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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bunker, John K.
2nd Inf., Co. L, 131th Inf.,
Son

July 14, 1934

Mrs. Mary K. Bunker,
4027 Spring St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

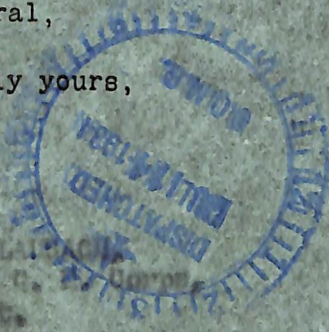
In compliance with your recent request,
instructions have been issued to forward you a
flag in honor of the above named decedent, pro-
vided a flag has not previously been furnished
for him.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAP. H. LAYTON
Lt. Colonel, U. S. Army
Assistant,

Copy to Commanding Officer, Washington, O. N. Depot.
With Instructions to furnish a flag.



4027 Baring St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Quartermaster General
U.S .A.
Washington, D.C.

293 Kessler

As Mother of John Keelso Bender. Co. L.
IIIth Infantry, 28th Division, who died in line of duty
during the World War, I would respectfully request a Memo-
rial Flag to Commemorate his patriotic service and here
state that he left neither widow nor child and that I
have not heretofore had such a flag.

Loyally,

Mary Kessler Bender

4027 Baring ST.
Philadelphia, Pa.



JAN 21 1926

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FULL NAME. BENDER, John K.

RANK. ~~Official Candidate~~ *Sergeant* ~~Sergeant~~ *OK* SERIAL. 1263757

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION. *28th Div.* Company L, 111th Infantry

DATE OF DEATH. *Aug 12, 18*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME. *Pennsylvania*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.

Date	Grave	Row	Block
	7	34	D

608
Cemetery

JAN 22 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

DLB-CD 1-208

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY
REFER TO

A.G. 201 Bender, John K.
(5/14/27) WW
SUBJECT: Rank.

May 14, 1927.

To: The Quartermaster General,
United States Army,
Washington, D. C.

1. Reference is made to your telephonic request for information as to the correct rank and organization of John K. Bender at the time of his death in France.
2. The records of this office show that John K. Bender, while serving as sergeant with Company L, 111th Infantry, 28th Division, was killed in action in the Fismes sector (Champagne) August 12, 1918.
3. The records further show that this soldier was graduated from the second Officers Training School at Camp Hancock, Georgia, in April, 1918, and upon the recommendation of the Commanding Officer of that school, his name was placed upon the list of officer candidates eligible for commissions in the Infantry of the 28th Division. Upon War Department authority granted in May, 1918, orders were issued by the Commanding General, American Expeditionary Forces in France August 26, 1918, announcing the appointment of Sergeant John K. Bender to the grade of second lieutenant of Infantry, to rank from June 1, 1918. Under the Resolution of Congress approved March 3, 1925, (published in War Department Bulletin No. 4, Section X, May 1925) the issuance of a posthumous commission in the name of this soldier as of the grade of second lieutenant of Infantry to date from June 1, 1918, is authorized and as provided in that resolution, his name is now borne accordingly upon the records of the War Department.
4. This commission will be issued to the next of kin of Lieutenant Bender upon the return of the Secretary of War.

By order of the Secretary of War:

E. J. Anderson
Adjutant General.



A.G. 201 Bender, John K.
(5/14/27) WW
Rank.

May 14, 1927.

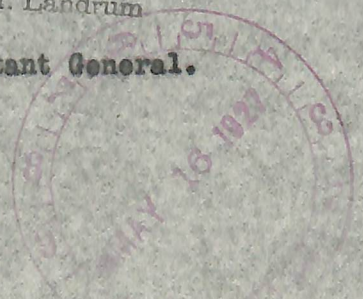
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By order of the Secretary of War:

E. M. Landrum

Adjutant General.



C° L. IIIth Inf.
28th Div.

BENDER, John K. Sgt I263757
Home: 4027 Baring St. Phila.

Was killed (instantly) in a building in Fismette by
H.E. Aug. II, 1918.

He was buried in the same building.

Informant; Roulston, Joseph B. Ist Lt
C° L. IIIth Inf.

Home : 1810 S. Alden St. Phila.

Searcher : Roulston, Joseph B. Ist Lt.

Emerg; add.:
William A. Bender:
(above)

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bender,</i>	<i>BE N</i>	3	<i>25 4</i>
<i>John K.</i>	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	<i>2</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>7</i>	2	<i>07</i>
	ROW <i>34</i>	2	<i>34</i>
	BLOCK <i>D.</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>Penna</i>	2	<i>44</i>
RANK	<i>2nd Lt.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
DIVISION	<i>28</i>	2	<i>28</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>111</i>	3	<i>111</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bender,</i>	<i>BE N</i>	5	<i>25 4</i>
<i>Mrs. Mary Kessler</i>	STATE <i>Penna</i>	2	<i>44</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Phila</i>	2	<i>51</i>
<i>4027 Baring St.</i>	CITY <i>Phila</i>	3	<i>220</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	<i>RW</i>	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>good</i>	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
29/514/PJ <i>mb</i>	<i>age</i>		<i>68</i>

AUDITED

DEC 14 1931

Declined Inv. American for 1931
4-17-30
Final

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

September 6, 1932.

Bender, John K. OA

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender,
4027 Baring Street,
Philadelphia, 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.

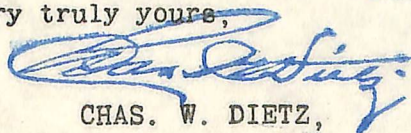
In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl:
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Be... *roy* *ok*

July 13 1933

Mrs Mary Bender
270 Hobart Ave
Atlantic City NJ

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

Bendor, John K. (OA)

July 9, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bendor,
4027 Baring St.,
Philadelphia, 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.

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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) _____

QM 293 A-M

Bender, John K. OA M

December 3, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender,
4027 Baring St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the filled-in questionnaire sent you by this office under date of November 2, 1931, in which you state that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in 1932.

Under the circumstances you have been listed among the mothers and widows eligible to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1933. If, however, you should at a later date find it possible to go in 1932, please so advise this office, and the necessary arrangements will be made to meet your wishes.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom. All expense of the pilgrimage, including transportation, suitable hotel accommodations, meals, medical attention and incidental expenses such as laundry, tips, etc., is borne by the United States Government. 6

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bender, John K. OA M

November 2, 1931

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender
4027 Baring St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

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

*No. but circumstances prevent
my making the pilgrimage -*

Age:
Health:

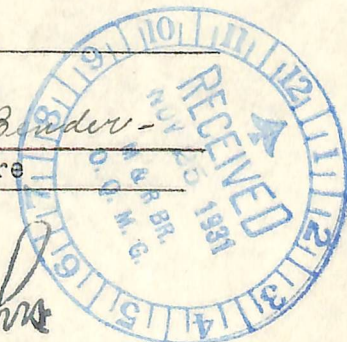
Mrs Mary Kessler Bender -
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.



*Entered Section
and letter*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bender, John K. 2nd. Lt. (O-A) M*

July 22, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender,
4027 Baring St.,
Philadelphia, 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.

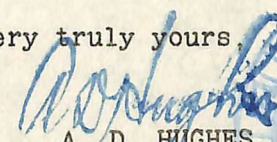
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or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

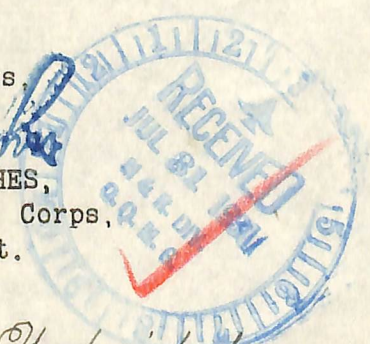
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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? Undecided
Write answer here

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender
Sign here

George Washington

7-29-31

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Bender, John K., 2nd Lt.

I *will have to decline* ^{*am very sorry*} the invitation extended
(Accept or decline) ⁿ

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender

(Name)

4027 Baring St., Philadelphia, Phila. Co., Penna.

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bender, John K. - 608-M 2nd Lt.

August 18, 1930

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender,
4027 Baring St.,
Philadelphia, 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 mother 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?

Yes-

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

Yes-

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age *66*
Condition of Health *Good*

4. Do you speak English?

Yes

5. What other language do you speak?

None other

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
Bender, John K. 608M

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender,
4027 Baring Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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.

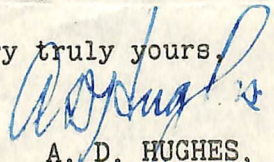
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

QM 293 A-C

Bender, John K. 608-N

May 14, 1930

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender,
4027 Baring Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date declining the invitation to sail on the SS "America" August 27, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Sergeant John K. Bender, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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America
8-27-30
608

and 5-13-30 Bender, Joseph K

I decline 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 provisions of
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

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Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender

(Name)

4027 Baring St., Philadelphia, Pa.

(Town or City)

(State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE. 1929

Mary Kessler Bender - 4027 Baring St - Phila Pa.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bender, John K.
608

Aug. 27, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender,
4027 Baring St.,
Philadelphia, 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:

Not married -

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

Mother -

*Mrs Mary Kessler Bender
4027 Baring St -
Philadelphia Pa*

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

Yes - if possible

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 20, 1929.

Bender, John K.

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender,
4027 Baring St.,
Philadelphia, 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 mother of the late **Sergeant John K. Bender, Co. L, 11th Inf., 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 widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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

September 6, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender,
4027 Baring Street,
Philadelphia, 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")	
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Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bender, John K. (OA)

July 9, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender,
4027 Baring St.,
Philadelphia, 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) _____

QM 293 A-M

Bender, John K. OA M

December 3, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender,
4027 Baring St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of the filled-in questionnaire sent you by this office under date of November 2, 1931, in which you state that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in 1932.

Under the circumstances you have been listed among the mothers and widows eligible to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1933. If, however, you should at a later date find it possible to go in 1932, please so advise this office, and the necessary arrangements will be made to meet your wishes.

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Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom. All expense of the pilgrimage, including transportation, suitable hotel accommodations, meals, medical attention and incidental expenses such as laundry, tips, etc., is borne by the United States Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bender, John K. OA M

November 2, 1931

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender
4027 Baring St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

July 22, 1931.

Bender, John E., 2nd. Lt. (M-A) M.

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender,
4087 Baring St.,
Philadelphia, 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

Bender, John K. - 608-M 2nd Lt.

August 18, 1930

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender,
4027 Baring St.,
Philadelphia, 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 **mother** 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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bendor, John K. 608M

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bendor,
4027 Baring Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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)

QM 293 A-G

Bender, John K. 608-M

May 14, 1950

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender,
4027 Baring Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date declining the invitation to sail on the SS "America" August 27, 1950, to visit the grave of your son, the late Sergeant John K. Bender, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1951, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 295 A-C
Sender: John J. ...

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender,
4027 Baring Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

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and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bender, John K. 608 M

**Mrs. Mary K. Bender,
4027 Baring St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.**

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.
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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, John K.
608

Aug. 27, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender,
4027 Baring St.,
Philadelphia, 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, John K.

June 30 1929.

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender,
4027 Daring St.,
Philadelphia, 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 mother of the late **Sergeant John K. Bender, Co. L, 11th Inf., 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 widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Envelope.

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C. M. G. H. & R. DIV.
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Bender, John V

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

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(Army serial number)

Sgt.

(Rank and organization.)

Co L, 111th Inf.

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

no

(Yes or no.)

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

no

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

William A Bender

4027 Baring St.

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(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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If possible we would like to know
the cemetery & location of the grave
of our son.

Respy.
H. A. B.

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QM 293 A-C

BENDER, John K. - Sgt.

November 19, 1924

Mr. William A. Bender,
4027 Baring St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

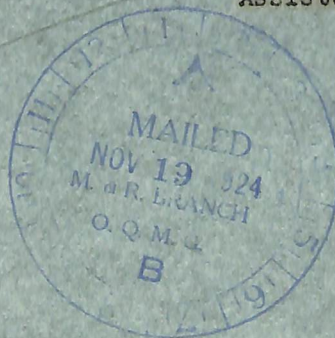
R.P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.

Assistant.

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Record card.



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 16660

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BENDER, John K. Ser. No. 1263757
(b) Rank Sgt. O.R. (6-16-21) Organization Co. L, 111th Inf.
(c) Date of death 8/12/18 (d) Cause of death K.A

TYPE EK
CKR E.M.

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

(a) Grave No. 48 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. G TYP. EK
Mrs. R. gives Mrs. Mary Fessler Bender (mother) 4027 Baring St., Philadelphia Pa. (12-11) '20
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. John Bender (father) Kahoka, Mo.

a.g.o. (6-16-21) - William A. Bender, (father) - 4027 - Baring St., Phila., Pa.
III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR E.M.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name William A. Bender (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address 4027 Baring St, Philada. Penna.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no

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

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

Examiner's Initials [Signature] Date 11/30, 1920.

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

Reverse of card
confirming request in Par. IV., item, above, or requesting that "If possible we would like to know the cemetery & location of the grave of our son. Respy. W.A.B."

Examiner's Initials [Signature] Date 11/30, 1920.

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

(Father) Mr. Wm. A. Bender
6th Ave. Reading Terminal Market, 121 Arch Sts. Phila. Pa - 2-10-19.
requests grave location and photo of same.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes - als

Examiner's Initials als Date 12-1-1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 617

SHEET No. 80

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

CARDED

Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

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Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on 12/22, 1920

Par. # 2, Not to be returned (P)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be _____

Body to be shipped to _____

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY,
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. 6/7/21 F.P.**

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 2/8/21-F-120- William A. Bender, (father), next of kin, 4027 Bar-
ing St., Phila., Pa. wishes body remain in Europe. H-2/26/21-rmj.

*5-13-21- Adv. ack. above 7-1-20 -
6-7-21 [Signature]*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan. 23, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

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COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BENDER, John K.

10. Name None

2. No. 1263757

11. No. _____

3. Rank Sgt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. L. 111th Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. 8/12/9

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 48 Sec. G

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 1 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. No disc.

18. Cemetery Amer/

19. Commune or town Fismes

20. Dept. or County Marne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 617

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan. 23, 1922. By H.H. Foster

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Bender, John K.

Serial No. 1263757

Rank Sgt.

Organization Co. L. 111th Inf.

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

Fred C. Lemont
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
Fred C. Lemont

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).

Silver watch found on body with inscription Good speed Boys--" also Masonic Emblem.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial In uniform.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Jan. 23, 1922. By H.H. Foster

31. Casket sealed by H.H. Foster

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

H.H. Foster
H.H. Foster
AUDITED BY
YBLW 6/2/24

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-22950

32. Designation of body:

Name John K. BENDER Serial No. 1263757

Rank Sgt. Organization Co.L. 111th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. #608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Jan. 23rd 1922. By H.F. Foster

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. Richards
R. Richards, 1st Lieut. OMC.

36. Remarks None

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

To point of Concentration _____ (Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

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

By G.R.S. Representative _____

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

To Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. 608SE INCES et-NESLES Aisne

Convoyer _____ (Name) R. Richards

Signature Shipping Officer R. Richards, 1st Lt. OMC.

40. Received: Date JAN. 30 1922

G.R.S. Representative R. H. Woods

41. Reinterred Aug. 22, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)
(Date)

42. Grave No. 7 Section _____

43. Plot BLOCK D Row 34

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary
W.D. Cleary
Lt., Chaplain, USA.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF Bender, John K. SERIAL NUMBER 1263757
RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. L. 111th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan. 23, 1922. From (give complete location): Gr. 48, Sec. G. Plot 1. Cty. 617.

By: Group 6 Unit F.S. #7.

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 23, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 7, Block D, Row 34, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne).

By: Group re-burial group Unit ----- Nature of reburial Lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Buried in uniform. Body badly decomposed, Features unrecognizable.

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

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

Silver watch found on body with inscription "God speed Boys" also Masonic Emblem

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated)

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity Imp. to Det.

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location Imp. to Det.

Quantity

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities

or missing parts) None visible

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

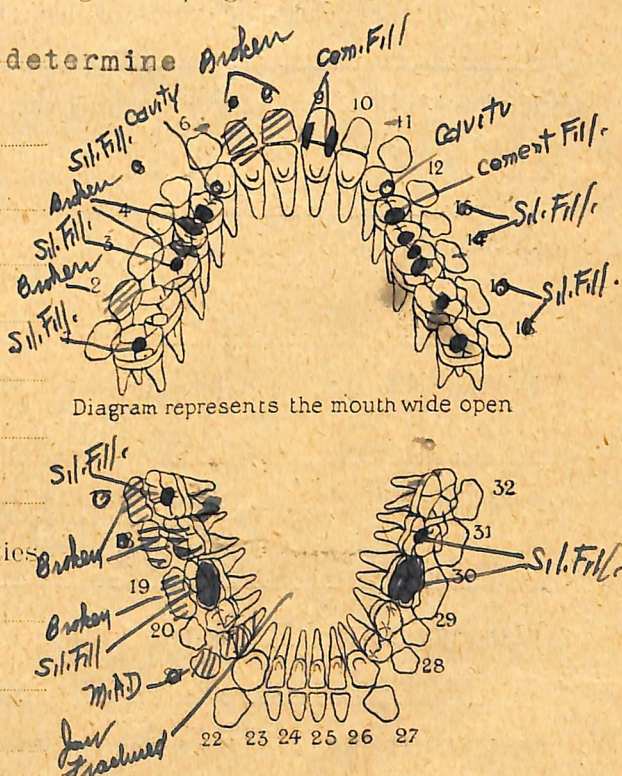
Left tibia fractured. Right ulna, radio and humerus fractured
Both scapulas fractured.

7. Disinterment supervised by N. N. Fooker
H. H. Foster

Approved: R. Richards
R. Richards,
(Title) 1st Lieut. GNC

8. Reburial supervised by L. D. Hays






Approved: W. D. Cleary
W. D. Cleary
(Title) Lt., Chaplain, USA.



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:	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED</p>
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.

Date April 17, 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: John K. Bender ¹⁵⁸Number: NoneRank: Lieut.Organization: Co. I- 111th Inf.Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 1 Unit 304Disinterred (Date) April 17, 1919 From: (Give complete location)From 287.30mN 205.35 E Fismette (Marne)Map #34 Reims N.W. Sketch #158-Forsberg. Grave #5Reburied (Date) Apr. 17, 1919 in: (Give complete location)Grave No. 48 Section C Cemetery #18 Fismes (Marne)Map #34 Reims S.W. 286.25 N 205.75 E

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

Buried in hole in barn-- Body blown to pieces.Was one identification tag found upon the body? No tags

What other means of identification were found on the body?

Identified by letter found on body

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon 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, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Sgt. James E. Murff
1st. Lieut. Oscar W. Forsberg
 C.O. Group 1 Unit 304
FILE2/1/30

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 3-W-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

JUL 26 1921

Date 6/8/21.

File No. Registration.

16660

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a Surname **BENDER, O.K.**
- b. Christian name **John K. O.K.**
- c. Serial Number **1263757. O.K.**
- d. Organization **Co. L, 111th Inf. O.K.**
- e. Rank **Sgt. (2nd Lt.) O.K.**
- f. Date of death **8/12/18. O.K.**
- g. Cause of death **K-A. O.K.**
- h. Authority (C.O.#) **William A. Bender, father**
- i. Emergency address **Baring St. 4097 Philadelphia Pa.**
- j. Relationship **Father**

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

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

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

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

FILE

noted on 7.115.
6-16-21.-w.

Harlow,
CEMETERY NO: 617.

SHEET NO: 80.
TYPED BY: rln.

S-713/MB

Rec'd B & B Div, A.G.O.

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

BY:

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

Rec'd World
Date JUN 10 1921

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Enl Pers Sect Wg P
6-10-21

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May 13, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Con.Div.Cor.Br.

RE: BENDER, John K., Sergeant,
Serial Number 1263757,
Company L, 111th Infantry.

Mr. William A. Bender,
4027 Baring Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Your communication requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American cemetery has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., for necessary action.

The Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American Cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED
MAY 14 1921
COR. BR. G. F. S.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

BY: *[Signature]*

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

MES:GLM

[Red Stamp: Cemeterial Division]

MAY 16 1921

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Noted on Form No. 119
Date 6-7-21 *[Signature]*

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March 24, 1921.

293.6 Gen. #16660 (Bender, John K., Sergeant)
#20395 (Keckhut, Henry J., Private)
#36139 (Truppner, Herbert G., Sergeant)

From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cometarial Division)
To: Miss Lillie J.S. Watt, Hotel Wagram, 2114 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Subject: Relative to Inscription. Disposition of Remains.

1. Your letter, addressed to the Graves Registration Bureau in France, has been referred to this office for reply.

2. Relative to the case of the late John K. Bender, you are advised that the records of both this office and that of The Adjutant General show that this soldier was a Sergeant of Company L, 111th Infantry, at the time of his death. It is therefore evident that the death of this soldier occurred before formal acceptance of the Commission as 2nd Lieutenant could be made. The records of this office further show that on April 10, 1919, the Graves Registration Service in France advised Mr. Bender that there was, at that time, no record of the Grave Location of his son. On May 9, 1919, the father was advised of the location of the grave. There is no record of other correspondence either from or to the family of this soldier until August 18, 1920, when the father was advised of the disinterment and reburial of the remains of this soldier into Grave 48, Section G, Plot 1, American Cemetery at Fismes, Department of the Marne.

3. A copy of your letter has been referred to the Headquarters of the United States Marine Corps, from whom you may expect a prompt reply relative to the case of Sergeant Herbert G. Truppner, Company E, 5th Marines. It will be unnecessary for the family of this soldier to go to the expense of procuring a sealed casket for the remains of this soldier. The same is true in the case of the late Private Henry J. Keckhut, Company F, 61st Infantry.



MAR 28 1921

4. Metallic lined caskets, furnished by this Government, will be used in the concentration burials in Europe as well as for the remains of our American soldier dead being returned to this country, without expense to the relatives.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
1st Lieut., Q.M.G.

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WASHINGTON
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March 24, 1921.

293.8 Gen. #16660 (Bender, John K., Sergeant)
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#36139 (Truppner, Herbert G., Sergeant)

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From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Genealogical Division)
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CROSS REFERENCE

Yellow copy sent to Habskern to be attached to case of Bender 2/25/21

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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CHARLES J. WYNN,
1st Lieut., Q.M.G.

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MAILED
MAR 24 1921
G.R.S.

Quartermaster General
Caucasian Division

MAR 24 1921

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

ADJUSTMENT MADE
MAR 21 1921

Date March 17, 1921.

File No. 16660

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. BENDER *OK*
- b. Christian name. John K. *OK*
- c. Serial number. 1263757 *OK*
- d. Organization. Co. L, 111th Inf. *OK*
- e. Rank. Sgt.
- f. Date of death. 8/12/18 *OK*
- g. Cause of death. K/A *OK*
- h. Authority (C. C. No.) 251 *OK*
- i. Emergency address. William A. Bender,
4027 Baring St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.
- j. Relationship. Father

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

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

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Strike out teeth missing:

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Upper right.								Upper left.							

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Lower right.								Lower left.							

*Donnelly, Dms, 3/18/21,
E.P.S., Wing 8.*

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

Return to Mr. Wilson.

By

[Signature]
H. J. CONNER,
1st Lieut. *Captain*, Q. M. G.

SN
(see case of Keckhut)

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File Number 16660

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date March 21, 1921.

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME: BENDER, John K.

Serial Number 1263757

RANK: 2nd Lt.

ORGANIZATION: Infantry.

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	1. No. Sergeant. Co. L, 111th Inf.
2.	Date of death.	2. 8/12/18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. Killed in action.
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	4. 251.
5.	Date buried.	5. No Record.
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Grave #5, American Cemetery #1578, Fismes, Marne. Disinterred and Reburied 4/17/19. Grave #48, Section G, Plot 1, American Cemetery #617, Fismes, Marne.
7.	Who reported burial?	7.
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	8.
9.	Report as to grave marker.	9. Cross.
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10. (a) No Record. (b) No.
11.	Complete emergency address?	11. Mr. William A. Bender, (Father) 4027 Baring St., Phila, Pa.,
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	12. Yes. 8/18/20.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	13. 5-9-19
14.	What is the photograph number?	14. F-12469.
15.	Inquiry made by.	RELEASED BY INFORMATION CONTROL DEPARTMENT. X Confirmed. Unconfirmed.

N. B.—All proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

M.M.G.
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293. Burial Information 1st Ind.

Co. (3)

Chief, Hq., A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E., 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, 19 February, 1921
To: Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. Q. M. G.
File # 2938

1. Forwarded, inviting attention to the above communication and the reply of this office to Mrs. Watt.

2. The records of these Headquarters show:-

Bender, John K. #12637 57, Sgt. Co.L. 111th Inf.
Grave 48, Section G, Plot 1, Cemetery 617, Fismes, Marne.

Truppner, Herbert C. #271365, Sgt. Co.E. 5th Marines,
Grave 155, Section 6, Plot 3, Cemetery 1233, Thiaucourt,
M. et M.

Keckhut, Henry J. #2387325, Pvt. Co.F. 61st Inf.
Grave 94, Section 9, Plot 2, Cemetery 1233, Thiaucourt, M. et M.

3. No authorizations for the return of these remains have been received at these Headquarters to date.

H.F. Rethers
H.F. Rethers,
Colonel, Q.M.C.

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Bender, John K. - # 16660
Truppner, Herbert C. - # 36139
Keckhut, Henry J. - # 20395

Graves Registration Section

Dear Sirs



FILE NO. 293. Under Hope

I stopped at your office & was advised to write the following -

copy fwd to Mrs. Landman for action in ref. to marine Herbert C. Truffner

On February 1920, I called at your office - & found the location of John K. Benders grave in less than five minutes - his parents had exhausted every channel in U.S.A. to find it & were informed there was no record of any grave & that the body had not been found (etc) & I was informed that it had been registered here for some time.

I visited the grave Feb-1921 & it was marked 1st Lt. & I again visited it in August 1921 & it was marked Sgt. I have pictures of the cross at both

times his parents - hold papers
for 2nd Ltd = Bender John K.
(he came over as capt) no 1263757

RECEIVED
MAR 10 1921
G. K. S.



2nd Ltd of Infanterie
June 1st 1918

MAR 11 1921
GENERAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT

Recorded Aug. 20 1919

Signed, Chas Kimmel
adgt. General.

What I wish to know is the grave
properly marked now & if not
to have it done also - I wish to
ask the cost - of having a body
put in a sealed box - for removal
later - if such can be done - I shall
~~there are two bodies at the grave~~
be over again in August. - As I am a
Business woman with no time to spare
I could not wait at the office -
May I have an answer to take
over to his Mother. By Wednesday
or Thursday of this week - (Imagine she
his Mother had to be shown a picture of grave after
being told there was none) - I will appreciate

of same
Mrs (Miss) Lillie J. Pratt
Hotel Niagara
2114 Walnut St Phila

I am also interested in two
Graves at Thiancourt - I was there
in Aug - 1919 + Aug: 1920,

marine → Herbert G. Truppmier
Infantry → Henry J. Reckhus

+ I hear through Mrs Theo. Reath who

is greatly interested in the marines

that Thiancourt Cemetery is to
be removed to Belleau - (where
her son is buried) + I'm sure the Augst

of Herbert Truppmier would go to the
expense of a sealed-metal box + Henry

Reckhus's mother may not be able to
afford it - he was the support of his
mother - (father being dead) + they are French

living in Paris - but we might be
able to collect enough

L. J. Reath

C O P Y

293.8 Cem. Div., #16660, BENDER, John K.
#20395, KECKHUT, Henry J.
#36139, TRUPPNER, Herbert C.

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I visited the Grave Feb 1921 & it was marked 1st Lt. & I again visited it in August 1921 & it was marked Sgt. I have pictures of the cross at both times his parents hold papers for 2nd Lt. Bender John K (he came over as Sgt) 2nd Lt of Infantry No 1263757 June 1st 1918 recorded Aug. 20 1919 or signed. Chas Kindler Adgt. General.

What I wish to know is the grave properly marked now & if not to have it done also - I wish to ask the cost of having a body put in a sealed box for removal later if such can be done - I shall be over again in August, As I am a buisness woman with no time to spare I could not wait at the office. May I have an answer to take over to his mother, by Wednesday or Thursday of this week. (Imagine the shock his Mother had to be shown a picture of grave after being told there was none) I will appreciate same

Yours

(Miss) Lillie J.S. Watt,
Hotel Wagram
(2114 Walnut St Phila)

I am also interested in two graves at Thiaucourt - I was there in Aug. 1919 & Aug. 1920. Mrine Herbert G. Truppner, Infantry Henry J. Keckhut & I hear through Mrs Theo. Reath who is greatly interested in the Marines that Thiaucourt cemetry is to be removed to Belleau (Wher her son is buried) & I'm sure the Aunt of Herbert Truppner would go to the expense of a sealed metal box & Henry Heckhut's mother may not be able to afford it - he was the support of his Mother (Father being dead) & they are French living in Phila but we might be able to collect enough.

hb

L.S.S. Watt.

File Number 16660

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 3-15-21

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME: *Bender, John K.* Serial Number *1263757*

RANK: *2nd Lt. -* ORGANIZATION:
1st Lt. -
Sgt.

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	<i>No - Sgt. - Co. 2 - 111th Inf</i>
2.	Date of death.	<i>(2) 8-12-18</i>
3.	Cause and place of death.	<i>(3) K/a</i>
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	<i>(4) 251</i>
5.	Date buried.	<i>(5) no record</i>
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	<i>(6) Grave 5, Amer. Cty. # 1578, Fismes, Marne.</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	<i>(7) Re: 4-17-19, Grave 48, Sec. 9, Plot 1, Amer. Cty. # 1617, Fismes, Marne.</i>
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	<i>(10) a - ? b. no</i>
11.	Complete emergency address?	<i>(11) Mr. John Bender (father) Kahoka, Mo.</i>
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	<i>(12) 5-9-19 8-18-20-107</i>
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	
14.	What is the photograph number?	<i>(14) 5-12469</i>
15.	Inquiry made by.	

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.....X..... Confirmed.
..... Unconfirmed. *R/K*

N. B.—All proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

19 February, 1921.

Miss Lily J. S. Watt,
2114 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam,

Your letter undated, requesting information concerning the inscription on the cross marking the grave of Sgt. John K. Bender, is hereby acknowledged.

We beg to inform you that your letter is being forwarded to the office of the Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C. from whom a prompt reply may be expected.

Respectfully yours,

JMK/DMP

RECEIVED

JOSEPH M. KANGLEY,
Captain (Chaplain) Ret.,
In Charge,
Information Branch.



To: Inquiry Section.
From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. ⁶¹⁷ (furnished by: MBH) (date 3-12-21)

Data sent Overseas Body not to be returned - Det. Trans. 12-22-20

Operations to commence (approx.) March - 1921

Operations to be completed (approx.) _____

Bodies shipped from European Port _____

Bodies arrived at Hoboken Serial # 1263757

II. CASE OF Bender, John K. - Sgt. A.S. - 111th Inf.

The following information was abstracted (Date) 3-12-21 from: Form 115a

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE	Clk.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards				
A.G.O. Corresp.				
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.				

Shppg. Inquiry (sent _____)
To _____
OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)

DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN			REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt.	Int.		
Widow					
Children (Name oldest first)					
Father <u>William R. Bender,</u> <u>4027 Baring St,</u>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mother					
Brothers <u>Philo,</u>					
Sisters <u>Pa.</u>					

MBH. 3-12-21

Body to be shipped to _____
was shipped (Date) _____

REMARKS cty. 617. Audited. Operations Commence
March 1921. MBH 3/11-21 F. 115 filed Hoboken - 2-8-21

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
~~WASHINGTON~~
HOBOKEN, N.J.

JAN 26 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.
To: Mr. William A. Bender, 4027 Baring St., Philadelphia, Pa.
SUBJECT: Remains of Sgt. John K. Bender, Ser. No. 1263757, Co. L, 111th Inf.

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The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named remain in Europe. *- correct -*

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.

*Our son was 2 Lieut made so June 1-1918
according to his Commission which we hold*

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

Was soldier married? *no*

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. { (Name oldest first.)			
1			
2			
3			
Father	William A Bender	4027 Baring St	Phila Pa
Mother	Mary Kessler Bender	" " "	" "
Brothers. { (Name oldest first.)			
1	William A Bender Jr	504.3 Walton ave	" "
2			
3			
Sisters. { (Name oldest first.)			
1	Mary Bender Moore	4027 Baring St	" "
2	Edith Bender Taylor	608 Marlyn Road	" "
3			

*Noted #15
#2/26/21*

Date *February 5, 1921*

Signature *William A Bender*

Address *4027 Baring St*

Relationship *Father*

Feb. 8, 1921

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Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to~~ _____
(Name.)

_____ (R. R. station.) _____ (State.)

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

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

- Advise us what Cemetery -

Signature William A Bender

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.

CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

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.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BENDER 1263757 John K.

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

Sgt. Co. I. 111th Infantry

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Fismette Aug 11, 1918

CAUSE OF DEATH: B.S.W.

DATE OF BURIAL:

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

James (Name)

NEAREST RELATIVE: 72 34 St. W. A. Bender

ADDRESS: 4027 Barry St. Phila Pa.

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Capt. H. D. Prickett per J. P. Prickett (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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Communal List No. _____

Daily Report No. _____

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Refer to this

(Office)

INQUIRY

FILE

Request by Mrs. Weber,European address 43 Blvd. Malesherbes.Relationship to dec'd Friend.

For location grave of:

Bonder, 1263757. John.
Last name. Serial No. First nameSgt. Co. L, 111th Inft.
Rank Org. Date of deathDate of request 4/30/21
Rec'd. by JMK
(Initials) Other information:

INFORMATION FURNISHED

Location of grave: Country
#617. Fismes. American B/A
Cemetery Commune (town) Dept.
Cemetery. Marne.Grave No. 48 Section GPlot 1 RowFurnished by _____ Date 4/30/21
(Initials)

G.R.S. Form No. 8; Central Records Liaison.
 Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.
 SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:
- () Surname: **BENDER**
- () Number: **1263757**
- () First name: **John K.**
- () Rank: **Sergeant**
- () Company: **"L"**
- () Organization: **111th. Infantry**
- () Date of death:
- () Cause:
- () Place:

Location of hospital:

- Number " "
- Class " "
- () Relative: **Mr. John Bender**
- () Relationship: **Father**
- () Address: **Kahoka, Mo.**
- () Authority:
- Cablegram No:
- Telegram from:

dated:

- () Reported to Washington:
- C.C. Nos:

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

- () Remarks:
- () Show present status on reverse side.

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

Initials of Reporter:

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.
TO : C.O., Co. "L", 111th Infantry
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

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

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

Note:

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

Nearest relative of deceased:

Wm A. Bender

Relationship:

Address:

4027 Baring St.
Phila. Pa.

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ON BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bender 1263757 John K,
 (Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)
 Sergt. O.C. Co. L. 111th Inf.
 (Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... August 14, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL... Fismette

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

Comm. Fismes (Marne) C-72
 34 N.W. -

GRAVE NUMBER... None

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross?.....
 Not marked
 Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....
 Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?.....
 If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:



NAME. FISMES (MARNE)
 (C-72) SHT 34 N.W. COORD (E-205.0) (N-287.4)

REPORTED BY:
 1st Lt. & Chaplain M. M. Keith 111th
 (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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February 11th 1919

G.H.Q., American E.F.
Adjutant General's Office.

FROM : Adjutant General.

To : 1st Lieut. & Chaplain M. W. Keith
111th Infantry American E.F.

SUBJECT : Burial report.

I. Your report of the burial of BENDER (#1263757) -
John K. Sergt Co L 111th Inf

requires completion or correction as follows :

You have failed to state

- ✓ (a) Disposition of both tags. *Sent to Effects Depot.*
- ✓ (b) Grave marking. *none - destroyed by shell fire.*
- ✓ (c) Map reference. *Fismette (Fimes)*
- ✓ (d) Commune in which grave is located.
- ✓ (e) Department in which grave is located.
- ✓ (f) Soldier's number.
- ✓ (g) You have not sent a reliable sketch of the place of burial, as required by G.O. 30, G.H.Q., 1918.

Sergt. Bender John K. was buried Aug. 11th 1918, in common grave with Sergt. Leonard Michael Co "L" 111th Inf., 500 yards East of Fimes and Fismette bridge, about 200 yards North of Vesles river. The burial detail turned his personal effects and tags to Chaplain M. W. Keith, (deceased)

An immediate completion of your report on reverse side hereof, will be sent to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. 717. *Chaplain A. V. Simon 111th Inf.*

By Command of General Pershing :

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Fimes (name)
ROBERT C. DAVIS,

Adjutant General

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34 NW

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By Command of General Pershing :

ROBERT C. DAVIS,
Adjutant General.

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Adjustment _____

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
REGISTRATION SECTION

File # 16660

MEMORANDUM:

Date 8-18-20

To: Registration Files Sub-Section

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORP.	ADD. DATA		CORP.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		✓
Rank			Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		✓
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablgram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files G.M.C. 8-23-20

O.K. Organization Files _____

O.K. State Files _____

FILE

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✓ Card kept.

Cemetery Audit Department
Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By Mary R. Bills

1 Cards attached.

Harlow C.W.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

*Please
Rush*

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Bender, John K. Sgt.

617 - 80

Dec. 2, 1920

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

C-38231

1263757

Co. L. 111th Inf.

Date of death - 8-12-18

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

*Copy find. to Ady. Dept.
12-11-20 - "M"*

DATE *12/7/20*

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender

Mother

Address

4027 Baring St., Philadelphia, Pa..

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Harlow C.W.

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CEMETERIAL DIVISION
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*Original attached to 7:115
12611-20-M-*

DATE

12/7/20

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Mary Kessler Bender *Mother*

Address

4027 Baring St. Philadelphia, Pa.

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SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY

TELEGRAM

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RETEL 104 E PERIOD SGT JOHN K BENDER BURIED GRAVE 48 SECTION G
CEMTERY NUMBER 18 FORSBERG PERIOD LIEUT MICHAEL A LEONARD M G CO
111 INF DISINTERBED FROM SAME GRAVE AS SGT BENDER REBURIED GRAVE
NO 46 SAME CEMETERY 342 G

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Tours, May 6, 1918.

Capt. Wm. A. Grebing,
Graves Registration Service,
Soissons (Aisne).

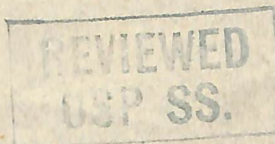
Retel 316 G period Sgt John K Bender Co L 111th Inf reported buried in grave with Sgt Leonard Michael Co L 111th Inf 500 yards east of Pismes and Pismette Bridge about 200 yards north of Vesles River comm Commune of Pismes (Marne) Map 34 NW coordinates E 205 point 8 N 287 point 9 approximate period Confirm. G 104 E

OFFICIAL:

KNIGHT

C. C. HUTCHISON
2nd Lt., QMC, USA.
JRP/wjn
2.56 pm

Copy to: T & C
G R S ✓
Sgt Daly



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RETEL G 808 C PERIOD GRAVE OF SERGEANT JOHN K BENDER CO L 111 INFY
DISINTERRED AND IDENTIFIED AS LIEUT REBURIED IN GRAVE 48 SECTION
G CEMETERY NUMBER 18 FOSBERG AT FISMES PERIOD 316 G

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

Reference # 16660.

April 10th, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F. .

TO: Mr. Wm. A. Bender, Sixth Avenue, Reading Terminal Market 12th &
Arch Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

SUBJECT: Sergeant John Kessler Bender, Co. L, 111th Infantry, 28th Division,
American E.F.

1. In reply to your letter of inquiry, I am very sorry to have to inform you that my field force has not as yet succeeded in obtaining any definite burial information regarding this soldier. You may rest assured that every possible effort will be made to locate the grave, and, if necessary, a special search will be made of the area where he died and is, no doubt, buried.

2. Careful note is being made of your name and address, and immediately the burial information is received, you will be informed.

By direction

(Enclosures - G.R.S.:)
(10-B, .004.5)

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

per

MBD-eg.

MAURICE B. DIX,
Captain, American Red Cross,
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

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William A. Bender

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**BUTTER
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SIXTH AVE. READING TERMINAL MARKET
 12TH & ARCH STS.

Philadelphia 2^d of 9.
 "Penna"

Chief. Graves.

Headquarters Service of Supply France

Dear Sir. My son John Kessler Bender of Co. L.
 111th Infantry 28th Division was killed in action
 August 11th 1918 at the battle of Fismette.

Can you give me any information as to grave
 location and photograph of the same. any
 detail that you can give us will be greatly
 appreciated by his Parents. and relatives
 address all communications to above address.

Thanking you in advance I am.

Yours Respectfully
 Wm A Bender

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WILLIAM A. BENDER
SIXTH AVENUE, READING TERMINAL MARKET
TWELFTH AND ARCH STREETS
PHILADELPHIA — *Penna*



*Chief Graves
Registration Service
Headquarters Service of Supply
A. O. O., 917
American E. Force
France*

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER

FROM: *AKS*

DATE: *4/28/19* *16660*

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *BENDER, JOHN KESSLER* NUMBER

RANK ORGANIZATION *Co. L, III INF., 28 DIV.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
✓ 1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① <i>Sgt. 1263757</i>
✓ 2.	Date of Death.	② <i>8-12-18</i>
✓ 3.	Cause and place of death.	③ <i>MIA</i>
✓ 4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ <i>CC #251</i>
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	
7.	Who reported burial.	
✓ 8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑧ <i>NO</i>
✓ 9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
✓ 10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	
✓ 12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	

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

NO Burial INFO

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REGISTRATION BRANCH DIRECTION TICKET

TO: Lieut. Noetzel
Lieut. Hutchison
Lieut. La Perriere
Lieut. Walters
Lieut. Friis
Chief Clerk - Reg. Branch
Chief Clerk - A. & O. Divs.
File Clerk
Stenographer

Record
Recorded _____
Make Copy
Cross Reference
Forward Papers on Case
Note and Return
For Information
For Action
For Necessary Reply
For Personal Conference
Return to _____

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NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON TELEGRAPHIC REQUEST AS FOLLOWS. COLON G 808

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C SGT JOHN K BENDER COMMA F SIX C THOMAS KYLE COMMA G 31 C PVT ROGER N

Capt C B Staten

Cartwright

Nonchateau

BERRIMAN COMMA G 58 C RUSSELL H MOIL PERIOD L 29.0

Confirm grave location 54 NW corner of 205 Comma H 287 point A G 808 G.

One Plumes (Marie) map 34 NW corner of 205 Comma H 287 point A G 808 G.

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1030 AM

ROBBS

C.M. HORTZEL
2nd Lieut., G.M.O.
AGL/WK
8:50 AM

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Sgt Daly

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Dec 19, 1918.

Capt C E Staten
Graves Registration Officer
Neufchateau

Confirm grave location Sgt John K Bender Co B 111th Inf reported buried
Came Fismes (Marie) map 34 NW corner E 205 Corner N 287 point 4 G 808 C.

O. B.

ROGERS.

C.M. ROETZEL
2nd Lieut., GMC.
ACL/WK
8:50 AM

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Comm 72. FISMES.

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Me - Possibly
you will know
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information -
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CHARLES C. PIERCE.
Lieut. Colonel Q.M.C., U.S.A.

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N. D. JAY
Lt-Colonel, Q.M.C.U.S.A.

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~~KENTH, Clarence A~~
Pvt Co I 120 Inf

S.D.

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- Nov. 15th, 1918 - To.

this office show that Bender, 126375, as buried August 14th, 1918 in the [unclear] Map coordination of the place of W. 287.4.

yet been confirmed by the Graves Registries is recorded in this office as No. C. [unclear] which should be used in censored correspondence

from G. B. in data

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

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N. D. JAY
Lt-Colonel, Q.M.C.U.S.A.

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H.S. 5
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This inquiry was found among papers that Sgt Filie turned over to me - Possibly you will know who deserves the information - Looks like H. Hutchison's writing
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U.S. ARMY

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G.A.S., Hq. S.O.S., A.E.F. - Nov. 15th, 1918 - To
the G.P.A.

1. Returned. The records of this office show that *126375*
John K, Sergt. Co. I, 111th Inf. was buried August 14th, 1918 in the
commune of Fismes, Dept. of the Marne. Map coordination of the place of
burial on map no 344N.W. : E.205, N. 287.4.

2. This location has not as yet been confirmed by the Graves Reg-
istration Service. The commune of Fismes is recorded in this office as No.C.
72 which is the only designation which should be used in censored correspond-
ence.

*Information from G.P.A. in data
file (11/18/18)*

CHARLES C. PIERCE.
Lieut. Colonel G.S.C., U.S.A.

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N. D. JAY
Lt-Colonel, Q.M.C.U.S.A.

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G.P. S.S.

November 11, 1918

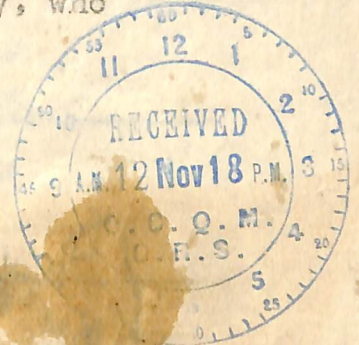
Lt-Colonel N. D. Jay, Office of the G.P.A.

Graves Registration Bureau, A.P.O. 717, A.E.F.

Lt-John K. Bender.

6660

1. Will you please furnish me what information is available, (including where buried), relative to Lieutenant John K. Bender, Company L, 111th Infantry, who was killed in action on August 12th 1918.



N. D. JAY
Lt-Colonel, Q.M.C.U.S.A.

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File # 16660

INFORMATION REPORT

Date 12/12/1918

MEMORANDUM FROM: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.
Headquarters S.O.S., A.P.O. 717, American E.F.

TO: Lt. Naetzel

In reply to: Memo

Case of Bender, John K Number

Rank Sgt Organization Co. L. 11th Inf.

() OFFICIALLY REPORTED AS DEAD ON A.G.O. C.C. No. 251

() NOT OFFICIALLY REPORTED AS DEAD BY A.G.O.

Date of Death 8-12-1918, Cause: MIA

Buried: 8-14-1918. Grave in Cemetery Isolated Grave

(Name and nature of the Cemetery)

Commune of France Department Maine

Map No. 34 NW Coordinates: East 205.0 North 287.4

Grave No. Section of Cemetery

Identification Tags: Affixed to Gr Mkr Buried with body

Grave Marker: NP CROSS HDBD BOTTLE

Burial reported by 1st Lt. Chap. M. W. Keith

Nearest Relative:

Notified nearest relative of location of grave: 191

Remarks Not Confirmed

CORRESPONDENCE, FILES, INSPECTION & INFORMATION DEPARTMENT:

By W. Wright

12/12-18

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