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Bates,

William J.

1,561,307

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt., 1st Cl. Batry E, 138th FA

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Wife

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes

cemeteries

(Yes or no.)

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

bury him in a national cemetery

(Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Mabel Bates
Urden

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Letter from Mrs Mabel R Bates
Verden, Ill. (dated 2/24-19)

request body remain in
Europe. *exp*
3/8-

Drawn by P.M.

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

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21-21-21

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

2591

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.

Bates William J.

Prt. # 1561307

Co. "E" 138th J. A.

Died in England 10/19/18

All papers sent to
Washington


Body not rec'd.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Bates Wm. ²³⁹¹
Pat. # '1561367
Co. "E" / 138 "J.A."

CONSOLIDATED INDEX CARD.

 This card must not be taken from the Record Room.

CONSOLIDATED ENTRIES:

239
293

jw.

DATE May 24th 1922.

Pover

1. NAME BATES, William John

SERIAL No. 1561307

RANK Pvt.1/cl.

ORGANIZATION Bty E, 138th F.A.
& DIVISION 38th

GRAVE LOCATION Southern Cemetery, Manchester, Lancs., England,

868

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

357

4

American

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

431 Row 6. Amer Plot

GRAVE

Southern Cg. Manchester, Lancs, Eng.

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO

8/20/20
357

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

~~Brookwood (England)~~

South. Cg. Manchester, Lancs, Eng.

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag found on body reads: William J. Bates. Odd Fellows gold

ring found on body. DATE OF DEATH

Oct. 19, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Ill.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

None of rec.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

L. O. MATHEWS,

Lieutenant Colonel

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION May 24, 1922.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

2d M Corps, 11th S. Army

D
Block

Brookwood Cemetery #107-E, Brookwood, Surrey, England.

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
LDJ 4-2-23

Place Liverpool, England,

Date August 20, 1920.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Bates, W. J.

Number. 1561307

Rank: Private.

Organization: Batt. E, 138 F.A.

Disinterment and Reburial made by: Frank O. Chick, Supervising

Disinterred (Date) Aug. 20, 1920. From: (Give complete location) Embalmer.

Southern Cemetery, Manchester, Lancs. Grave No. 431, Row 6.

Date of Burial Oct. 25, 1918

Reburied (Date) August 20, 1920.

in: (Give complete location)

Southern Cemetery, Manchester, Grave No. 357, Row 4. ✓

Report as to the nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: 6ft. earthen grave; wooden coffin. Identified by name plate

on coffin.

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

What other means of identification were found upon the body?

Remarks:

10-30068

J. M. Sanderson

J. M. Sanderson, 1st Lt., F.A.

Inspector.

Supervised by

Zone Commander.

file
No. 293.3-Cemeterial.

Quartermaster General, Director of Purchase & Storage.

Feb. 26, 1919.

Mrs. Mabel R. Bates, Virden, Illinois.

Request that remains of husband be not removed to this country.

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant, requesting that the remains of your husband, Private William J. Bates, Battery E, 138th F.A., A.E.F., who died October 19, 1918, at Hartleys College, England, be not removed, you are informed that your letter has been forwarded this date to Lt. Col. Pierce, Chief of the Graves Registration Service, A.E.F., for his consideration and action.

H. L. Rogers,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.
Director of Purchase & Storage.

By:

H. R. Lemly,
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

PCW

293.3 Bates, Mabel R.
H. L. Rogers
PCW

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FEB 27 1919
MAILED

1st Ind.

In answer refer to file No. 293.3-Cometrial.
Office, Quartermaster General, February 28, 1919. -- To Lt. Col.
Chas. C. Pierce, Chief of the Graves Registration Service, Hdqrs.,
Services of Supply, A.P.O. 717, A.E.F., France.

1. Forwarded for your consideration and action.

By authority of the Quartermaster General, Director of Purchase
and Storage.

H. R. Lemly,
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

PCW

293.3 Bates, Wm J.

MAILED
FEB 27 1919

Virden, Ill.

Feb. 24 - 1919.

Dear Sir - I am writing you
 in regards to having my
 husbands body brought back
 Pvt William G. Bates. Bat E.
 138 F. A. A. E. F. Via New York
 who died Oct-19-1918 at
 Hartleys College in Eng.
 I have decided to let his
 body rest where it is as
 long as I can not have
 it sent back before 1920.

From Mrs. Mabel R. Bates
 Virden, Ill.

Place Bonvillers Oise

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 10, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BETJER, William SERIAL NUMBER 41615

RANK Corp ORGANIZATION Co A 16th Inf

2. Disinterred (date): 1/10/21 From (give complete location):
170 Amer. Cem. Grave 14, Plot E, Bonvillers Oise

By: Group 2 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date): 1/10/21 In (give complete location):
Grave 188, Plot C, Amer. Cem 170, Bonvillers Oise in pine box

By: Group 2 Unit 1 Nature of reburial blanket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
in uniform - badly decomposed - in pine box - unrecognizable

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body yes partly corroded On grave marker? yes

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
hospital marker reads Corp Wm. Betjer Co A 16 Inf 41615

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) unable to estimate

(c) Hair—Color none on skull

Quantity none

Characteristics none

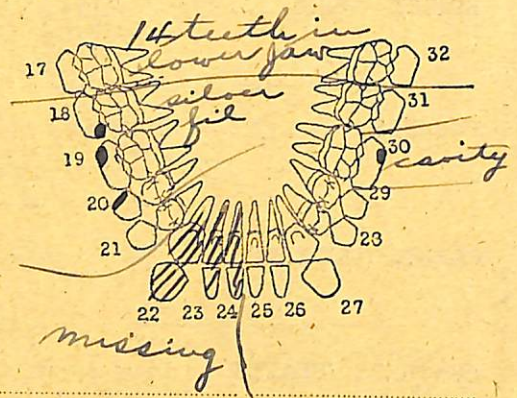
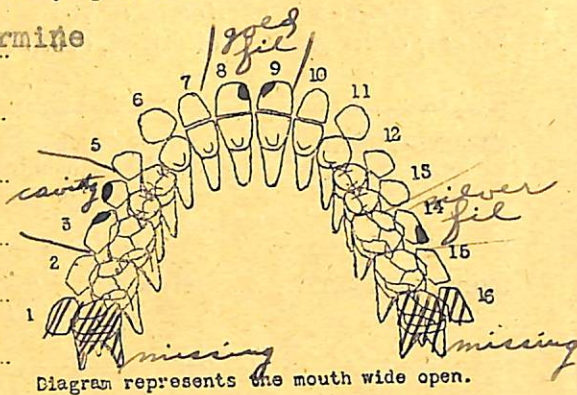
(d) Hair on face—Color none on face

Location none

Quantity none

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) impossible to report

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



D-30188

7. Disinterment supervised by VAL E. MILTENBERGER Major, M.C. Inspector

Approved: VAL E. MILTENBERGER Major, M.C. Mas. of section #1

8. Reburial supervised by VAL E. MILTENBERGER Major, M.C. Inspector

Approved: VAL E. MILTENBERGER Major, M.C. MASTER OF SECTION #1

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS.	CODE
NAME <i>Bates</i>	<i>BAT</i>	3	¹² 210
BURIED <i>Wm. J.</i>	CEMETERY <i>107-E</i>	1	7
	GRAVE <i>13</i>	2	13
	ROW <i>1</i>	2	01
	BLOCK <i>D</i>	1	4
STATE	<i>Ill.</i>	2	13
RANK	<i>P.F.C.</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>38</i>	2	38
ORGANIZATION	<i>138</i>	3	138
ARM	<i>F.A.</i>	1	3
MARITAL <i>(sister)</i>	<i>Re m.</i>	1	3
NAME <i>Bell, Mrs.</i>		3	
<i>Leona</i> 818 W. Park St.	STATE	2	
RESIDENCE <i>Taylorville</i>	COUNTY	2	
<i>Ill.</i>	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead</i>	1	6
NATIVITY	<i>(1930)</i>	1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE 29/514		1	

Audited
~~5/11/32~~
ETK

Not counted

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 10, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bates, William J. Pvt 1 Cl 107-E M

Secured

Mrs. Lydia Bates,
818 W Park Blvd.,
Taylorville, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Mother has Died this past Summer.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:



Very truly yours,

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

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Act
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Mrs. Leona Bell, Park St. 818 W. Taylorville Ill.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

June 5, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bates, William J. ¹⁸⁷ ~~187~~ R M

Mrs. Lydia Bates,
818 W. Park Blvd.,
Taylorville, Ill.

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

Bates, William J.
107 E

September 13, 1929.

Mrs. Mable Bates Westnedge,
1728 E. Jackson St.,
Springfield, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 2, 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?

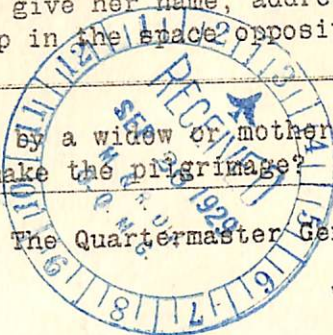
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Mother:
Mrs Lydia Bates
818 W. Park Blvd.
Taylorville Ill.
widow to her



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Sept. 13th

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bates, William J.

August 2, 1929.

**Mrs. Mable Bates Westnedge,
1728 E. Jackson St.,
Springfield, Ill.**

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 widow of the late **Private, first class William J. Bates, Battery E, 138th F. A., whose remains are now interred in the Brookwood American Cemetery, Brookwood, England.**

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. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran? | |
| 2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage? | |
| 3. Is the deceased survived by a mother? | |
| 4. If so, give her name and complete address. | |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bates, William J.

May 25, 1929.

XC 119 103

Mother: Mrs. Lydia Bates,
331 W. Dean St.,
Veiden, Ill.

Mrs. Lydia J. Bates,
331 W. Dean St.,
Veiden, Ill.

*Widow - Mable Bates Westridge
1728 E. Jackson St.,
Springfield, Ill.*

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, first class William J. Bates, Battery E, 138th F. A., whose remains are now interred in the Brookwood American Cemetery, Brookwood, England.

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

M 293 A-M
Bates, William J. Pvt 1 Cl 107-E M

October 10, 1930

Mrs. Lydia Bates,
818 W Park Blvd.,
Taylorville, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

June 5, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bates, William J. -701 B M

Mrs. Lydia Bates,
818 W. Park Blvd.,
Taylorville, Ill.

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, William J. 107-E. M.

Mrs. Lydia Bates,
818 W. Park Blvd.,
Taylorville, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bates, William J.
107 E

September 13, 1929.

Mrs. Mable Bates Westnedge,
1728 E. Jackson St.,
Springfield, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 2, 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,

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

Bates, William J.

August 2, 1929.

**Mrs. Mable Bates Westnedge,
1728 E. Jackson St.,
Springfield, Ill.**

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 widow of the late **Private, first class William J. Bates, Battery E, 138th P. A., whose remains are now interred in the Brookwood American Cemetery, Brookwood, England.**

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. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran? | |
| 2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage? | |
| 3. Is the deceased survived by a mother? | |
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For The Quartermaster General,

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Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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

May 25 1929.

Bates, William J.

Mrs. Lydia J. Bates,
331 W. Dean St.,
Veldon, Ill.

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, first class William J. Bates, Battery E, 138th F. A., whose remains are now interred in the Brookwood American Cemetery, Brookwood, England.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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-C

Bates, William J.

April 30, 1929.

XC 119 103

Mrs. Lydia J. Bates,
~~Vinder~~, 331
Ill. *Veiden, Ill.*

Dear Madam:

Wife remarried.

Mother: Mrs. Lydia J. Bates, 331 W. Dean St., Veiden, Ill.

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, first class William J. Bates, Battery E, 138th Field Artillery, whose remains are now interred in the Brookwood American Cemetery, Brookwood, England.

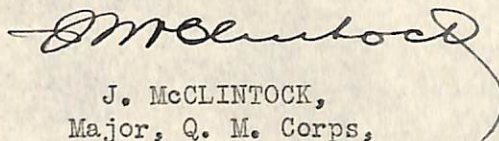
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In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


J. McCLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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(W. Remarried)
Mrs. Mabel R. Westnedge,
1728 E. Jackson St.,
Springfield, ILL.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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

April 30, 1929.
XC 119 103

no letter

Mrs. Mable Bates,
1303 E. Jackson St.,
Springfield, Ill.

(M)
Mrs. Lydia J. Bates,
331 W. Dean St.,
Virden, Ill.

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 widow of the late Private, first class William J. Bates, Battery E, 138th Field Artillery, whose remains are now interred in the Brookwood American Cemetery, Brookwood, England.

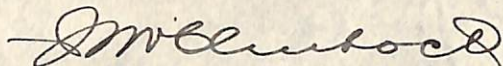
Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



J. McCLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Qty 107-5

Bates, Wm.

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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

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Undeliverable as addressed

Mrs. Mable Bates,
1303 E. Jackson St.,
Springfield, Ill.

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RETURN
TO WRITER
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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID

PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

YOUR
CORRESPONDENCE
OF CHANGE
OF ADDRESS



1014

No such post office in state named

Mrs. Lydia J. Bates,
Vinder,
Ill.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~OH 298 A-C~~
Bates, William J.

April 30, 1929.

Mrs. Lydia J. Bates,
Vinder,
Ill.

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, first class William J. Bates, Battery E, 138th Field Artillery, whose remains are now interred in the Brookwood American Cemetery, Brookwood, England.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO

QM 293 A-C
Bates, William J.

April 30, 1929.

Mrs. Mable Bates,
1303 E. Jackson St.,
Springfield, Ill.

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The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Private, first class William J. Bates, Battery E, 158th Field Artillery, whose remains are now interred in the Brookwood American Cemetery, Brookwood, England.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C

BATES, William J. - Pvt.1/c

January 25, 1924

Mrs. Mable Bates,
1303 East Jackson St.,
Springfield, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

R. L. FOSTER

RB

YAL

Assistant.

Q. M. G.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM



JAN 25 1924
B. O. C.

1-Incl.
Record card.

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name BATES, William J., Ser. No. 1561307)
 (2) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Bat. E., 138th F. A.) TYP. IB
 (3) Date of death 10-19-18) CKR. L.L.

B. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(4) Cause of death Pneumonia) TYP. TW.
 (5) Grave No. 431 Row 6 Plot Amer. Sect. --) CKR. MEH

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; no card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt None.

(6) Relationship Wife,
 (7) Name Mrs Mabel Bates
 (8) Address Virden, Illinois.
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? Yes
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at Yes *See below*
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? ---

*OK
9/9*

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information.

no correspondence,

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by L.L. (Date) 1/20/20

D. (14) G. R. S. Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos.?) Yes att. Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? att
 (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

*Mrs. Mabel R. Bates, Virden, Ill. (Feb 24, 1919)
 decides to let her husband's body remain where it lies "as long as I cannot have it sent back before 1920"*

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by att (Date) 2/11/20

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date)

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed

(18) Typed by Checked by (Date)

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date)

(19) Typed by Checked by (Date)

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Form 120 - 4-12-'20 from wife, Mrs. Mabel R. Bates
1910 Peoria St. Springfield, Ill. requests that
body be not removed from where it lies
Letter 1/29/21 widow - Mrs. Mabel R. Bates [ad 1-21-21
1303 E. Jackson St. Springfield, Ill. requests remaining
interest in a permanent Amer. Cem. near London.

D. Dispatched (Date) (Let. Trans. No. **MAR 13 1920**)

3/13/20 Par. # 3. Request ~~Par 3 + Sep. com. com.~~ remains be left undisturbed. *84*

Approved by
(Date)

Let 1/24/21 to widow advising cty at Manchester, Eng. will
not be permanently maintained, that permanent cty will
be maintained near London requesting final decision
as to disposition in view of this (fact 1/25/21)
Letter 2/7 a/r for concentration
" 2/1 to widow advising of error in letters. - @
10/29/21 Europe advised body **replaced**
in a Peron. Amer. Cem. 10/29/21 1119

Place **Wester England.**

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date **May 10, 1922**

1. REMAINS OF **BATES, William J.** SERIAL NUMBER **1561307**
 RANK **Pvt. 1/c.** ORGANIZATION **Bty. E. 138th. F.A.**

2. Disinterred (date) : **May 10, 1922.** From (give complete location) : **Sec. - - - . Pl. Amer. Row 4, Grave 357, Cem. 868**
 By : Group **5** Unit **Great Britain**

3. Reburied (date) **May 24, 1922.** In (give complete location) : **Grave 13, Block D, Row 1, Plot Amer., Brookwood Cty, Surrey, England**
 By : Group **Special** Unit **Standard** Nature of reburial **metallic casket**
& shipping case.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Hospital shroud and wooden box.
Badly decomposed. Features unrecog.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? **yes** On grave marker? **no**
 (b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
Body tag reads: "William J. Bates". Odd Fellows gold ring on body sent in as effects.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?
 (a) Height (actual measurement) **Imp. to determine** **Positive identification by tag.**
 (b) Weight (estimated) **do**
 (c) Hair—Color **do**
 Quantity **do**
 Characteristics **do**
 (d) Hair on face—Color **do**
 Location **do**
 Quantity **do**
 (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) **Imp. to determine**
 (f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) **Imp. to determine**

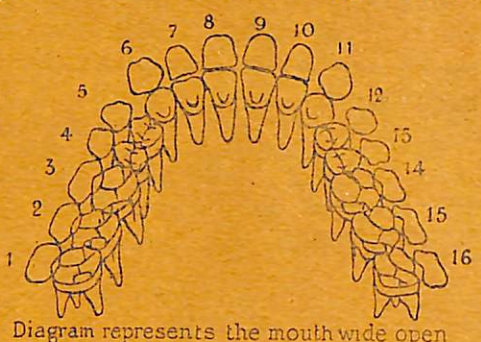
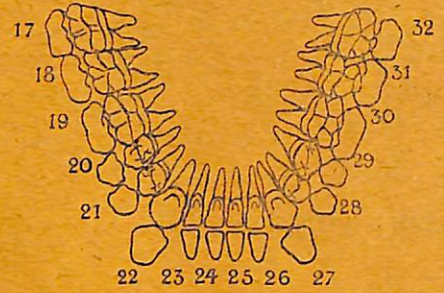


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



Checker: **J. T. White**

7. Disinterment supervised by **C. V. Russell, S.E.** Approved: **A. E. Dewey, 1st. Lt. QMC**
 (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by **Frank L. Marx, Foreman.** Approved: **C. J. Blake**
 (Title) **C. J. BLAKE**
Captain, Q. M. Corps, U. S. Army

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE May 10, 1922

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

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BATES, William J. 10. Name _____
 2. No. 1561307 11. No. _____
 3. Rank Pvt. 1/cl. 12. Rank _____
 4. Org. Bty E, 138th F.A. 13. Org. _____
 5. D.D. 10/19/18 14. (a) D.D. _____
 6. C.D. Pneumonia (b) D.B. no discrep.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 357 Sec. _____ 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 8. Plot American Row 4 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____ 17. no discrep.
 18. Cemetery Southern 19. Commune or town Manchester
 20. Dept. or County Lancs., 21. Country England
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. # 868
 23. Disinterred (Date) May 10, 1922 By C.V. Russell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William J. Bates. Serial No. 1561307
 Rank Pvt. 1/cl. Organization Bty. E. 138th. F.A.

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

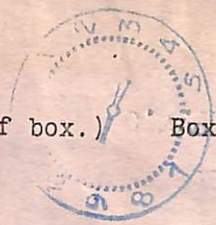
J. T. White
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

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).
Odd Fellows Gold ring on body sent in as effects.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Wooden box and hospital shroud.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? Body disc reads: "William J. Bates"30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date May 10 1922 By C.V. Russell31. Casket sealed by C.V. Russell

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) C.V. Russell
C.V. Russell



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-28905

32. Designation of body:

Name William J. Bates Serial No. 1561307

Rank Pvt.1/cl. Organization Bty E, 138th F.A.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Brookwood American Cty #107-E, Brookwood, England

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) May 10, 1922 By C.V. Russell

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 A.E. Dewey
A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) May 10, 1922.

To point of Concentration _____

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery Brookwood Amer. Cty. 107-E. Brookwood Engl.

(Name)

Convoyer R.P. Grymes. Signature Shipping Officer A.E. Dewey

A.E. Dewey 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date May 15, 1922.

G.R.S. Representative C.J. Blake

C.J. Blake, Capt. Q.M.C.

41. Reinterred Brookwood Cty, Surrey, England. May 24, 1922.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 13 Block D

43. Plot American Row 1

G.R.S. Representative _____

C. J. BLAKE

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

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

APR 7 1920

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FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.

TO: Mrs. Mabel Bates, Virden, Illinois.

SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. 1/c William J. Bates.

Records of this office show your request to be as follows:

Remains to be Not returned to U. S. ~~returned~~

Shipped to

I want the remains of my husband to not be removed from where it lies

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in ~~Europe~~ Europe.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow <i>Mabel R. Bates</i>			
Children (Name oldest first) <i>none</i>			
Father <i>Dead.</i>			
Mother <i>Lydia J. Bates</i>		<i>Virden</i>	<i>Ill</i>
Brothers <i>Charles E. Bates</i>		<i>Virden</i>	<i>Ill</i>
		<i>Edward J. Bates</i>	<i>Ill</i>
Sisters <i>Leona Bell</i>		<i>Virden</i>	<i>Ill</i>
		<i>Ruth Brown</i>	<i>Ill</i>
		<i>Esther Johnson</i>	<i>Ill</i>
		<i>Lena Cushman</i>	<i>Ill</i>

Date *April 12 - 1920*

Signature *Mabel R. Bates*

Address *1910 Peoria Rd.*

Relationship *Wife*

HBC *Springfield Ill.*

10/15 1921 .

Prepare the communication to Chief, G. R. S.,
in Europe, indicated below:

1. CORRECTIVE LETTER

2. SUPPLEMENTARY LETTER

- (1) Body to be returned
- (2) " to remain
- (3) Blue Card letter { return
- (4) Communicate and comply with (not return
wishes of relatives.
- (5) Withdrawal
- (6) Do not disturb
- (7) *concentrate*
- (8)

3. CABLE

- (a) Body to remain
- (b) Body to be returned
- (c) Special
- (d) Suspend Action
- (e) Do not disturb
- (f) Suspend foreign advice.

H. B. Cairns.

Ref. Par. 3 Letter 3/13/20

PPLD
10/20 1921.

SCHOOL FOR BAKERS AND COOKS
DEPARTMENT OF COOKING

Organization _____ Date _____

BILL OF FARE

SUPPER

INGREDIENTS

Under date of 7/7 Commencement
was mailed you in which
reference was made the Pot 1/2 WJB
was your son instead of
your husband. ^{This is to advise you} The records

Cost of supper

BREAKFAST

~~of this~~
Please clearly show that you
are his widow & not his
mother

Cost of breakf

DINNER

Cost of dinner

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THIS MEMORANDUM MUST NOT BE REMOVED

Date FEB 1 1921

FOLLOW UP NO. 9
DATE FEB 3 1921

- TO:
1. Inquiry Branch for reply:
 - (a) Forms 124 not necessary.
 - (b) Form 124 attached.
 2. Miss Barry
 3. Miss Boland
 4. Mrs. Cairns
 5. Miss Critchett
 6. Lt. Daniel
 7. Mr. Deming
 8. Mr. Good
 9. Lt. Hanson
 10. Mr. Hughitt
 11. Mrs. Landman
 12. Miss Olenin
 13. Miss Rex
 14. Mrs. Ruth
 15. Mr. Saxton
 16. Miss Schlegel
 17. Mr. Scott

Proctor, W. H. G.

No:
From:
To:
Subject:

~~Report~~
~~State Dept to State~~
~~to write to [unclear]~~
~~later~~

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Concentrate

Springfield

Jan 29th - 1921

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Sir - I am answering
your letter in regards of

the remains of my husband

Private William J. Bates
Serial #. 1561307 Bat. E. 138. Ft. A.

I wish to have his remains
removed to the American
Cemetery near London

Mrs. Mabel B. Bates

→ 1303. E. Jackson St.

Springfield

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Recorded, Coarterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 51611

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Bates
Wm.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
WASHINGTON

January 24, 1921.

No. 293.8 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.
From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Cemeterial Division.)
To: Mrs. Mabel R. Bates, 1910 Peoria Road, Springfield, Illinois.
Subject: Disposition of Remains.

1. With reference to your request that the body of your husband, the late Private 1/c William J. Bates, Serial # 1561307, Battery "E", 138th Field Artillery, remain in the cemetery at Manchester, England, you are advised that requests of this nature are granted providing the Government be relieved from further care of the grave and the nearest of kin agrees to assume all responsibility for its future care. The Government has been obliged to take this action so as to place the isolated graves in Europe on the same footing with the private graves in the United States. It will be seen that it will be next to impossible to care for the vast number of graves that are scattered about over Europe.

2. Inasmuch as the records of this office indicate your desire to have the body remain in its present grave, it is requested that you accomplish and return to this office the enclosed Graves Registration Service Form #123.

3. If, on the other hand, you would now be willing to have the remains removed, you are advised that it is contemplated to maintain a permanent American cemetery near London and that the body may be placed therein and the grave perpetually cared for by the Government.

4. Your prompt decision will be greatly appreciated, and a self-addressed envelope, requiring no postage, is enclosed for that purpose.

5. The Department wishes to renew its previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Thos. G. Hanson, Jr.
THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,
1st Lieut., Q. M. Corps.

2 encl.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BATES 1561307 William J.

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

Pvt. 1/c Bty. E. 158th F. A.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL:

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

GRAVE NUMBER:

FILE.

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

51611
File #51611.
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October 29, 1921.

868 Reg. Br., Com. Div.

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

Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

Supplementary advice on Southern Cemetery, #868, Manchester,
Lancashire, England.

1. Reference paragraph 3, office letter of March 13, 1920 (File No. 868 Reg. Sec., Com. Div.), which states that the following named deceased soldier is not to be disturbed, you are advised that this body is now to be placed in a permanent American Cemetery.

Cable
Ref. No.

G. Bates, William J., Pvt 1/c, 1561307, Bat. E, 138th F.A.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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HBC

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Captain, Q.M. Corps.

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COPY FOR ADM. FILES

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

868-6
File # 51611
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE
Munitions Building

March 1, 1921.

FILE

293.8 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.
(BATES, William J., Pvt. 1/c)
The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).
Mrs. Mabel B. Bates, 1303 E. Jackson St., Springfield, Ill.
Relationship to Deceased.

1. Under date of February 7, 1921 communication was mailed you in which reference was made that Private 1/c William J. Bates was your son instead of your husband. This is to advise that the records of this office clearly show that you are his widow and not his mother.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,
1st Lieut., Q. M. Corps.

OSP:SS
C. & C. Dept.

MAILED
MAR 2 1921
Overseas Proj. Sec.
Cemeterial Division

February 7, 1921.

293.8 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.
(BATES, William J., Pvt. 1/c)

FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).
TO: Mrs. Mabel E. Bates, 1303 E. Jackson St., Springfield, Ill.
SUBJECT: Disposition of Remains.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your request to have the remains of your son, the late Private 1/c William J. Bates, transferred to the permanent American cemetery which is to be established in the vicinity of London, England, and wherein the graves of all American soldier dead will remain under the care and custody of the United States Government.

2. It is hoped that you will appreciate the vast amount of work involved and the length of time necessary to make the transfer of all bodies overseas, either to permanent American cemeteries or to return such bodies and deliver same to the relatives in the United States, and that you will realize the seeming delay cannot be prevented owing to the labor troubles, weather conditions, and the large number of exhumations which must be made.

3. You are further informed that the task of transferring the remains to the permanent cemetery in England will be the last phase of the work to be undertaken as concentration will not begin until after the other bodies have been returned.

4. When the body has been reburied, the permanent grave location will be forwarded to you.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

FEB 7 - 1921

THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.

Overseas Proj. Sec.
Cemeterial Division.

C O P Y

293.8 Cem. #51611 BATES, William J.

Springfield, Ill.

Jan. 29th 1921

Sirs:

I am answering your letter in regards of the remains of my husband Private William J. Bates, Serial #1561307, Bat. E, 138 F. A. I wish to have his remains removed to the American Cemetery near London.

Mrs. Mabel B. Bates,
1303 E. Jackson St.,
Springfield, Ill.

Copied by L.C.

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C O P Y

293.8 Cen. #51611 BATES, William J.

Springfield, Ill.

Jan. 29th 1921

Sirs:

I am answering your letter in regards of the remains of my husband Private William J. Bates, Serial #1561307, Bat. E, 138 F. A. I wish to have his remains removed to the American Cemetery near London.

Mrs. Mabel B. Bates,
1303 E. Jackson St.,
Springfield, Ill.

Copied by L.C.

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File #51611

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FILE

January 24, 1921.

293.8 Reg. Sec., Gen. Div.

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

Mrs. Mabel R. Bates, 1910 Peoria Road, Springfield, Illinois.

Disposition of Remains.

1. With reference to your request that the body of your husband, the late Private 1/c William J. Bates, serial #1561307, Battery E, 138th Field Artillery, remain in the cemetery at Manchester, England, you are advised that requests of this nature are granted providing the Government be relieved from further care of the grave and the nearest of kin agrees to assume all responsibility for its future care. The Government has been obliged to take this action so as to place the isolated graves in Europe on the same footing with the private graves in the United States. It will be seen that it will be next to impossible to care for the vast number of graves that are scattered about over Europe.

2. Inasmuch as the records of this office indicate your desire to have the body remain in its present grave, it is requested that you accomplish and return to this office the enclosed Graves Registration Service Form #123. ~~In this connection you are informed that the War Risk Insurance Bureau, Washington, D. C., will allow reimbursement for actual funeral expenses, not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.), upon presentation of an itemized statement and receipted bills, accompanied by Form 531, of the Division of Military & Naval Insurance.~~

3. If on the other hand you would now be willing to have the remains removed, you are advised that it is contemplated to maintain a permanent American cemetery near London and that the body may be placed therein and the grave perpetually cared for by the Government.

4. Your prompt decision will be greatly appreciated, and a self addressed envelope, requiring no postage, is enclosed for that purpose.

5. The Department wishes to renew its previous expressions of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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OVERSEAS PROJ. SEC.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION.

THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,
1st Lieut., Q. M. Corps.

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Noted on File
1/25/21 J.S.

Handwritten signature

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

FILE NUMBER 51611

FROM:-

DATE 5/10/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BATES, WILLIAM J. NUMBER
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION BTY E138 F.A.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	ser. no. 1561307
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 10-19-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) Pneumonia
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4) 311
5.	Date buried.	(5) no Record
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	(6) Grave 431R - CTY 868 SOUTHERN CTY MANCHESTER (ENGLAND)
7.	Who reported burial.	(7) D. J. DONOHUE, 14 B. Q. MC. I.G.P.
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	(8) no
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	(9) no Record
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	(10) no Record
11.	Who is nearest relative?	(11) MABLE BATES (wife) VIRZEN, ILL.
12.	Has N/P been notified? (Give Date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	

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

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

May 6, 1919

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, Hdqrs., S.O.S., American E.F., A.P.O. 717
TO : Mrs. Mabel R. Bates, Virdon, Ill.
SUBJECT: Body to remain in England (Pvt. William J. Bates).

1. Referring to your letter of February 24, 1919, you are advised that due note has been made of your request that the body of your husband may remain permanently interred in England. To that extent, the War Department has already given assurance that your wish will be carried out. Our own Government, however, is hardly competent to make the promise that the body of any American shall remain permanently interred in the exact spot where he is buried. It must be remembered that England has jurisdiction over the soil and final censorship over all regulations which pertain to the interment of the dead within her borders. Whatever permanent arrangement may be made for fields of honor for the dead in England will be made in conference between England and her allies, but you may rest assured that this arrangement will conform as nearly as possible to the wishes of the people most directly concerned.

2. With regard to the grave location of your husband's remains, you are advised that the records of this office show that he is buried in Grave No. 431-R, Southern Cemetery, Manchester, England.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut.-Col., C.M.C., U.S.A.

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*Form 10-13
and photo form
sent. WAT*

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
American Expeditionary Forces

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Commanding Officer

Co.D., 117th Infantry

American E. F.



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Lieut., Q.M. Corps, U.S.A.

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

March 27th 1919.

From : Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.E.F., APO 4717.
To : Major G. M. Murphy, Base Section #3, London, Eng.
SUBJECT : Grave Location of Pvt. William J. Bates.

1. It is requested that this office be supplied with burial information in the case of Private William J. Bates, Battery "E" 138th F. A., A.E.F., who is reported to have died October 19th 1918, at Hartleys College in England.

CHARLES C PIERCE
Lieut. Col. QM.C., U.S.A.

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

JRP/Dr.

1st Ind.

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I.G.R., Hdqrs. Base Section No. 3, S.O.S., American E.F., London, April 9, 1919.
To - Chief Graves Registration Service, American E.F., A.P.O. 717, France.

1. Returned. The within named soldier is buried in grave number
431-R, Southern Cemetery, Manchester, England.

D. J. Donohue
D. J. Donohue,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.
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note request*

Lt. Col. Chas. C. Pierce,

Chief of the Graves Registration Service,

Hqrs. Services of Supply, A.P.O. 717,

A.E.F., France.

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In answer refer to file No. 293.3-Cemeterial.
Office, Quartermaster General, February 28, 1919. -- To Lt. Col.
Chas. C. Pierce, Chief of the Graves Registration Service, Hdqrs.,
Services of Supply, A.P.O. 717, A.E.F., France.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General, Director of Purchase
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL. ✓
TO : C.O., Bty. "E", 138th Field Artillery
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Viriden, Ill.
February 24, 1919.

Dear Sirs:

I am writing you in regards to having my husband's body brought back, Private William J. Bates, Battery E, 138th F.A., A.E.F., via New York, who died October 19, 1918, at Hartleys College in England. I have decided to let his body rest where it is as long as I cannot have it sent back before 1920.

From Mrs. Mabel R. Bates,

Viriden, Illinois.

Copy.

Mrs. Mabel R. Bates
Hartley's College

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FILE
 CEMETERY DIVISION
 REGISTRATION SECTION

January 26

1922

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

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CASE OF:

Bty., E., 138th F. A.ORGANIZATION (Old)BATES 1561307 William J., Pvt. 1/cl.(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.	8/20/20	868	D-30068
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

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

BY: Miss Lannon

Card.,
 (Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
 on Organization
 File Card:

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