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MEMORANDUM

Fare	Bedewantl	Boddi	
Extra Fare			
Pullman			
Total			

Reservations

Your Train	Leave Salisbury 253 Pm
Leaves	arrive Wilmington 544 Pm
Date	Leave " 604 Pm
Station	arrive Newyork 815 Pm
Yo	Reservation Is-
Car	
Berth	
Seat	

LIST OF PRINCIPAL TICKET OFFICES

ANNAPOLIS—51 Maryland Avenue.

ATLANTIC CITY—1301 Pacific Avenue (N. W. Cor. South Carolina Ave.) and the Station.

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THE PULLMAN COMPANY

OFFICE

11-34

FORM 1000-3

PASSENGER'S CHECK — To Identify accommodations purchased. The amount charged is The Pullman Company's rate and a surcharge of 50% of that amount required by and collected as agent for the Railroad Company, as shown on the ticket.

From

To

Accommodations Car

Line No. Via R. R.

74

1 2 3
Persons

Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk.

THE PULLMAN COMPANY

OFFICE

11-34

FORM

1000-3

PASSENGER'S CHECK — To Identify accommodations purchased. The amount charged is The Pullman Company's rate and a surcharge of 50% of that amount required by and collected as agent for the Railroad Company, as shown on the ticket.

From

St. Louis, Mo.

To

St. Louis, Mo.

Accommodations

4

Car

Line No.

Via

R. R.

1	2	3
Persons		

Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk.

Pres. Harding

Pvt. Rufus Bedsworth

5-17-33

MA



I accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)
me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of
the Government of the United States under the pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth

(Name)

RD #3, Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md.

(Town or City)

(State)

Mrs Sallie Bedsworth.

6299

Bedsworth Rufus

M.A

RETURN RECEIPT

Handing 5/17/33

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

✓ Sallie Bedsworth
(Signature or name of addressee)

Bedsworth, Rufus
(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery 4-24, 1933

Post Office Department

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REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926248

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Q. M. GENERAL

Return to _____

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____

MUNITIONS BUILDING
(NAME OF SENDER)

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

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

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1232

RETURN RECEIPT

Harding - May 17

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

V. L. G. Bedworth

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery *5-4* -----, 19 *23*

Form 3811

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Post Office Department

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TO AVOID PAYMENT OF
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OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

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1232

RETURN RECEIPT

Handing May 17

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Sally J. Bedenorth

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

4-28-33

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

c 5-6116

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 9568

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bedsworth, Rufus S., No. 1286345
Pvt., Co. L, 115th Inf.
Son

August 31, 1938

Mrs. Sallie J. Bedsworth,
712 Brown St.,
Salisbury, Md.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request,
instructions have been issued to forward you a
flag in honor of the above named decedent, pro-
vided a flag has not previously been furnished
for him.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Copy to Commanding Officer, Washington, Q. M. Depot.
With instructions to furnish a flag.

EM/vd

QQMG M&R BR

1938 SEP - 1 - PM 4:09

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American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.
NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved son Name of Deceased Refus Bedsworth
SON OR DAUGHTER

Address of Deceased 712 Brown Salisbury Maryland
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

Army, Navy, Marine Private D
RANK REGIMENT COMPANY

Stationed at Annisson, Alabama

Lost at Sea Among the Missing Or Unknown

Place and Date of Death Died on the Battlefield

August 31, 1918

Where Buried Argonne Cemetery France

Name of Mother Mrs. Sallie J. Bedsworth

Address 712 Brown Brown Salisbury Maryland
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Sallie J. Bedsworth

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

MAY 14 1926

FULL NAME BEDSWORTH, Rufus ✓

RANK Pvt. ✓ SERIAL 1286343 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ^{29th. Div.} Co.L, 115th Inf. ✓

DATE OF DEATH *Aug. 31, '18*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Maryland*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *none noted*

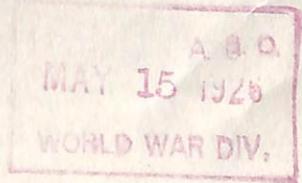
FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 24 45 D
Date Grave Row Block

..... Meuse-Argonne, #1232
..... Cemetery



Km 113

23/306/ARK



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place _____

Date October 27, 1920.

1. REMAINS OF BEDSWORTH, Rufus. SERIAL NUMBER 1286343,

RANK Unknown. ORGANIZATION U.S. N.G.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 27, 1920. From (give complete location): Grave #14, AEF Cem. #239, Beuthwiller Hagenbach (Alsace).

By: Group Hq. Area #5, Am. GRS. Unit Hq. Area #5, Am. GRS., OMC, in Europe. Epinal (Vsgs).

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 27, 1920. In (give complete location): Grave #14, AEF Cem. #239, Beuthwiller Hagenbach (Alsace).

By: Group Hq. Area #5, Am. GRS. Unit -- Nature of reburial Same grave.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Body buried in coffin. Body disintegrated.

Skeleton dismembered.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: None. Body wrapped in small bundle with piece of Army Shelter Tent.

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

Estimated.

(a) Height (~~actual measurement~~) 5 ft 6 inches. Teeth Nos. 1, 5, 6, & 7 missing

(b) Weight (estimated) 155 lbs. Teeth Nos. 11 missing.

(c) Hair—Color Dark.

Quantity Normal.

Characteristics None.

(d) Hair on face—Color None.

Location None.

Quantity None.

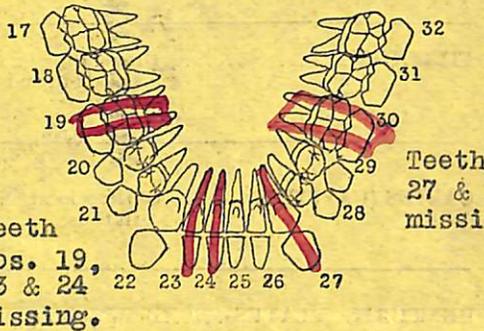
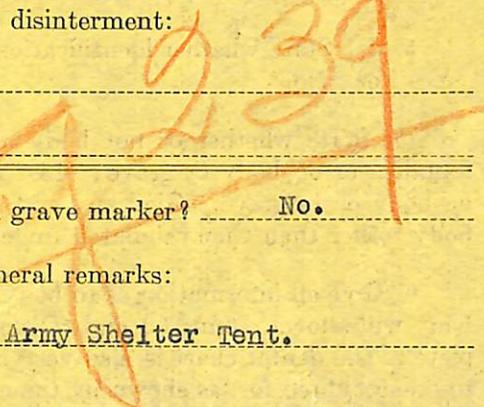
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None.

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

CONFIRMED No. D 40075

7. Disinterment supervised by John R. Benney Approved: S. J. Grogan
JOHN R. BENNEY, Civ. Emp. S. J. GROGAN, 1st. Lieut. Inf. (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by John R. Benney S. J. GROGAN, 1st. Lieut. (Title)



Teeth Nos. 27 & 30 missing.

Teeth Nos. 19, 23 & 24 missing.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON May 20th, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R- 10868- (Bedsworth, Rufus, Pvt.)
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.
TO: Mr. George Bedsworth, Princess Anne, Maryland.
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private Rufus Bedsworth,
Company L, 115th Infantry.

File
3/24/22
QMS

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 24, Row 45, Block D, The American Cemetery of the Meuse-Argonne, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

2. 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, organization and date of soldier's death. 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.

3. 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.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED
MAY 20 1922
G.R.S.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

MMH

4 Copies

DATE 11/1/21

1. NAME BEDSWORTH, Rufus SERIAL No. 1286343

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co.L, 115th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION French Mil.Cty. Hagenbach, Alsace. #239
CTY. NAME NUMBER

14
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 14 Hagenbach Alsace
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES E.456.05 N.94.45. Map Mulhouse S.W.101

Reburied
~~CONCENTRATED~~ TO Oct.27, 1920 14
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
French Mil.Cty. Hagenbach 239
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Ident. Tag found buried with body. Per GRS Form 16-A Oct.27, 1921, Hagenbach.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Nov.15, 1920 14 #239
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Stanley J. Grogan
STANLEY J. GROGAN, Capt. Inf. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 11/1/21 24 45 D
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)
CEMETERY

3/7/22
AUDITED BY
No 6.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept 7, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BEDSWORTH, Rufus

10. Name _____

2. No. 1286343

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co.L., 115th Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. 8-31-18

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. Missing in action.(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 14 Sec. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot _____ Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. None18. Cemetery French Military19. Commune or town HAGENBACH20. Dept. or County Alsace21. Country France.22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 23923. Disinterred (Date) Sept 7, 1921By W.C.RAPINE

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name RUFUS BEDSWORTH

Serial No. _____

Rank Pvt.Organization Co. L, 115th Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? YesSignature Ray Brown Junior Technical AssistantRAY BROWN

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).

Bottle containing identification data found on body. Metal strip found on body.No. effects found.27. Condition of body Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.28. Nature of burial Buried in blanket and in wooden box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept 7, 1921 By W.C.RAPINE31. Casket sealed by W.C.RAPINESignature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) W.C.RAPINE

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-4861

32. Designation of body:

Name BEDSWORTH, Rufus Serial No. 1286343

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.L., 115th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne American # 1232 ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept 7, 1921 By W.C. RAPINE

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector R.L. FAIN
CAPT. Q.M.C. sgh

36. Remarks None

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

To point of Concentration Belfort (Ter de Belfort)

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer Capt. Q.M.C.

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

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Sept. 17, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery 1232 Romagne-sous-Mont faucon, Meuse.

(Name)

Convoyer RAY HALL Signature Shipping Officer W.R. BUCKLEY

CAPT. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date Sept 21 1921

G.R.S. Representative W. R. Bland

41. Reinterred Meuse Arg. Cemetery. Nov. 1, 1921.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 24. Section _____

43. ~~Plot~~ Block D. Row 45.

G.R.S. Representative _____

Geo. C. Bland,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File# 108888

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BEDSWORTH, Rufus Ser. No. 1286343
 (b) Rank Private Organization Co. L. 115th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 8/31/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. EK
 CKR. E

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

(a) Grave No. 14 Row -- Plot -- Sec. -- TYP. EK
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. George Bedsworth (father) Princess Anne, Md.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases 8-20-21 Feb. 11, 1921 confirms (E.S. 4-25-21) CKR: E

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name _____ (b) Relationship _____
 (c) Address _____
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? _____
 (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 _____ Date _____, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes L.G.

Examiner's Initials L.G. Date 4-25-, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 239 SHEET No. 33

G. R. S. Form No. 115
 Amended April 6, 1920
FORM 115 - A COMPLETED
JUN 11 1921 f.s.

Concentrated into P. A. C. 1232

Make Form No. 115

Rechecked
9.m.m. 6-15-21

10-4-21 - Request for
concentration
Meigs Argonne 1232
 10-25-21

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

A.G.O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial NO.

Org.

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

*OK no 8-W sent 6-15-'21.
P.M. Y.M.*

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial no.

Org.

Remarks

EW

S-1783/MB

*checked
4/25/21
SH*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

file# 108888

*See 115
10-25-21*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BEDSWORTH, Rufus Ser. No. 1286543
(b) Rank Private Organization Co. A. 115th Inf. } TYP. BK
(c) Date of death 8/31/18 (d) Cause of death K/A } *Kelt*

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

(a) Grave No. 14 Row --- Plot --- Sec. --- TYP. BK

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

*No card in file L.Y. 4-25-21
No request for disposition
- 10-8-21*

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

5/31/21 Add. advice - not to be returned. 6/6/21 M.G.

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

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

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. 33

G. R. S. Form 115-A
August, 1920

N 3-8020

France
FORM 115 - A COMPLETED
JUN 11 1921 H.S.

239
Concentrated into P. A. C. 1232

109888

From

81298

Unknown

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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

Put., Co. I., 115th Inf., 1286343
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Nov. 20, 1918* *2-10-21*

PLACE OF BURIAL *conf. J-40075*
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference
must specify clearly what map is used. *Sec 16-A*

American Plot French Military Cemetery

Hagenbach Haute Alsace

GRAVE NUMBER *14*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? No

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? No

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

No description possible; 1 of 7 bodies, four with tags, found in No Man's Land. Dead probably several months.

REPORTED BY:

E. T. Thompson *1st. Lt. - Chaplain*
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

81298



Investigation

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

Date **2/11/21**

File No. **108888** Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., 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. **Bedsworth** OK
- b. Christian name. **Rufus** OK
- c. Serial number. **1286343** OK
- d. Organization. **Co L, 115th Inf.** OK
- e. Rank. **Pvt** OK
- f. Date of death. **8/31/18** OK
- g. Cause of death. **K/A** OK
- h. Authority (C. C. No.) **572** OK
- i. Emergency address. **Mr. George Bedsworth**
Princess Anne, Md. OK
- Relationship. **Father**

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

- a. Age at enlistment. *Born Mch. 2 1899*
- b. Color of eyes. *Brown*
- c. Color of hair. *Brown*
- d. Height. *5'10"*
- e. Weight. *150 lbs.*

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report examination prior to enlistment.)

- a. Strike out teeth missing: *Teeth: Full Set*
- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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. | | | | | | | |

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)

Scratches over left side of chest.

Yarbrough

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

Donnelly - mtc By *H. J. Conner*
Enli Pers Sect
2-12-21 W8

H. J. CONNER,
Captain, Q. M. C.

Rec'd World War Div.
Date.....

RECEIVED & B DIV, AGO, WASH, DC
FEB 12 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

VISION
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G.R. S. Form 8-W-A

Information requested of A.G.O.

File No. 106888

Registration Adjustment Made

Date December 8, 1920.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 5th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

Dec 23 1920
File No. 106888

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

- ✓ a. Surname BEDSWORTH OK ✓
- ✓ b. Christian name Rufus OK ✓
- ✓ c. Serial number 1286343 OK ✓
- ✓ b. Organization Co L 115th Inf. OK ✓
- ✓ e. Rank Private OK ✓
- ✓ f. Date of death 8-31-18 OK ✓
- ✓ g. Cause of death Killed in action
- ✓ h. Authority (C.C.#) 572 OK
- ✓ i. Emergency address George Bedsworth Princess Anne, Md
- ✓ 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)

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H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,
Director of Purchase and Storage.

BY:

H. J. CONNER,
Captain, Q.M.C.

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Encl Pers Sect
12-9-20 W8

Rec'd World War Div.
Date 12-9-20

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WAR DEPARTMENT
PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS
 225 West 34th. St. New York, N. Y.

Bedsworth, Rufus
Private.

Party A
 Number 9

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.

Bedsworth, Mrs. Sallie
 Name of Pilgrim
712 Brown St.
 City Home Address County
Salisbury, Md.
 State

Actual cost of
 Through Pullman at the
 Lower Berth Rate.

New York, to Salisbury, Md.

Destination of Ticket Salisbury, Md.
 via PENN to dest.

\$ 3.75

June 16, 1933

July 24, 1933

Date of Departure

Expiration Date of Ticket

#	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
Lv. <u>N.Y.</u>	<u>P.R.R.</u>	<u>#169</u>	<u>JUNE-16</u>	<u>8.10AM</u>				
Ar. <u>WILMINGTON^{Del}</u>			<u>JUNE-16</u>	<u>10.47AM</u>	<u>8.16</u>	<u>690</u>		
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B. Bedsworth, Rufus.

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Maryland

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S.PRESIDENT HARDING, MAY 17, 1933

Wicomico County

Name: Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth (A-3)

Address: 712 Brown St., Salisbury, Md.

Route: → Pennsylvania R.R. to New York

✓ Lv. Salisbury Train No. 462

2.45 P.M., May 15

✓ Ar. New York (Penna. Sta.)

8.15 P.M., May 15

Accommodations: → Parlor car seat from Salisbury, Md. to New York, N.Y.

Elapsed Time: 5 hours 30 minutes.

MR

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bedsworth</i>	<i>Bed</i>	3	<i>254</i>
Rufus BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
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	ROW <i>45</i>	2	<i>45</i>
	BLOCK <i>10</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>md.</i>	2	<i>24</i>
RANK	<i>Port</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>29</i>	2	<i>29</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>115</i>	3	<i>115</i>
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MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bedsworth</i>	<i>Bed</i>	3	<i>254</i>
<i>Mrs. Sallie</i>	STATE <i>md.</i>	2	<i>24</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Wicomico</i>	2	<i>23</i>
<i>712 Brown St.</i>	CITY <i>Salisbury</i>	3	<i>015</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
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ENGLISH	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
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AUDITED

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Age

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Name BEDSWORTH, Mrs. Sallie

Paris Hôtel HOTEL LUTÉZIA
BOULEVARD RASPAILL

Home address RD. #3, Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Maryland

Party A Group Unit

Date of arrival 5/25/33. SS. HARDING Date of departure 6/8/33 SS. MANHATTAN

Relationship Mother, age 54

Name of deceased Bedsworth, Rufus

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. L, 115th Inf.

Cemetery MEUSE ARGONNE 24 D 45

REMARKS



PARTY "A"
HOUSE ARGONNE GROUP.

1. Arrived at Le Havre, France, at 6:10 PM May 25, on the SS President Harding, in charge of Capt. John O'Daniel, Inf., and Lt. Russell J. Nelson, Inf., and were met by Lt. Col. R.H. Jordan, Q.M.C. Left Le Havre at 6:58 PM and arrived at the Gare des Invalides at 10:48 PM. De-trained and spent the night at the Hotel Lutetia.
2. Friday, May 26, the morning was spent in conferences with the Conducting Officers. Lunch was held at the hotel and the pilgrim visited Napoleon's Tomb during the afternoon.
3. Saturday, May 27, the morning was free, lunch was at the hotel, and that afternoon the pilgrim attended the ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe and had tea at the Restaurant Laurent.
4. Sunday, May 28, the pilgrim left Paris at 8:00, visited Meaux, lunched at the town of Reims, and visited Verdun. Stayed overnight here.
5. Monday, May 29, left for the cemetery, had lunch there and went to Montfaucon and Verdun. Stayed overnight there. Dinner at the hotel.
6. Tuesday, May 30, Memorial Day Services at the cemetery, lunched there and had dinner at the hotel.
7. Wednesday, May 31, left for St. Mihiel cemetery, lunched at the Grand Hotel, Nancy, and had dinner at the hotel at Verdun.
8. Thursday, June 1, visited the cemetery and departed for Reims, where the night was spent.
9. Friday, June 2, visited O.A. cemetery and departed for Reims, visited the A.M. Cemetery, lunched at Chateau Thierry and then went to Paris.
10. Saturday, June 3, the morning was free. Lunch at the hotel and a visit to the Louvre in the afternoon.
11. Sunday, June 4, church in the morning, lunch at the hotel, and went on a sightseeing tour at night.
12. Monday, June 5, went to Sacre Coeur in the morning, lunched in the Bois, and visited the Lafayette Escadrille.
13. Tuesday, June 6, shopped during the morning, lunched at the hotel and then went to Versailles.
14. Wednesday, June 7, visited Notre Dame, lunched at the hotel and then went to Cluny.
15. Thursday, June 8, departed from the Gare des Invalides for Le Havre, arrived there at noon and embarked on the SS Manhattan, which sailed at 1:15 PM.

BEDSWORTH SALLIE (MRS.)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

April 21, 1933

MEMORANDUM

To All Concerned:

Please make the following changes in passenger
list for;

CHANGE #16 PARTY A W/PAGE

PRESIDENT HAWKINS - May 17, 1933

CHANGE ADDRESS WICOMICO COUNTY MARYLAND A - 3

Bedsworth, Mrs. Sallie
712 Brown St., Salisbury

DELETE Mrs. Ruth Frower MASSACHUSETTS A - 13

For The Quartermaster General,

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

PARTY "A"
May 1st, 1933.

Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth,
712 Brown St.,
Salisbury, Maryland

Dear Madam:

Upon your arrival in New York City you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will engage porter service to take care of your baggage and escort you to the hotel. During your sojourn here before sailing for Europe and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel Commodore, 42nd Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City.

The two tags and four identification pasters accompanying this communication are intended to protect your baggage while in transit. One tag should be attached to the handle of each piece of your baggage and a paster placed on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home. Your baggage will be safer and also more readily available to you after your arrival in New York if it is placed with you on the train.

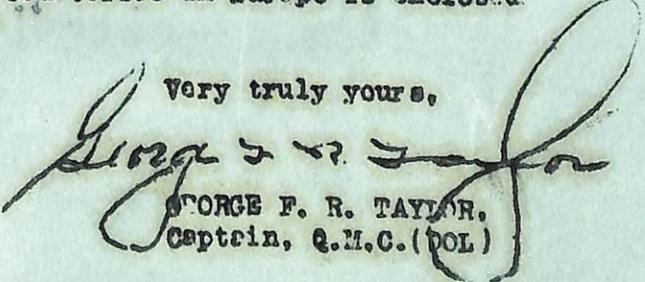
All mail intended to reach you between May 17th, 1933, the day you sail from the United States, and June 8th, 1933, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris (16), France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,
c/o American Pilgrimage,
20 Rue Molitor,
Paris (16), France.

The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your Pullman accommodations will be made with the railroads in advance by this office. This will require you to remain in New York at the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

Information relative to the cemeteries in Europe is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,


GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
Captain, E.M.C. (POL)

7 Incls.:
2 Baggage Tags
4 Baggage Pastors
1 Copy Com. terial Information

VIA WESTERN UNION

No. A-73

Miss Ruth Bedsworth,
712 Brown St.,
Salisbury, Md.

Asst. to

June 15, 1933

MRS SALLIE BEDSWORTH WILL ARRIVE SALISBURY AT ONE FORTYSEVEN
FRIDAY AFTERNOON JUNE SIXTEENTH VIA PENN RR TRAIN FOUR FIFTYFIVE
PLEASE MEET HER

COLONEL POPE

MEDICAL RECORD

Party A
Nurse K. Steelman

M. A. Cmty
Station : Hotel Lutetia, Paris

Date : ¹¹May 25th, 1933.

Name Bedsworth, Mrs. Sallie

Home address ~~RD #3~~, Salibury, Wicomico County, MARYLAND.
712 Brown St.

Address of Nearest friend or relative George Bedsworth, Husband,
same address.

Religion..... Age 54

History of Present complaint :

June 1st Constipation

(over)

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

Diagnosis and complications : (include dates)

Constipation

Treatment and Progress : (include dates)

June 1st Milk of Magnesia g.s. p.r.n.

Disposition : (include dates) **8 June to Le Havre, Fitts.**

Remarks :

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PARTY

EASTBOUND

GROUP

A-3

STATE

M.A.

MARYLAND

54-M

Mrs. **Bedsworth, Sallie**
(Name of Pilgrim)Address **712 Brown St**
~~Box #55~~
(Street & No.)
Md.
(State)**Salisbury**
(City or Town)
Wicomico
(County)**Mr. G. H. Bedsworth - Husband**
(Name of Nearest Kin)Address **712 Brown St.**
(Street & No.)
Maryland
(State)**Salisbury**
(City or Town)
Wicomico
(County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. **Penn.** Train No. **462** Date **5/15/33- 8:15 P.M.E.S.T.**
Hotel **Commodore** Room No. **1018**
Roomed with **Mrs. Mary Rapaport**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date **May 17 1933** Vessel **Harding** Cabin No. **C-123-C**
In Cabin with **Mrs. Wilson - C-123-A** and **Mrs. Canfield - C-123-F**
(Over Westbound)

WESTBOUND
ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date **June 15, 1933** Vessel **Manhattan** Cabin No. **B-43-1**
In Cabin with ~~**Mrs. Bessie Groswell B-43-3**~~ *Mrs Cora E. Palmer*
Hotel **Commodore** Room No. **1235**
Roomed with **Mrs. Cora E. Palmer**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. **Penn** Train No. **169** Space **9 16** Car No. **690** Date **6/16/33**

REMARKS

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(C Eastbound)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



Penalty for private use to avoid
payment of postage \$300.

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PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

NAME MRS. SALLIE BEDSWORTH

712 Brown St.,
ADDRESS SALISBURY, MD.

DATE 6/16/33 2:20 pm

TO: Officer-In-Charge,
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

Sallie J. Bedsworth

MEDICAL RECORD

Party: A-3 S. S. HARDING MANHATTAN *Eastbound*
Westbound

Name Bedsworth, Mrs. Sallie

712 Brown St
Home Address ~~220 1/2~~ Salisbury, Md.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Mr. G. H. Bedsworth, (Husband)

712 Brown Street, Salisbury, Md.

Religion _____ Age 54 - M

History of present complaint: East. May 20th Headache

(OVER)

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) **May 20th Cold compress to head Phenacetine 5 grs.** *Jm*

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

MEDICAL RECORD

Party A
Nurse K. Steelman R.N.

M.A. Cmty

Station: Hotel Lutetia, Paris

Date: May 25th, 1933.

Name Bedsworth, Mrs. Sallie

Home address ~~#6 #12~~, Salisbury, Wicomico County, MARYLAND
712 Brown St.

Address of Nearest friend or relative George Bedsworth, husband
same address

Religion Protestant

Age 54

History of Present complaint:

June 1st Constipation

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Constipation

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

June 1st Milk of Magnesia q.s. p.r.n.

Disposition: (include dates) 8 June. To Lettuce. Fills

Remarks:

OBB

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PARTY A FILE NO.

NAME Bedsworth, Mrs. Sallie
~~65-42~~ Salisbury, Md.
712 Brown St

ROUTE OF TICKET

..... Penn. to Salisbury, Md.
..... to
..... to

Expiration date July 24-33

The following stop overs are requested.

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T.M.

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(Signature of Pilgrim)

IN CABIN WITH

Shellen
Mrs ^AWilson- C-123-A and

Mrs Canfield- C-123-F- both group MA

QM 293 A-M
Bedsworth, Rufus (MA)

June 27, 1933.

Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth,
712 Brown Street,
Salisbury, Maryland.

Dear Mrs. Bedsworth:

Receipt is acknowledged of the letter of June 8th signed by you and the other members of Party A who visited the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army, the nurses and other personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the trip might have a comfortable and pleasant journey. I feel, however, that the task was materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the pilgrims themselves.

You are assured that the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery will always be maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it, as it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make it a fitting resting place for the heroes buried there.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed in the letter, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DOWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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QM 293 A-M
Bedsworth, Rufus (MA)

May 2, 1933.

Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth,
712 Brown Street,
Salisbury, Md.

Dear Madam:

In view of an increase in the per diem allowance for meals and expenses incident to travel of pilgrims from their homes to New York, there is enclosed Check No. 167,172 in the amount of \$.37 to cover the difference due you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl. Check

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bedsworth, Rufus (MA)

May 1, 1933

Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth,
712 Brown St.,
Salisbury, Md.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Salisbury	Penna.	Train No. 462	2:45 PM	May 15
Ar. New York	"	" " "	8:15 PM	" "
	(Penna. Sta.)			

Accommodations: Parlor car seat from Salisbury, Md. to New York, N. Y.

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

April 26, 1933

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bedsworth, Rufus (MA)

Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth,
712 Brown Street,
Salisbury, Maryland

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~151,794~~ in the amount of \$1.50, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 21, 1933.

Bedsworth, Rufus MA M

Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth,
RD #3,
Salisbury, Md.

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence on this subject, you are informed that your passport has been received and will be delivered to you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
~~R. E. SHANNON,~~
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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

Bedsworth, Rufus (MA)
Bedsworth, Mrs. Sallie
RD #3,
Salisbury, Wicomico Co. Md.
President Harding May 17, 1933.

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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

Mr. H. H. Bedsworth ✓

Name

712 Brown Street, Salisbury, Md.

Address

Husband

Relationship

Very truly yours,

Sallie J. Bedsworth ✓
Your name

712 Brown Street
Your address
Salisbury, Md.



QM 293 A-M
Bedsworth, Rufus (MA)

April 11, 1933

Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth,
~~R. D. #5,~~ 712 Brown St.
Salisbury, Maryland.

Dear Madam:

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

You must have a passport to enter Europe. Please go at once to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Salisbury, Maryland, talking with you:

1. Four (4) photographs of yourself made on thin paper (unmounted) not more than 3 x 3 inches or less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size.
2. Your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you may have.
3. Someone who has known you for at least two years to identify you.

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

In the event conditions have arisen which prevent your making a pilgrimage, it is requested this office be advised in order that the reservations made for you may be cancelled.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bedsworth Rufus (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Sallie Bedsworth
R F #3
Salisbury Md

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours


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



2 Encls.

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

yes
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Sallie Bedsworth

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bedsworth Rufus (M-A) M

September 29, 1931.

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Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth,
R. D. #3,
Salisbury, Maryland.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO _____

QM 293 A-M
Bedsworth, Rufus Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth,
R. D. #3,
Salisbury, Md.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 29, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bedsworth, Rufus-1232 M

Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth,
Salisbury, Maryland. R.D. B.

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? ~~yes~~ no

(Write answer here)

Mrs S. J. Bedsworth
(Sign here)

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bedsworth, Rufus 1232 M

May 5, 1930.

Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth,
R. D. #3,
Salisbury, Md.

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. 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) <u> </u>	(No) <u> </u>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <u> </u>	(No) <u> </u>
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) <u> </u>	(No) <u> </u>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>52</u> (Years)	Health <u>Good</u> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <u> </u>	(No) <u> </u> Other language <u> </u> (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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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bedsworth, Rufus 1232

February 15, 1930

Mrs. Sallie J. Bedsworth
Salisbury, Maryland

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 Rufus Bedsworth, Co. L, 115th 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?

no

2. If so, give her complete address.

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

Mrs Sallie J. Bedsworth

Mother.

Salisbury Md

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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DATE January 17, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Bedsworth, Rufus	Pvt.	1286343	Co. L, 115th Inf.	Aug 31, 1918

STATE	Maryland	CTY. NO.	1232	GRAVE	24	ROW	45	BLOCK	D
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	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
NAME	MOTHER	:	:	:
		:	:	:
		:	:	:
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:
		:	:	:
AND	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:
		:	:	:
ADDRESS	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:
		:	:	:
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	:	:	:
		:	:	:

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Mrs Sallie J Bedsworth
Salisbury
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bedsworth, Rufus

June 29 1929.

Mr. Geo. Bedsworth,
Princess Anne, Md.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Rufus Bedsworth, Co. L, 115th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M
Bedsworth, Rufus (MA)

June 27, 1933.

Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth,
712 Brown Street,
Salisbury, Maryland.

Dear Mrs. Bedsworth:

Receipt is acknowledged of the letter of June 8th signed by you and the other members of Party A who visited the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army, the nurses and other personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the trip might have a comfortable and pleasant journey. I feel, however, that the task was materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the pilgrims themselves.

You are assured that the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery will always be maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it, as it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make it a fitting resting place for the heroes buried there.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed in the letter, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 21, 1933.

Bedsworth, Rufus MA M

Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth,
RD #3,
Salisbury, Md.

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence on this subject, you are informed that your passport has been received and will be delivered to you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M
Bedsworth, Rufus (MA)

April 11, 1933

Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth,
R. D. #3,
Salisbury, Maryland.

Dear Madam:

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

You must have a passport to enter Europe. Please go
at once to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Salisbury, Maryland,
taking with you:

1. Four (4) photographs of yourself made on
thin paper (unmounted) not more than 3 x 3
inches or less than 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size.
2. Your invitation and any evidence of citizen-
ship you may have.
3. Someone who has known you for at least two
years to identify you.

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

In the event conditions have arisen which prevent your
making a pilgrimage, it is requested this office be advised in
order that the reservations made for you may be cancelled.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bedsworth Rufus (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Sallie Bedsworth
R F #8
Salisbury Md

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
Bedsworth Rufus (M-A) M

September 29, 1931.

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Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth,
R. D. #3,
Salisbury, Maryland.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

2. Please state your age and condition
of health:

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.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO _____
QM 293 A-M
Bedsworth, Rufus Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth,
R. D. #3,
Salisbury, Md.

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 29, 1930.

Bedsworth, Rufus-1232 M

**Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth,
Salisbury, Maryland. R.D. B.**

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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bedsworth, Rufus

June 29 1929.

Mr. Geo. Bedsworth,
Princess Anne, Md.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Rufus Bedsworth, Co. L, 115th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Bedsworth, Rufus 1232 H

May 5, 1930

Mrs. Sallie Bedsworth,
R. D. #3,
Salisbury, Md.

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. 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,

JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bedsworth, Rufus 1232

February 17, 1930

Mrs. Sallie J. Bedsworth
Salisbury, Maryland

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 Rufus Bedsworth, Co. L, 115th 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. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bedsworth, Rufus
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mr. Geo. Bedsworth,
Princess Anne, Md.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

FILE UNDER NO. 293 Bedsworth, Rufus, 1st
(Co.L, 115th Inf.)

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SYNOPSIS

8/7/26.

From OCSG

To The Director,
American Red Cross, Wash DC.

Req. any inf. records disclose re burial place, especially
copies of any Red Cross Searcher's Report, on above named soldier.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293 Goads, Arthur L. Sgt.

INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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Missing August 31, 1918.

Subjects: Rufus Bedsworth. Pvt. 1286343 Co. L, 115 Infantry, Paris Ref.
Searchers Ref. No. 52. Missing list Nov. 1.

All these men took part in a raid on the German lines at about 2 A. M. on the morning of August 31 last. The raid took place at what is known as CR (Centre Resistance) Gildwiller. It was at the right of this section at a point known as PP 1 (Petite Poste). About a hundred men from the third Bn. (Cos. I. K. L. M.) of the 115 Inf. volunteered for this raid. The subjects above mentioned were included among these men. They started from Guevenatten, in Alsace about 35 kilos, N. E. of Belfort. At the town of Falckwiller some of the companies of this Battalion were in the line and some were in reserve. From August 18 to Sept. 4, they were at the town of Vauthiermont. At this town the raid was rehearsed and during the night of August 31 the one hundred volunteers, including the above named subjects, who were to take part in the raid went in trucks to PP 1 at the right of Cr Gildwiller. They left the trucks on arrival and shortly after two A. M. August 31 the barrage started. It is what is known as a (box) barrage covering the section of Boche trenches to be raided at right angles, the object being to allow the passage of our men into the Boche trenches and to prevent the enemy from entering into this area by way of their trenches and so obtaining a flanking fire, that is the fire practically cuts off a section of the enemy trenches for raiding purposes; There was also protection from the trench mortars of the 116 Inf. The object was not to gain ground but if possible, to take prisoners. The raiding party was formed into four groups of 25 men each under command of Major (then Captain) Brooke Lee now at second Battalion P. C. Senaide. He was then Captain of Co. K. 115 Infantry. The first group, at the left, was in command of above named Sgt. Arthur L. Goode. With him were Bedsworth, Smith and Stewart. Their object was to prevent the entrance by the enemy, and who might possibly pass the barrage, into the raiding area. The group at the right had a similar object, and the two groups in the centre were, according to the plan, to go forward and capture the enemy machine guns, preliminary to the capture of prisoners by all. Although the raid was perfectly planned and executed accordingly, the enemy was warned and turned a devastating shell fire into the raiding area before the object of the raid could be accomplished.

All four groups were caught in this fire. Those that survived finally made their way back. While there is no positive evidence that the subjects above named were actually killed at this time, they never reported back to their companies and no trace has ever been found of them. Two informants who took part in this raid are Pvt. G. Roger Bailey, Co. I. 115 Inf. Home Address: Salisbury, Md. Sgt. Alexander B. Gittinger; Co. L. 115 Inf.

Informant: Phillips, Roland
Thos. J. Dee,
Searchers 29 Div. APO 765
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Missing August 31, 1918.

Subjects: Rufus Bedsworth, Pvt. 1286343 Co. L, 115 Infantry, Paris Ref.
Searchers Ref. No. 52. Missing list Nov. 1.

All these men took part in a raid on the German lines at about 2 A. M. on the morning of August 31 last. The raid took place at what is known as CR (Centre Resistance) Gildwiller. It was at the right of this section at a point known as PP 1 (Petite Poste). About a hundred men from the third Bn. (Cos. I. K. L. M.) of the 115 Inf. volunteered for this raid. The subjects above mentioned were included among these men. They started from Guevenatten, in Alsace about 35 miles, N. E. of Belfort. At the town of Falkwiller some of the companies of this Battalion were in the line and some were in reserve. From August 18 to Sept. 4, they were at the town of Vauthiermont. At this town the raid was rehearsed and during the night of August 31 the one hundred volunteers, including the above named subjects, who were to take part in the raid went in trucks to PP 1 at the right of Cr Gildwiller. They left the trucks on arrival and shortly after two A. M. August 31 the barrage started. It is what is known as a (box) barrage covering the section of Boche trenches to be raided at right angles, the object being to allow the passage of our men into the Boche trenches and to prevent the enemy from entering into this area by way of their trenches and so obtaining a flanking fire, that is the fire practically cuts off a section of the enemy trenches for raiding purposes; There was also protection from the trench mortars of the 116 Inf. The object was not to gain ground but if possible, to take prisoners. The raiding party was formed into four groups of 25 men each under command of Major (then Captain) Brooke Lee now at second Battalion P. C. Senaide. He was then Captain of Co. K. 115 Infantry. The first group, at the left, was in command of above named Sgt. Arthur L. Goode. With him were Bedsworth, Smith and Stewart. Their object was to prevent the entrance by the enemy, and who might possibly pass the barrage, into the raiding area. The group at the right had a similar object, and the two groups in the centre were, according to the plan, to go forward and capture the enemy machine guns, preliminary to the capture of prisoners by all. Although the raid was perfectly planned and executed accordingly, the enemy was warned and turned a devastating shell fire into the raiding area before the object of the raid could be accomplished.

All four groups were caught in this fire. Those that survived finally made their way back. While there is no positive evidence that the subjects above named were actually killed at this time, they never reported back to their companies and no trace has ever been found of them. Two informants who took part in this raid are Pvt. G. Roger Bailey, Co. I. 115 Inf. Home Address: Salisbury, Md. Sgt. Alexander B. Gittinger; Co. L. 115 Inf.

Informant: Phillips, Roland
Thos. J. Dee,
Searchers 29 Div. APO 765
29 Div.
Jan. 9, 1919.

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Hosp. Base. 85

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INFORMATION AS TO:

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GIVEN BY:

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Thomas seems to be an intelligent man.

Hosp. 1.

Amy J. Brigham.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Date 8/27/26

SUBJECT: Information required for Cemeterial Division.

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army, World War Division, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

- a. Surname Bedsworth ✓
- b. Christian name Rufus L. ✓
- c. Serial number 1286343 ✓
- d. Organization Co 2-115 Inf ✓
- e. Rank Pvt ✓
- f. Emergency Address _____
- g. Date of death 8/31/18 ✓
- h. Authority _____
- i. Cause of death ra ✓
- j. Place of death _____
- k. Place of burial _____
- l. Date of discharge _____

✓ BODY DESCRIPTION

- a. Date of enlistment June 5 '17
- b. Age at enlistment 18 yrs.
- c. Color of hair Brown
- d. Height 5ft. 10 in.
- e. Weight* 150 lbs.
- f. Fractures or breaks None

✓ DENTAL CHARTS

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None missing

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WORLD WAR DIV.

For The Quartermaster General:

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KM 213

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF Rufus Bedsworth SERIAL NUMBER 1286343

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. L. 115th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec. 10, 1920 From (give complete location): Grave #14, Cemetery #239

By: Group #2 Unit #1

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 10, 1920 In (give complete location): Grave #14, Cem. #239

By: Group #6 Unit #3 Nature of reburial Pine box, and blanket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Wooden box and uniform. Body entirely decomposed. Skeleton completely disarticulated. Features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No On grave marker? Yes (2)

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Tag tags found on grave marker.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) _____

(b) Weight (estimated) _____

(c) Hair—Color _____

Quantity _____

Characteristics _____

(d) Hair on face—Color _____

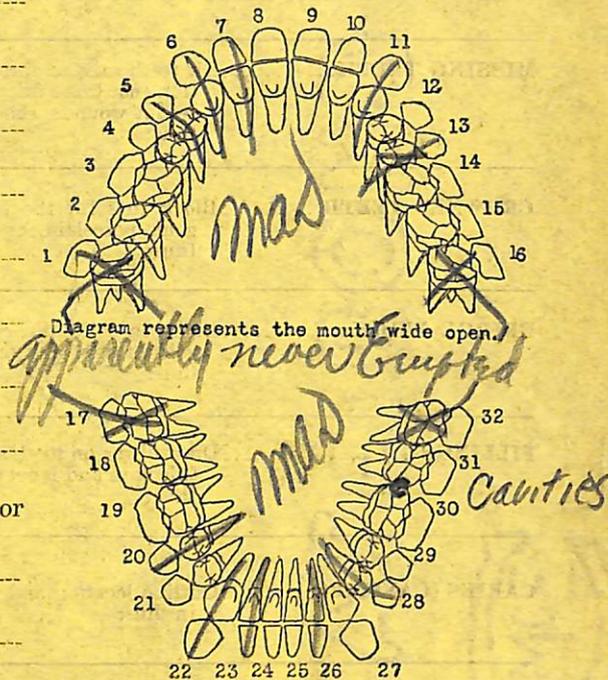
Location _____

Quantity _____

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) _____

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) D-53477

Many bones badly fractured.



7. Disinterment supervised by Geo Muller Approved: W.D. Archer

(Title) 1st Lt. Col.

8. Reburial supervised by Harry C. Strong Approved: W.D. Archer

(Title) 1st Lt. Col.

Place Hagenback (Alsace)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept 7, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BEDSWORTH, RUFUS SERIAL NUMBER 1286343

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION C. O. L., 115th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept 7, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr 232x 14 French Military Cem 239 Hagenback (Alsace)

By: Group 4 Unit Section No 4.

3. Reburied (date): November 1, 1921. In (give complete location): Row 45, Block D, Grave 24, Cem, 1232.

By: Group Reburial S. Unit Nature of reburial Unlined Casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Buried in blanket and in wooden box.

Body 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: Bottle containing identification data found on body. Metal strip found on body. No effects found.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Unable to determine

(c) Hair—Color Unable to determine

Quantity Unable to determine

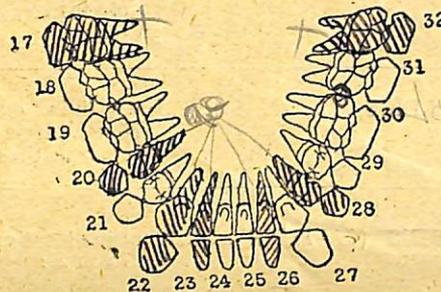
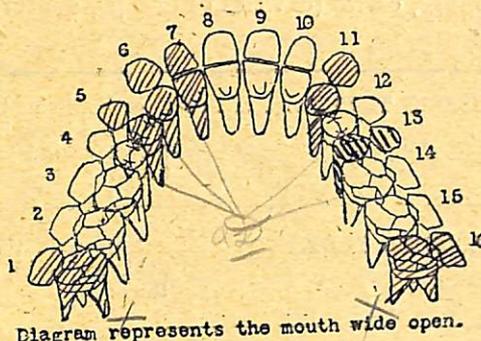
Characteristics Unable to determine

(d) Hair on face—Color Unable to determine

Location Unable to determine

Quantity Unable to determine

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



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) 1, 16, 32, 17 Not grown. 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 28, 26, 22, 23, 20, M.A.D. 31, 30, Cavities.

Both femurs fractured.

7. Disinterment supervised by W.C. RAPINE RB

Approved: R. L. FAIN sgh
(Title) CAPT. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault, WS.

Approved: Geo. C. Blanc, 1st. Lieut
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