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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bennett</i>	<i>BEN</i>	3	<i>254</i>
<i>James</i>	CEMETERY <i>La S</i>	1	<i>127</i>
BURIED	GRAVE	2	
<i>Ventura 9-16-18</i>	ROW	2	
<i>C-48647</i>	BLOCK	1	
STATE	<i>Mich</i>	2	<i>26</i>
RANK	<i>Seaman, U.S.N.</i>	1	<i>6</i>
DIVISION	<i>U.S. Navy</i>	2	<i>66</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>X</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
ARM	<i>X</i>	1	<i>X</i>
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bennett</i>	<i>BEN</i>	3	<i>254</i>
<i>Mrs Hannah</i>	STATE <i>Mich</i>	2	<i>26</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Marquette</i>	2	<i>52</i>
<i>216 Clark St</i>	CITY <i>Regaunee</i>	3	<i>068</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>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Poor</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
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ACCEPTANCE <i>29/514/</i>	<i>no</i> <i>Ag 2</i>	1	<i>2</i>

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bennett James (LAS)

July 12 1932

Mrs Hannah Bennett  
216 Clark St  
Negaunee Mich

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

No (Thank You)  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Hannah Bennett

QM 293 A-M

March 19, 1932.

Bennett, James (LAS) M

Mrs. Hannah Bennett,  
216 Clark Street,  
Negaunee, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage in honor of your son, the late Seaman James Bennett, U.S.N., who was lost at sea with the "Ventura" September 16, 1918. In reply to an inquiry, you advised you did not desire to make the journey in 1932.

Although you will understand no grave can be shown you as that of your son, a special itinerary has been arranged for the mothers and widows of veterans who were lost or buried at sea and have no grave site to visit, which will include memorial services to be held at sea on May 30th, in honor of the veterans buried therein. The names of veterans who were lost or buried at sea will be inscribed in memorial chapels now under construction in the Brookwood American Cemetery, London, England, and the Suresnes American Cemetery, Paris, France, and although the inscriptions will not be complete by the coming summer, the itinerary prepared for your pilgrimage will include visits to both cemeteries as well as sightseeing trips in and about London and Paris.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor, and in this connection you are advised that should you make a pilgrimage every consideration will be given your physical condition at all times. Properly qualified personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided and medical attention and nurses will be available. During the past two years many women who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to make a pilgrimage this year, sailing May 25th, it is requested that you advise this office at the earliest practicable date in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for you. In the event you take advantage of the offer of the Government and make the trip, you are assured that everything possible for your comfort and happiness will be provided. In other words you will be the honored guest of the United States Government.

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  
Bennett, James Seaman (LAS) M

June 16, 1931

Mrs. Hannah Bennett,  
216 Clark Street,  
Negaunee, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

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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.

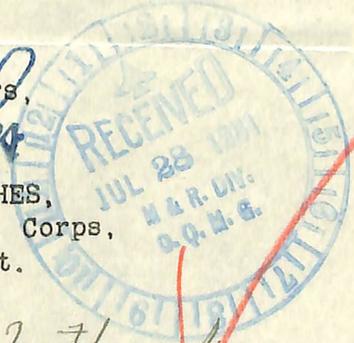
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

*No Thanks*  
Write answer here

*Mrs Hannah Bennett*

Sign here

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bennett, James I07-E U M

December 13, 1930

Mrs. Hannah Bennett,  
216 Clark Street,  
Negaunee, Michigan.

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 James Bennett, Seaman, is survived by a widow, and if so, 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,

*A. D. Hughes*

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

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Envelope

No, James Bennett was never married,

Yours truly,

*Mrs Hannah Bennett*



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

Bennett, James Seaman 107-E U M

August 11, 1930

Mrs. Hannah Bennett  
216 Clark Street,  
Negaunee, Michigan

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?

*No.*

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

*No*

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age *61 years*  
Condition of Health *poor*

4. Do you speak English?

*yes*

5. What other language do you speak?

*No.*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
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*A. D. Hughes*  
A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bennett, James 107-E-U M

June 26, 1930

Mrs. Hannah Bennett,  
216 Clark St.,  
Negaunee, Mich.

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.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

Yes  
Mrs. Hannah Bennett  
216 Clark St

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

If so, give her name and address:

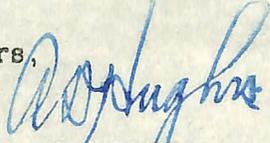
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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QM 293 A-M  
Bennett, James 107-E U M

December 15, 1930

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

Bennett, James Seaman 107-B U M

August 11, 1930

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Condition of Health

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