

FEB 18 1920

DATE Nov. 10th, 1921

1. NAME BENJAMIN, Mortimer SERIAL No. 2861781

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION M.G. Co. 109th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse Argonne American, Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232, Sec. 43.

CTY. NAME NUMBER

2 GRAVE Sect. 43 1

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION #8, Plot a, Aprement Ardennes

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35SE 277.89N 300.31E

CONCENTRATED TO 5/6/19 2 43 1

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross and body data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 1, '18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME New York

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. B. Birdseye 1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Nov. 10th, 1921 25 3 Bl.A.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

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

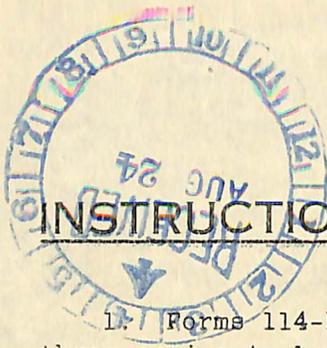
CEMETERY War Div.

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WS 3/3/25

A. G. O. FEB 19 1920 WORLD WAR DIV.

MAR 30 1928



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Benjamin, 2881781, Pfc.*  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

*Private*  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Upresmont*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Killed in action*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Oct 1, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Upresmont*

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

*In orchard on hillside across street from church on hill. Co. 00.12 - 77.9 near Fort D'Agnone*  
GRAVE NUMBER: *Scale 1 - 20000*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *Yes*

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:  
*E. F. Stearn* / *1st Lt & Chaplain*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	Benjamin, Mortimer	Ben	3	25-04
BURIED	CEMETERY	1232	1	1
	GRAVE	25	2	25-
	ROW	3	2	03
	BLOCK	a	1	1
STATE		N. Y.	2	37
RANK		Priv	1	2
DIVISION		28	2	28
ORGANIZATION		109	3	109
ARM		Inf	1	1
MARTIAL		W	1	2
NAME	Mrs Jennie Benjamin	Ben	5	25-04
RESIDENCE	STATE	N. Y.	2	37
	COUNTY	Queens	2	41
	CITY	Richmond Hill	3	101
RELATION		Mother	1	1
OTHER			1	
ELIGIBILITY		Yes	1	1
NATIVITY			1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH			1	
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH			1	
NO. OF SONS			1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.		1	
	YR.		1	
ACCEPTANCE		No	1	2

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Benjamin Mortimer (MA)

July 7 1932

Mrs Jennie Benjamin  
8734 - 113th St  
Richmond Hill N Y

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? No

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Benjamin, Mortimer, Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Jennie Benjamin,  
8734 113th St.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

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.

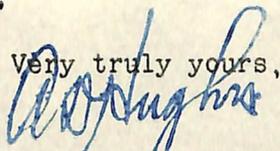
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or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

no  
Write answer here

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Benjamin, Mortimer 1232 M

January 17, 1931.

Mrs. Jennie Benjamin,  
8734 113th St.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Mortimer Benjamin was married and is survived by a widow, and if so, furnish her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Shannon*

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

Encl:  
Env.



*not married*  
*Mr. R. Benjamin*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Benjamin, Mortimer 1232 M

Mrs. Jennie Benjamin,  
8734 113th St.,  
Richmond Hill, N.Y.

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.

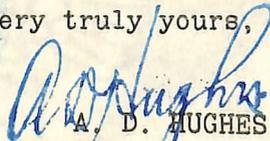
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

(Write answer here)

  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Benjamin, Mortimer,  
1232

September 10, 1929.

Mrs. Jennie Benjamin,  
8734- 113th St.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 23, 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?

*Mother*

*no*

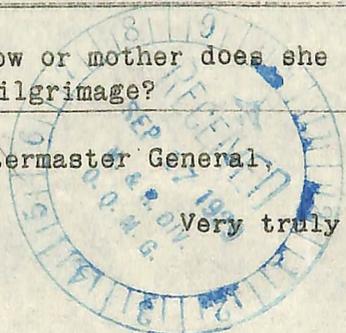
For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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

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

Benjamin, Mortimer

August 23, 1929

Mrs. Jennie Benjamin,  
8734--113th St.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. Mortimer Benjamin, M. G. Co. 109th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the House Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Benjamin, Mortimer

June 27, 1929.

Mr. Robert Benjamin,  
~~668 Hamilton Ave.,~~  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Mother -  
Mrs Jennie Benjamin  
8734-113th St  
Richmond Hill

C-73785  
7-29 ab

Dear Sir:

New York (add 4-24-25)

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Mortimer Benjamin, Co. M.G., 109th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
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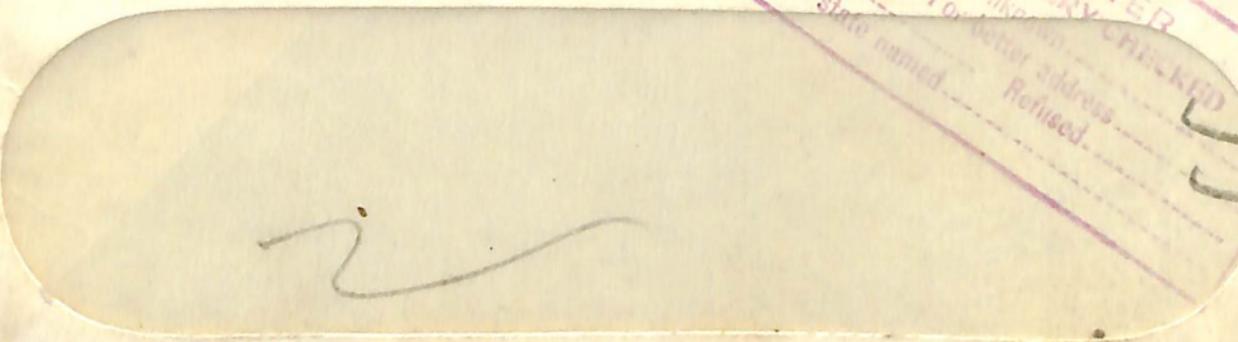
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*W. K. ...*  
**RETURN TO WRITER**  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Benjamin Mortimer (MA)

July 7 1932

Mrs Jennie Benjamin  
8734 - 113th St  
Richmond Hill N Y

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.

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO ~~Qu. Ser. Form~~

Benjamin, Mortimer, Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Jennie Benjamin,  
8734 113th St.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

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

QM 293 A-M  
Benjamin, Mortimer 1232 M

January 17, 1931.

Mrs. Jennie Benjamin,  
8734 113th St.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Mortimer Benjamin was married and is survived by a widow, and if so, furnish her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Benjamin, Mortimer 1232 H

Mrs. Jennie Benjamin,  
8734 113th St.,  
Richmond Hill, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Benjamin, Mortimer 1232 M

Mrs. Jemie Benjamin,  
8734 - 113th St.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Benjamin, Mortimer,  
1232

September 10, 1929.

Mrs. Jennie Benjamin,  
8734- 113th St.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 23, 1929, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased serviceman above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Dup.

Benjamin

Mortimer

2,881,781

(Surnames.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army number.)

Pvt. M.G.Co. 109th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Father*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*no*  
(Yes or no.)

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

(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)

*Robert Benjamin*

*668 Hamilton*  
(Number and street or rural route.)

*as Richmond Hill N.Y.*  
(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn Pm

1232 Sec 43-12

4-13-21

Checked by

CS4-14-21

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Benjamin, Mortimer**

**August 23, 1929**

**Mrs. Jennie Benjamin,  
8734--113th St.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.**

Dear Madam:

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Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

June 27, 1929.

Mr. Robert Benjamin,  
668 Hamilton Ave.,  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Mortimer Benjamin, Co. M.G., 109th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

In reply refer to:  
QM - 293 C-R

July 26, 1923.

Mr. Robert Benjamin,  
668 Hamilton Ave.,  
Richmond Hill, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Private Mortimer Benjamin, Machine Gun Company, 109th Infantry, is Grave 25, Row 3, Block A, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

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JUL 26 1923  
B. O. C.

Co.M.G. 109th Inf.  
28th Division.

BENJAMIN, Mortimer - Pvt. 2881781

In reference to Mortimer Benjamin, on the morning of Oct. 1st. 1918, at 5.30 A.M. at Apermont, France. During an counter-attack by the boche a shell bursted close to him rendering him shell shock, and died later about 7.30 A.M. at the First Aid Station. He was not hit by the shell and died quietly. I was talking to him but he could not remember anything and was buried at Apermont?

Informant: Shannon, John E. - Pvt. 158<sup>6</sup>/1997  
Co. M.G. 109th Inf.  
Home: Kane hill, R.D. N° 1 Box 9 Arkansas.  
Searcher: J. Rhan, - 1st. Lt.  
109th Inf.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

SUBJECT: Investigation.

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

1. To assist this office in an investigation being instituted to locate the grave of the soldier named above, it is requested that you furnish as much of the following information, as possible:

- (a) Local Board and Mobilization dental charts,
- (b) Any comrades statements on file as to the death and burial place.
- (c) Places of death and burial, if of record,
- (d) Chaplain's burial report.
- (e) Names and addresses of

For The Quartermaster General:

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 30367

(a) Name BENJAMIN, Mortimer, Ser. No. 2881781
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M. G. 109th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10-1-18 (d) Cause of death K/A
TYP. hmp
CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 2 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 43 TYP. B
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Robert Benjamin (father) 668 Hamilton Ave., Richmond Hill, N.Y.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases + + + + + CKR. Est

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name Robert Benjamin (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address 668 Hamilton Ave, Richmond Hill, N.Y.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials Rm Date 4-13-21, 1920.

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

dated
confirming request in Par. IV., item, above, or requesting that
No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials Rm Date 4-13-21, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials Rm Date 4-13-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 43 SHEET No. 12

#-5-4-28-21

Checked by 4-14-21



# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 9, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BENJAMIN MORTIMER SERIAL NUMBER 2881781  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION M. G. Co., 109th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Nov, 9, 1921. From (give complete location) :  
Gr. 2 sec 45 pt 1 Cem., #1232.  
By : Group five Unit Sec.1

3. Reburied (date) : Nov 10th 1921 In (give complete location) :  
Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 25 block A row 3  
unlined casket  
By : Group re-burial S Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial \_\_\_\_\_

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
wooden box, uniform burlap. body badly decomposed features unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
tag agrees with GRS records.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) imp to det.

(b) Weigh, (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

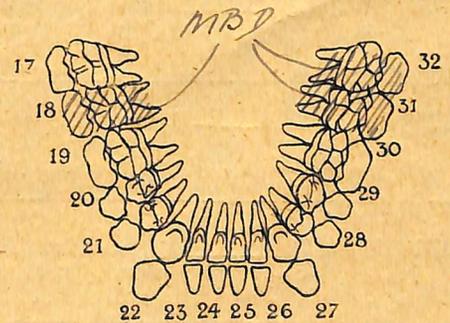
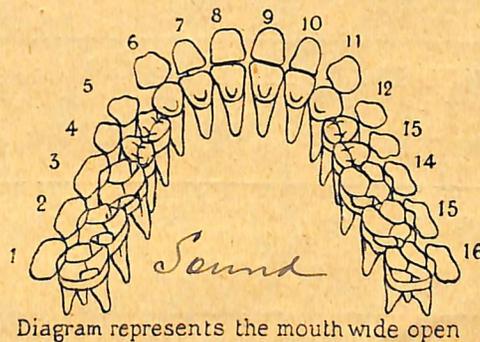
Location do

Quantity do

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

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

None visible



7. Disinterment supervised by Ed Lavele Approved ; F B Daniel  
Ed. Lavele S.E. F. B. Daniel Capt. QMC  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault concentration Approved James W. Younger  
A. U. Dufault James W. Younger, Capt QMC  
(Title)

jt.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov 9 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BENJAMIN, Mortimer  
 2. No. 2881781  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. M.G.Co.109th Inf.  
 5. D.D. 10-1  
 6. C.D. KIA

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 2 Sec. 43  
 8. Plot 1 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery Meuse Argonne American.  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse.  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232, Sec.43

19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon.  
 21. Country France.

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov 9 1921

By Ed Lavelle

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Mortimer Benjamin  
 Rank Pvt

Serial No. 2881781  
 Organization MG Co 109th Inf

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

Rex M Moody  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

Rex M Moody

PREPARATION

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

No effects found

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Wooden box, uniform burlap

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov 9 1921 By Ed Lavelle

31. Casket sealed by Ed Lavelle.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Ed Lavelle

me.



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-16267

32. Designation of body:

Name Mortimer BENJAMIN Serial No. 2881781

Rank Pvt. Organization M.G.Co. 109th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne American, 1232, Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov 9 1921 By Ed Lavelle

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 F B Daniel, Capt, QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov 9 1921 CC

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne

Convoyer W J Royed Signature Shipping Officer G F Spann, Capt. QMC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Nov 10th 1921 (Date)

42. Grave No. 25 Section

43. Plot BLOCK A Row 3

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger, Capt QMC.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BENJAMIN, M.

Number: 2881781

Rank: Unkn

Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

6 MAY 1919

Grave 8 B/A 6TY. APREMONT, ARDENNES.

35 SE E300.311 N277.89

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

6 MAY 1919

Grave 2 Sec 43 Plot 1

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE, MEUSE/

1232

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

Body buried in uniform and in bad condition. Burial good.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

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CONFIRMED N° D. 10281

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: Lt. Lewis

R. H. ROSENTHAL  
C.O. Group 2nd Lieut. Unit C. H. U. S. A.

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Benjamin, 2881781, M.*  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

*Private*  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Apresmont*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Killed in action*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Oct 1, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Apresmont*

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

*In Orchard on hillside across street from church on hill.*

GRAVE NUMBER: *Co. 00.2 - 77.9 map Fort D'apresmont scale 1:20000*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?   
Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *Yes.*

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

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

*NINE. APRESMONT (ARDEENNES)*

NEAREST RELATIVE: *(C-293) SHT. 355E COORD.*

ADDRESS: *(E 300.2 N 277.1)*

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: *E. Tetreau 1st Lt & Chaplain*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

21 OCT 1918

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Communal List No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

No 2881781 30367 ETCH No 26

NAME BENJIMAN M

RANK X CoX (CORP RECT) X

DATE OF DEATH SEPT. 30, 1918

PLACE APREMONT MEUSE

CAUSE KILLED IN ACTION

DATE OF BURIAL SEPT. 30, 1918

GRAVE NO 8 PLOT 1

GEMETERY \_\_\_\_\_

IDENTIFIED BY TAGS

MAP REF IN ORCHARD N.E. SLOPE

OF HILL 75 YDS S. OF ROAD S.E

VERDUN 5,300, 4E X 277. #N

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FIELD RECORD MADE BY Paul J. Galt  
G.M. SGT. ST. G.

GROUP 3 UNIT 305 G.R.S.

FOR ADDITIONAL DATA USE REVERSE

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