

Marker to show rank of Sgt.

To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

DEC 23 1925

293

FULL NAME BENDER, Francis A. *lol sig.*

RANK Private SERIAL 1240694 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Company G, 110th Infantry *28*

DATE OF DEATH *July 30/18*

7-30-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Pa*

Pa

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....

Date

Grave

Row

Block

608

Cemetery

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DEC 29 1925
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Grave Location

Serv. Francis Bender ^{Bender} - 1240694

115th Inf. Killed Aug 3, 1918,

Location - Hill S. of Ranches

Map. Somme. Point

500 yds W. of bridge of Bords de Rimpette

200 yds N. of Saline grounds

2 trees - 1 on body, 1 on cross

Gen. J. H. Wolfe
Chapd, 55th Inf. Reg. Hq.

C° G. 110th Inf.
28th Div.

BENDER, Francis A. Pvt I240694

Pvt Bender was hit three times by sniper's bullets in the fighting north of the Ourcq River on the 31st of July. He was shot through the arm and body. The third shot killed him instantly."

Informant : Bundh; Ralph, Pvt 2217188
C° G. 110 Inf.

Home : Fargo, Okla.

Searcher : Wraphoner, H. Jr. 1st Lt 110 In

2/17/19

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO _____

QM 293 A-C

SUBJECT: Identification of body.

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

1. You are informed that the investigation in the case of the soldier named above has been successful. His body was reburied from the following location as an Unknown American Soldier:

2. The remains are now interred in Grave Row Block

For The Quartermaster General:



Place Springes et Negles

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date April 14, 1921

1. REMAINS OF ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Francis A Bender, SERIAL NUMBER 1240694

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. G, 110th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): April 14, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 17 Sec D Plot 1 Cem 608

April 14, 1921 Gr. 17 Sec D Plot 1 Cem 608

(Found under cross 11 Sec D Plot 1)

By: Group 3 Unit 2

3. Reburied (date): April 15th 1921 In (give complete location): Gr. 17 Sec D Plot 1 Cem 608

April 15th 1921 Gr. 17 Sec D Plot 1 Cem 608

By: Group 3 Unit 2 Nature of reburial Burlap and pine box.

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

Body badly decomposed. Features not recognizable. Uniform and burlap

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

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

Collar ornament reads " Co. G, 110th Inf.

no other means of identification.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) skelton disarticulated.

(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) "

None

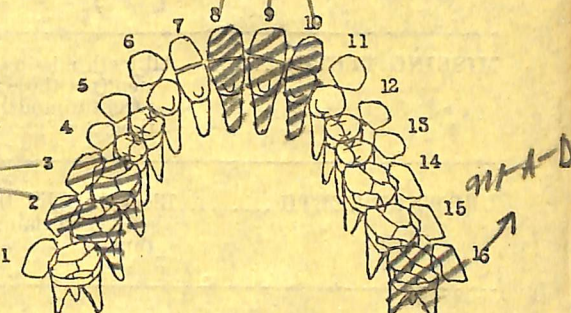
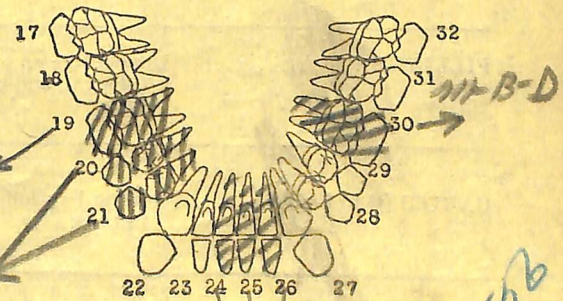


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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7. Disinterment supervised by Wm. J. Turner. Approved: R. C. Worthington 1st Lt QMC (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by Wm. J. Turner. Approved: R. C. Worthington 1st Lt QMC (Title)

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

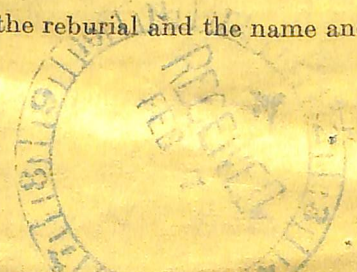
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No."
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	
BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:	
FILLINGSDraw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	
CARIES (CAVITIES)Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	

DENTURES (PLATES).....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

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



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

BENDER FRANCISA OK

Name Francis Bender

Number: 1240694

Rank: Sgt.

Organization: ?

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) June 10/19 From: (Give complete location)

Grave # 13 Cemetery #563

Reburied (Date) June 10/19 in: (Give complete location)

Grave # 17 Section D. Plot.#1 Cemetery #608 Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

Map #33 Soissons. SE. 275.4N-195.25E

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

Buried 4 feet deep--- Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? None--One on cross.

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

CONFIRMED No. D 118 3/5

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G.O. 170, G.H.2, 1918 after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notes whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Cpl. Yezell

1st Lt. Oscar W. Forsberg

C.O. Group Unit 304

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Bender	3	2504
	Francis a		2
BURIED	CEMETERY 608	1	
	GRAVE 10	2	10
	ROW 16	2	16
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	Pa	2	44
RANK	Pvt	1	8
DIVISION	28	2	28
ORGANIZATION	110	3	110
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	yes	1	1
NAME	Bender	3	2504
	Mrs. Eliz. M		44
RESIDENCE	STATE Pa	2	
	COUNTY Blair	2	07
	CITY Altoona	3	003
RELATION	Widow	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	
29/514/PT	age		

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QM 293 A-M

Bender Francis A (OA)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 12, 1932

Mrs Elizabeth M Bender
1311 14th Ave
Altonna, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space _____, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here _____. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,
Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bender, Francis A. OA

September 6, 1932.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender,
1311 - 14th Avenue,
Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	<i>No</i> ✓
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bonder, Francis A. (OA)

July 9, 1933.

Mrs. Elisabeth M. Bonder,
1311 14th Ave.,
Altoona, Pa.

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) _____

Born 12-5-76
ent 8-5-17

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BENDER, Francis A.

Pvt., Co. G, 110th Inf.,

PENNSYLVANIA

Xc 29488

~~Mother ??
Stepmother or Loco ?~~

Parents died before 1918
no record of loss a S.M

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

October 2, 1931

Bender, Francis A. O-A W-

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender,
1311 14th Ave.,
Altoona, Penna.

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,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 20, 1931

Bender, Francis A. Pvt.(OA) W

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender,
1311 14th Ave.,
Altoona, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 30, 1930.

Bender, Francis A. - 608 W

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender,
1311 14th Ave.,
Altoona, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the Widow of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, 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.

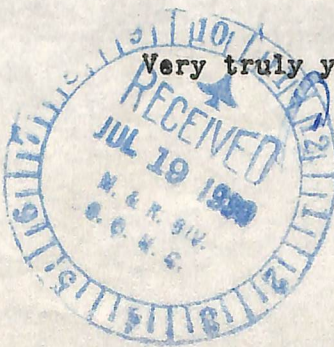
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>No</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>52</i> Condition of Health <i>Fair</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>Yes</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>None</i>

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930

Bender, Francis A. 608 W

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender,
1311 14th Ave.,
Altoona, Pa.

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.

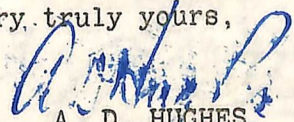
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

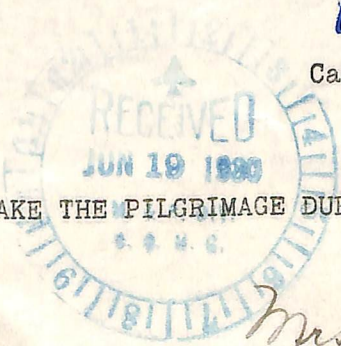
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

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


Yes.
(Write answer here)


Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender.
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bender, Francis A. 608 W

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender,
1311 - 14th Ave.,
Altoona, Penna.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bender, Francis A.
608

Aug. 27, 1929.

1311
Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender,
1309-14th Ave.,
Altoona, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 20, 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: **Yes**

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender,

1311 - 14th Ave., Altoona, Pa.

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. **No**

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

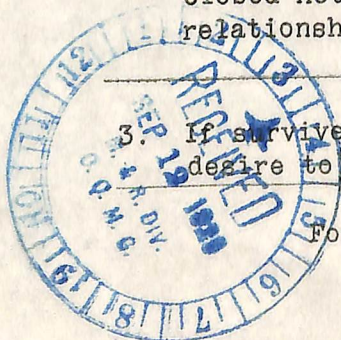
Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 20, 1929.

Bender, Francis A.

1311 Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender,
1709-14th Ave.,
Albany, N.Y.

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 Francis A. Bender, Co. G, 110th Inf., 28th Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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,

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

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Act of Congress.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bender, Francis A. OA

September 6, 1932.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender,
1311 - 14th Avenue,
Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
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4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bender, Francis A. (OA)

July 9, 1932.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender,
1311 14th Ave.,
Altoona, Pa.

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? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Dender, Francis A. O-A W-

October 2, 1931

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Mrs. Elizabeth M. Dender,
1311 14th Ave.,
Altoona, Penna.

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,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 30, 1930.

Bender, Francis A. - 608 W

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender,
1311 14th Ave.,
Altoona, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the Widow of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, 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.

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 20, 1931

Bender, Francis A. Pvt.(OA) W

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender,
1311 14th Ave.,
Altoona, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930

Bender, Francis A. 608 W

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Bender,
1311 14th Ave.,
Altoona, Pa.

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
Bender, Francis A. 603 W

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Bender,
1311 - 14th Ave.,
Altoona, Penna.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bender, Francis A.
608

Aug. 27, 1929.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender,
1309-14th Ave.,
Altoona, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **June 20, 1929** making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bender, Francis A.

June 20 1929.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender,
1309-14th Ave.,
Aitona, Pa.

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 Francis A. Bender, Co. G, 110th Inf., 28th Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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DISPATCHED
C. M. G. M. & R. DIV.

Bender, Francis A. Dup. 1,240,694
(Name.) (Christian name in full.) (Arrival official number.)
Pvt. Co. G 110th Inf.
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Wife

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? No
(Yes or no.)

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

X (Name of person to receive remains.) X (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) Mrs Elizabeth Marie Bender

1309 14 Ave Altoona Pa
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

drawn by ~~MAJ~~
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QM 293 A-C

Bender, Francis A.

February 11, 1929.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender,
1509 - 14th Ave.,
Altoona, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The inclosed card gives the permanent cemetery and grave location of the late **Francis A. Bender.**

All American military cemeteries, both in Europe and in our own country, will be maintained by the Government forever, the graves permanently marked by headstones showing the decedent's name, rank, organization, State, and date of death, all of which will be done without the necessity of requests emanating from relatives.

Please understand that in effecting the final disposition of our heroic dead the utmost care and reverence is exercised.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Record card.

Q. M. G. M. & R. DIV.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 8148

(a) Name BENDER, Francis A. Ser. No. 1240694

(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. G. 110th Inf.

(c) Date of death 7/30/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. EK
CKR. W/B

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

(a) Grave No. 17 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. D TYP. EK

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender (wife) 1316, 13th Ave., Altoona, Penna.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Mrs Elizabeth Bender (b) Relationship Wife

(c) Address 1309 - 14th Ave, Altoona, Pa

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at ---

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. ---

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. ---

Examiner's Initials MA Date 12-11, 1920.

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

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials MA Date 12-11, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes att

Examiner's Initials att Date 12-11, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 608

SHEET No. 213

G. R. S. Form No. 115 Amended April 6, 1920

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Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

CARDED

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Rev. 5-10-21 ED

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE February 4, 1928

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 BENDER, Francis A. Pa 10. Name _____
- 2. No. 1240694 11. No. _____
- 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank _____
- 4. Org. Co. G, 110th Inf. 28th Div 13. Org. _____
- 5. D.D. July 30, 1918 14. (a) D.D. _____
- 6. C.D. KIA (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 10 Sec. _____ 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 8. Plot Block A Row 16 16. Plot _____ Row _____
- 9. _____ 17. _____

18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne 19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles

20. Dept. or County Aisne 21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 608

23. Disinterred (Date) February 4, 1928 By L. Gordon

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BENDER, Francis A. Serial No. 1240694

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. G, 110th Inf.

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

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).

One collar ornament 110 G crossed rifles

27. Condition of body _____

28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date February 4, 1928 By L. Gordon

31. Casket sealed by L. Gordon

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) L. Gordon
L. Gordon.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. _____

32. Designation of body:

Name BENDER, Francis A. Serial No. 1240694

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. G, 110th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) February 4, 1928 By Charles E. Spahn

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 Charles E. Spahn
Charles E. Spahn

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) _____

To point of Concentration _____

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____ (Name)

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 _____

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____ (Name)

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred February 4, 1928, Oise-Aisne American Cty.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 10 Section _____

43. Plot Block A Row 16

G.R.S. Representative William E. Moore
William E. Moore, Superintendent.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date February 4, 1928.

1. REMAINS OF BENDER, Francis A. SERIAL NUMBER 1240694
RANK Private ORGANIZATION Co. ^G 110th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): February 4, 1928. From (give complete location):
Grave 10. Block A, Row 16

By: Group _____ Cty. _____ Unit _____

3. Reburied (date): February 4, 1928 In (give complete location):
Grave 10. Block A, Row 16

By: Group _____ Cty. _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial Metallic casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Metallic casket Pine box & burlap.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? _____ On grave marker? _____

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

One collar ornament ¹¹⁰ crossed rifles
G

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) _____

(b) Weight (estimated) _____

(c) Hair—Color _____

Quantity _____

Characteristics _____

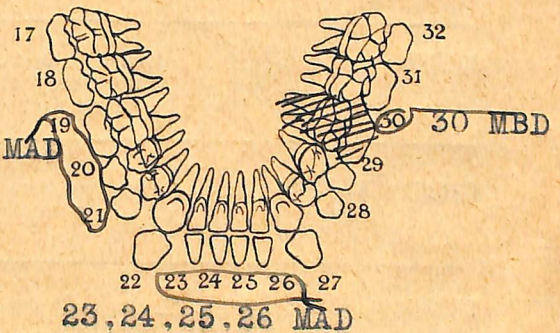
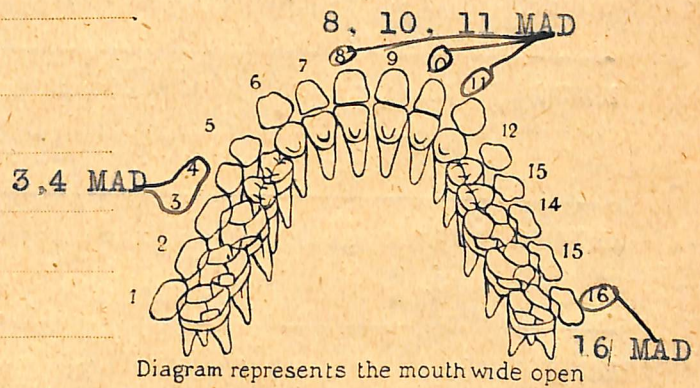
(d) Hair on face—Color _____

Location _____

Quantity _____

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

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



7. Disinterment supervised by [Signature]

Approved: [Signature]
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature]

Approved: [Signature]
(Title)

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

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :



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



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



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



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



DENTURES (PLATES) Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 8148

(a) Name **BENDER, Francis A.** Ser. No. **1240694**

(b) Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. G. 110th Inf.**

(c) Date of death **7/30/18** Cause of death **K/A**

TYP **EK**

MB

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

(a) Grave No. **17** Row **--** Plot **1** Sect. **D**

TYP **EK**

(b) Emerg. Address **Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender (wife) 1316, 13th Ave., Altoona, Penna.**

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR *MB*

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

QSO. Card - Mrs. Elizabeth Bender, wife, 1309-14th Ave. Altoona, Pa desires body to remain in Europe (JES 1-17-20)

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 1/15/1921) (letter of transmittal of 1/15/1921)

Par 2 - Not to be returned (JES)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **JAN 26 1921** 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. **5/3** 192 **1.**

COUNTRY
G.R.S. FORM 115-A
August, 1920
S-666/MB **France**

CEMETERY NO.

608 ✓

SHEET NO.

213

JAN 24 1921 - AP

WAR DEPARTMENT
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
 CEMETERIAL DIVISION

~~WASHINGTON~~
 Hoboken, N.J.

JAN 31 1921

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

To: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bender, 1309 14th Ave., Altoona, Pa.

SUBJECT: Remains of ~~Pvt. Francis A. Bender, Ser. # 1240694, Co. G, 110th Inf.~~

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

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

Was soldier married?

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

Date

Signature

Address

Relationship

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

I, the undersigned, am the and nearest living next of kin of the within-named
(Relationship.)
soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to
(Name.)
.....
(R. R. station.) (State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in National Cemetery.

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

Signature.....

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper **MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER** shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the **LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN** of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If **YOU** are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If **YOU** are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper **AT ONCE** and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper **AT ONCE** in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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

FIELD RECORD

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

CONFIRMED

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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Bender... 1240694... Francis...
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Sergeant... Co. ---- 110th Inf...
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Approximately Aug. 3/18.

PLACE OF BURIAL Battlefield Cemetery on Hill 230.

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

Fere-en-Tardenois Map 1:20000 approx imately center of square bounded by co-ordinates 269-270 198-199. About 1 kilometer northwest of Roncheres, France. Field sketch No. 3-Wynne.

GRAVE NUMBER... 13.

HOW MARKED: *RRH #68* Name Peg? *RRH* Cross? *Yes*

Headboard? *RRH* *RRH*

IDENTIFICATION TAGS *Roncheres (Aisne)* *Battle*

Was one buried with body? *Yes* *COORD E 198.523* *N. 267.000*

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

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

Reburied in Battlefield Cemetery August 20, 1918. 1/4 kilometer south west of Bois des Grimettes. Killed in action.

CONFIRMED

REPORTED BY: *Charles Wynne*
Charles J. Wynne.
2nd Lt. Inf. U.S.A. Com'd'g.
Group #1-Unit 304-Graves Reg. Ser.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

(Sgt. Johnson) This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.

21 SEP 1918

Francis Bender

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110th St. Bunker Aug 21 1918

Water Field N.W. of Rochester

maps Surria 1; 10,000 - Point

500 yds W. of W. edge of Bois de Campette

200 yds N. of S. edge of Wood

2 days 100 yds

June 2 N. W. of

land. Hg. 55 ft

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