. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

0435

Mrs. Mary Ann Bates,  
Rt. #11, Box 36,  
Wellston, Ohio

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bates, Thomas A. 1232 M

June 6, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Ann Bates,  
R. #1, Box 86,  
Wellston, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
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.

Bates, Thomas A. 1232 M

Mrs. Mary Ann Bates,  
R #1, Box 86,  
Wellston, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (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

Bates, Thomas A.  
1232

Sept. 12, 1929

Mrs. Mary Ann Bates,  
Wellston, R. F. D., #1,  
Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~Aug. 30, 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

Bates, Thomas A.

August 30, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Ann Bates,  
Wellston, R. F. D., #1,  
Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Thomas A. Bates, Co. K, 128th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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. Will you 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  
Bates, Thomas A.

June 28, 1929.

Mrs. Mary A. Bates,  
Sophia, W. Va.

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 Thomas A. Bates, Co. K, 128th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Bates

(Surname)

Thomas A

(Christian name in full.)

3 Verified by casualty.  
2,171,157

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co I, 128th 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?

*No*

(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)

*Lawrence Bates*

*Sophia M. Va*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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drawn by [unclear]

checked  
1-21-21  
E.M.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
In reply refer to: OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
293 C-R 95208 WASHINGTON

April 13, 1923.

Mr. Lawrence Bates,  
Sophia, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Pvt. Thomas A Bates, Co. K, 128th Infantry is No. 8, Row 3, Block B, 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 exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.



APR 13 1923  
C. E. B.

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# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BATES, Thomas A. SERIAL NUMBER 3171157  
RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. K., 128th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 5, 1921. From (give complete location):  
Grave 46, Plot 1, Cemetery 548.

By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date): \_\_\_\_\_ In (give complete location):  
March 18, 1922. Meuse Argonne Cty #1232, Gr. 8m Bl..B, Row 3.

By: Group Reburial S Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Reburial Lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Blanket; under cross.  
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 :  
No effects found.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine 1, 16, 2, 7, 14, 18, 19, 5, 9 MAD. 20, 29, 30, 31 MBD.  
Cavity 17, 32.

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to determine

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity Impossible to determine

Characteristics Impossible to determine

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location Impossible to determine

Quantity Impossible to determine

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)  
None visible.

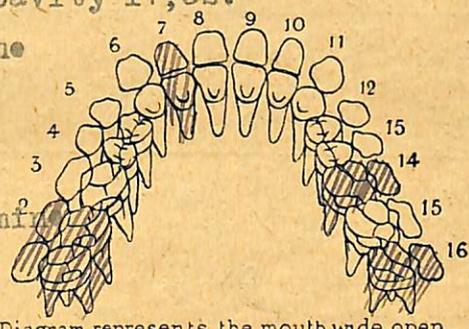
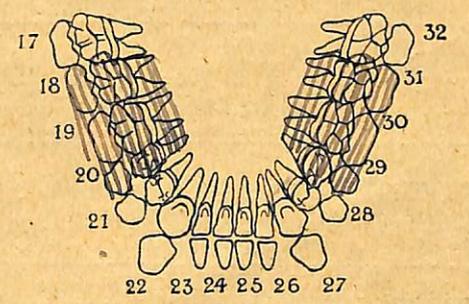


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by [Signature] Approved: [Signature]  
C. J. LOGAN. B. L. MALONEY, Capt., QMC.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature] Approved: [Signature]  
W. B. SHIELD A. E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. QMC.  
(Title)

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 5th 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 Thomas A  
 2. No. 3171157  
 3. Rank Pvt  
 4. Org. Co. K. 128th Inf  
 5. D.D. 10/20/18  
 6. C.D. D.C.W.

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 46 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot 1 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery Amer. Cty.  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 548

19. Commune or town Ancemont  
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 5th 1921

By W.J. Logan

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Bates Thomas A.  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization Co. K. 128th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

*Walter H. Woodward*  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).  
No effects found.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Blanket under cross.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 5th 1921 By W.J. Logan

31. Casket sealed by W.J. Logan

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *W.J. Logan*

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-12870

32. Designation of body:

Name BATES, Thomas A Serial No. 3171157

Rank Pvt Organization Co K 128th Inf

33. Consigned to: Officer in Charge Operations,

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 5th 1921 By W.J. Logan

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 B.L. Maloney Capt. OMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov. 5th 1921

To point of Concentration Verdun, Meuse.

Convoyer James Flynn Signature Shipping Officer B.L. Maloney Capt. OMC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date November 5th 1921

By G.R.S. Representative I.A. Luke Capt. P.A.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov 22, 1921.

To Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne 1232.

Convoyer George Gansman. Signature Shipping Officer R. Richards, 1st Lt. OMC.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cty #1232, March 12, 1922. (Date)

42. Grave No. 9 Section

43. Plot B Row 3

MT BYLINE

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

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**COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA**

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 95208

ok 7/10/21 ✓

(a) Name BATES, Thomas A. Ser. No. 3171157  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 128th Inf.  
(c) Date of death 10-20-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. egp  
CKR. B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 46 Row - Plot D Sec. - TYP. egp  
(b) Emerg. Address Lawrence Bates (father) Sophia, W. Va.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases - CKR. B. J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -

(a) Name Lawrence Bates (b) Relationship Father  
(c) Address Sophia, W. Va.  
(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 MH Date 1-21-21, 1920.

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

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials MH Date 1-21-21, 1920.

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes - B. J.

Examiner's Initials B. J. Date 1/21, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 548 SHEET No. 5

Reviewed  
New 4/2/21.

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

RECEIVED.

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

MAR 15 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION



Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on \_\_\_\_\_  
letter on 1/27/21, 1920

GENERAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT 1920:EG.

FEB 17 1921

*Car. #2 Not to be returned (E&S) 2-2-21*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

N.K.

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 2/24/21 F.I.D -/Father Mr. Lawrence Bates. Sophia, W.Va.

requests body remain in France.

H-3/3/21 aep

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

*3-15-21 MW*

Discrepancies

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks:

..... *Hughes*

A. G. O. Card & Corr. .... *1-21-21*

Discrepancies

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. .... *?*

Org. .... *✓*

Remarks:

.....

G. R. S. Corr. ....

Discrepancies

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks:

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Checkers .....

Discrepancies

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks:

*Warrant*

*1-22-21*

*Checked*

*1-21-21*

*E.M.*



**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY** 546-5 el *MS*  
**CEMETERIAL DIVISION**  
**WASHINGTON**  
**HOBOKEN, N.J.**

FEB 19 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.  
To: Mr. Lawrence Bates, Sophia, W. Va.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Thomas A. Bates, Ser. No. 3171157 Co. K, 128th Inf.

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

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

Was soldier married? .....

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow .....			
Soldier's children. { (Name oldest first.)	1 .....		
	2 .....		
	3 .....		
Father .....			
Mother .....			
Brothers. { (Name oldest first.)	1 .....		
	2 .....		
	3 .....		
Sisters. { (Name oldest first.)	1 .....		
	2 .....		
	3 .....		

Date .....

Signature .....

Address .....

Relationship .....

548 - 5.

March 9, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.  
(BATES, Thomas A.)

Mr. Lawrence Bates,  
Sophia, W. Va.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated February 24th, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Private Thomas A. Bates, serial number 3171157, Company K, 128th Infantry, is acknowledged.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANTON,  
Captain, Q.M.C.,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALMAS,  
Executive Assistant.

Mailed-C.P.D.

MAR 14 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY 548-5 e1  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

~~WASHINGTON~~  
HOBOKEN, NJ.

FEB 19 1921

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

To: Mr. Lawrence Bates, Sophia, W. Va.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Thomas A. Bates, Ser. No. 3171157 Co. K, 128th Inf.

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

*No change*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

Was soldier married? *no*

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow <i>none</i>		<i>interred #115</i>	
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)		<i>3/3/21</i>	<i>Del</i>
1			
2 <i>none</i>			
3			
Father <i>Gawrence Bates living</i>		<i>Sophia W. Va</i>	
Mother <i>Mary A. Bates</i>		<i>Sophia W. Va</i>	
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)		<i>Sophia W. Va</i>	
1 <i>W. E. Bates</i>			
2			
3			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)		<i>Martha W. Va</i>	
1 <i>Alta Loney</i>			
2 <i>Bessie Baulden</i>		<i>Blackburn W. Va</i>	
3 <i>Elizabeth Bates</i>		<i>Sophia W. Va</i>	

Date *February 24, 1921*

Signature *Gawrence Bates*

Address *Sophia W. Va*

Relationship *Father*

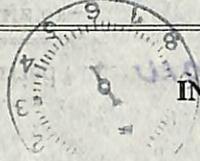
February 24, 1921

I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living next of kin 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~~ \_\_\_\_\_ (Name.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (R. R. station.) \_\_\_\_\_ (State.)
- 3. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and buried in~~ \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.
- 4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

FEB 28 1921

Signature Guillemo Bates



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

- 1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
- 2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
- 3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
- 4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
- 5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
- 6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
- 7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
- 8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
- 9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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

Grave location Bla

Location of Grave of  
BATES 3 171157 THOMAS  
Pvt Co K 128<sup>th</sup> Inf

80759

Place of Death ~~La Morlette~~  
Gas Evac. Hosp 3 La  
Morlette, Ancemont, Meuse

Cause of Death  
Mustard Gas, Broncho-  
pneumonia, acute nephritis

Date of Burial Oct 23-18

Place of Burial - Grave # 56

American Cemetery south of  
La Morlette Ambulance, Ancemont  
Meuse

Grave # 56

How marked - Cross

Identification Tags

1 Buried with Body - yes

1 Fastened to name tag - yes

Nearest Relative

548

Address

Relationship

Reported by

James W. Wilder

1st Lt Mc Comdg

29 OCT 1918

95208

Bates Thomas A. #3171157

Pvt.

DB 10/23/18

BURIED AMERICAN CEMETERY

AMB. ANCEMONT. MEUSE

GRAVE 56

548

607

FROM: O. Q. M. G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Mentions Building  
Room 1128

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

Adjustment Made  
FEB 14 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8 W-A-0  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 1-22-21

File No. Requisition.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Ceneterial Division)  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

*Special*

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

- a. Surname Bates, *OK*
- b. Christian name Thomas A. *OK*
- c. Serial Number 3,171,157 or (2,171,157) *OK*
- d. Organization Co. K, 128th Inf. or (Co. I, 128th Inf.) *OK*
- e. Rank Pvt. *OK*
- f. Date of death 10-20-18 *OK*
- g. Cause of death DWRIA *OK*
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
 upper right upper left  
 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
 lower right lower left

**FILED**  
CROSS REFERENCE

*Bates Thos E*

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

BY:

*H J Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut., Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 548

SHEET NO: 5  
TYPED BY: egp

3/713/LML

World War Day

Rec'd S & E Div. A.G.O.

JAN 25 1921  
Donnelly, Mrs. 1/25/21, E.P.D. Wing 8.

25

FROM  O. Q. M. G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1135

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

OCT 26 1920

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON  
INVESTIGATION AND ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT.

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date October 25, 1920.

File No. 95208 Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- ✓ a. Surname Bates ✓
- ✓ b. Christian name Thomas A. ✓
- ✓ c. Serial number 3171157 ✓
- ✓ d. Organization Co. K, 128th Inf. ✓
- ✓ e. Rank Pvt. ✓
- ✓ f. Date of death 10/20/18 ✓
- ✓ g. Cause of death DWRIA ✓
- ✓ h. Authority (C.C.#) 442 SP 28 ✓
- ✓ i. Emergency address Lawrence Bates Sophia, W. Va. ✓
- ✓ j. Relationship Father ✓

BODY DESCRIPTION  
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
lower right lower left

FILE  
RECEIVED

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

Donnelly - mlc  
Enl Pers Sect  
10-26-20 W8.

BY:

H J Conner

H. J. CONNER,  
1st Lieut. Captain, Q.M.C.

mkm Rec'd World War Div.  
Date 10 26 '20

95208  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A. E. F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
FRANCE  
43612

Burial information for the American Red Cross.  
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Soldier's name : BATES, Thomas, *Q*  
Rank : Private  
Organization : Co. K, 128th Infantry  
Date of Death : October 20, 1918.  
Place of Burial : Grave No. 46, Plot A,  
American Battle Area  
Cemetery, Commune of  
Ancemont, Department of  
the Meuse.

Reference number : 43612.

(All communications regarding this Grave location should  
quote the above reference number and be addressed to : -  
Chief, Graves Registration Service  
Headquarters Service of Supply  
Office of the Chief Quartermaster  
American E. F.  
France.)

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

Sgt. Richard A. Bates,  
45 Ave. Montaigne,  
Paris.

✓

Lt. Walters,

95208

The W/P on  
Bates, Thomas A. #3171157  
Port Co K. 128<sup>th</sup> Inf.  
Killed 10-20-18. C.C. #412 S.P. 28,  
is as follows:

Lawrence Bates, (Father)  
SOPHIA, W. VA.

✓  
L. H. 4/25/19

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

May 8th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Mr. Benjamin Bates, 42 South Portland Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.  
SUBJECT : Case of Pvt. Thomas E. Bates, Co.K. 128th Infantry.

1. On December 9th, this office forwarded to you the grave location of Thomas E. Bates, Co.K. 128th Infantry, as buried in the American Battle Area Cemetery, Aincumont, Meuse. The above named soldier is now reported to be present for duty. It is very similarity in names, you were incorrectly notified. It is very much regretted if this error has caused you any undue anxiety.

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

CMB/px



4/21/19.

Lieutenant NOETZEL,

1. Burial Inf. for case of Botes Bates Thomas E was entered against case of Bates Thomas E. same organization and which case is now reported as present for duty. Per C.C. 44 r S.P. 28, and also thus status has been confirmed by Stoffecker as such.

2. N.R. for case of Bates Thomas E. has been notified of Graves location will you write special letter to Benjamin Bates "Father".

42 So Portland Ave. Brooklyn , N.Y. advising him of error.

3. Have adjusted records and reports Error was due to the similarity in names andloth being of same organization.

\_\_\_\_\_4/21/



95208  
Lt. Noetzler:

4/2/19

① Burial inf for case of Bates Thomas A. was entered against case of Bates Thomas E. same organization and which case is now reported as "present property" Per C.C. 44 v S.P. 78. and also, <sup>then</sup> status has been confirmed by Hoffecker as such.

② N.R. for case of Bates Thomas E. has been notified of grave location. Will you write special letter to Benjamin Bates "Father" 4 v So. Portland Ave. Brooklyn, N.Y. advising him of error.

3. Have adjusted records and reports. Error was due to the similarity in names and both being of same organization.

Done  
4/2/19

✓

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

March 18th 1919.

80596

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service.

TO :

Lieut. Wildes, Gas Evacuation Hosp #3, La Morlette,

SUBJECT : Call Letter.

Amnont (House).

1. Information is requested as to the action taken on communication from this office.

Date

Feb. 21st 1919

File

Subject

Grave Location of Pvt. Thomas Bates Co. "K"  
128th Infantry.

2. As no answer has been received, it is requested that you please give this matter your early attention.

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

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SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY  
TELEGRAPH OFFICE, HQ. S.O.S. FRANCE.

TO Lt. C.M. NOETZEL

Feb. 22nd, 1919.

Q.M.C., U.S.A.

Your message number X dated FEB. 21ST.

TO Lt. R.M. Wildes, Gas Evac. Hosp. #3, Lamorlette, Ancemont, (Meuse) is undelivered.

Reason for Non-Delivery No telegram or 'phone connections, copy of message

Mailed from Souilly (Meuse) Office.

TIME 1020 AM

Service Department.  
Per VJB

Thomas Bates

Feb. 21st, 1919

Lt. Russell M. Wildes.  
Gas. Evacuation Hosp. #3.  
La Morlette, Ancemont. (Meuse)

On October 29th comma 1918, Grave location blank was received from you showing Pvt. Thomas Bates Co.K. 128th Infantry buried Oct. 23rd. in Grave number 56 American Cemetery south of La Morlette Ancemont (Meuse) period later report shows this man at present on duty with Co.K. 23rd. Inf, serving in Germany period Investigate Fully and advise.

CARSON ,

O. B.  
C.M. NOETZEL  
2nd. Lieut. Q.M.C.

Copy to: T & C  
G R S  
Sgt. Daly Original.



SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY.  
TELEGRAM.

26 OU WD 66 ON

Received at: Headquarters Services of Supply, American E.F. 4 Toul.

CARSON.

TOURS.

Reference your telegram Feb. Twenty one case of Private Thomas E period Bates comma Company K period one two eight Inf. period buried as per grave location number five six American Cemetery South of Lamorlette Ancoment Meuse period Thomas Bates comma Company K period twenty eight period now patient in evacuation Hospital number twenty Beau Desert on March three another another period.

LT. WILDER, 410P

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES,  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

March 18th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service.  
TO : Lieut. Wildes, Gas Evacuation Hosp. #3, La Morlette, Ancoment, Meuse.  
SUBJECT : Call letter.

1. Information is requested as to the location taken on communication from this office.

Date : Feb. 21st. 1919.

File :

SUBject: Grave location of Pvt. Thomas Bates Co.K. 128th Inf.

2. As no answer has been received, it is requested that you please give this matter your early attention.

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

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SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY  
TELEGRAPH OFFICE, HQSOS FRANCE

95208

To LT.C.M.NOETZEL.,

FEB.22ND, 1919

QMC USA

Your message Number X dated FEB.21ST

To LT.R.M.WILDES, GAS EVAC HOSP #3, LAMORLETTE ~~Now delivered OKX~~  
, ANCEMONT (MEUSE) ~~is~~ Undelivered.

Reason for Non-Delivery NO TELEGRAPH OR 'PHONE CONNECTIONS, COPY OF

MESSAGE MAILED FROM SOUILLY (MEUSE) OFFICE.

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Service Department  
PER VJB

TIME 1020AM

*Thomas Bates*

On Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 1918, I have location I think was  
received from you showing Pvt. Thos Bates Co K  
126 Inf buried Oct 23 in grave number 56 American  
Cemetery south of Le Mottle Ancemont (France), Later  
report shows this man at present on duty with Co K 25<sup>th</sup> Inf  
Inf. Investigate fully and advise

W. J. [unclear]

# SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY

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## TELEGRAM

T-8064

26 DU WD 66 ON

RECEIVED AT: HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY, A. E. F. TOUL 4

500P

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CARSON

TOURS.

REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM FEB TWENTY ONE CASE OF PRIVATE THOMAS E  
 PERIOD BATES COMMA COMPANY K PERIOD ONE TWO EIGHT INF PERIOD BURIED  
 AS PER GRAVE LOCATION NUMBER FIVE SIX AMERICAN CEMETERY SOUTH OF  
 LAMORLETTE ANCOMONT MEUSE PERIOD THOMAS BATES COMMA COMPANY K PERIOD  
 TWENTY EIGHT INF PERIOD NOW PATIENT IN EVACUATION HOSPITAL NUMBER  
 TWENTY BEAU DESERT ON MARCH THREE ANOTHER ANOTHER PERIOD

LT WILDER

410P

RECEIVED  
 5 - AVR 1919  
 O. C. C. M.  
 G. R. S.

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JRS

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RECEIVED  
 4 APR 4 1919 P.M.  
 ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION  
 T. & C.

957-08

Feb 21, 1919.

Lt Russell M Wildes  
Gas Evacuation Hosp # 3  
La Morlette, Ancemont (Meuse)

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CARSON.

O. B.

C.M. NOETZEL  
2nd Lieut. QMC.  
ACL/ WK

Copy to:  
T & C  
G R S  
Sgt Daly Original

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE  
AIR SERVICE  
EXECUTIVE SECTION  
ACCOUNTABILITY DIVISION

~~43612~~  
43612  
A. P. O. 702.

Jan 21-1919

95709

FROM: M.S.E. Richard A. Bates. A.P.O. 702.

TO: Chief, Graves Registration Service:

SUBJECT: Status of Soldier.

1. Private Thomas Bates Co. K., 128th Infantry was evacuated from hospital at Mar-sur-Alliers early in October to Co. K. 23rd. U.S. Infantry, with whom he is serving to-day in Germany.
2. Official notice of his death was sent to his parents in the States.
3. Somebody else is apparently occupying the grave listed on this notice.
4. Report that Private Thomas Bates is alive and present for duty has this day been verified by both the Soldier referred to and his immediate Commanding Officer.

~~43612~~

Richard A. Bates M.S.E.  
Richard A. Bates, M.S.E.

OK,  
H. G. Jordan,  
2nd Lieut.,  
Air Service.

OK

Has. all Service Data Recorded  
+ NA notified 12-9-18

2-5-19  
RFB

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
AIR SERVICE  
EXECUTIVE SECTION  
ACCOUNTABILITY DIVISION.

A.P.O. 702.

January 21st, 1919.

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TO : Chief, Graves Registration Service.  
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RICHARD A. BATES, M.S.E.



AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.  
FRANCE.

BURIAL INFORMATION FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

SOLDIER'S NAME: BATES, Thomas.  
RANK : Private  
ORGANIZATION : Co.K. 128th Infantry.  
DATE OF DEATH : October 20, 1918  
PLACE OF BURIAL: Grave No.46, Plot A. American Battle Area Cemetery,  
Commune of Ancemont, Department of the Meuse.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 43612.

(All communications regarding this Grave location should quote the above reference number and be addressed to: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Headquarters Services of Supply, Office of the Chief Quartermaster American E.F., France.)

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

Sgt. Richard A. Bates,  
45 Avenue Montaigne, Paris.

171157 ~~171157~~

Gates, Thomas A  
Pvt. Co K. 128 Inf  
Died Oct. 20, 1918  
Buried Oct 23, 1918  
Grave no. 46 Plot A  
American

195408

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La Morlette Commune  
of Ancemont

Tag 548

H. J. Sands  
GR 8 301

Wm E Bates

51715

Co H - 128 Inf

92208

M/R

Bert Bates (father)  
428 Portland Ave  
Brooklyn

Wm E Bates