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G.R.S. Form #14-B

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DATE Jan. 7th 1922.

1. NAME BENNETT, Thomas

SERIAL No. 2665178

RANK Corp.

ORGANIZATION

Co. L 320th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION

Meuse-Argonne Amer., Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse 1232, Sec. 18

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

51

Sec. 18

1

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

17 BAC

Bethincourt

Meuse

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

Verdun 35SE 274.65N 317.75E

CONCENTRATED TO

5/1/19

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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 body and cross

data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH

Oct. 19 '18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

21. Va.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

none

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

Jan. 7th 1922.

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12

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DATE

GRAVE

ROW

Block

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

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

RW - 3/21/23

MAY 15 1926

WORLD WAR DIV.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bennett *2665178* *Thomas*
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Art. *320th Inf.*
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Oct. 11th 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Bethersourt*

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

Map 150,000 Montfaucon 17-74
1/2 mile So of Bethersourt

GRAVE NUMBER *3*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? *X* Cross? *yes*

Headboard? *X* Bottle? *X*

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:

REPORTED BY:

Thomas H. Saunders Chaplain 314th Ra
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G. H. Q., A. E. F.

Date 3rd., June, 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BENNETT, ThomasNumber: 2665178Rank: Pvt.Organization: Ukn.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

1st., May, 1919Grave #17 B.A.C. Bethincourt Meuse.Map 35 S.E. E. 317.75 ~~xxx275465x~~N. 274.65

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

1st., May 1919Grave #51 Section #18 Plot #1ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

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

BURIAL GOOD. BODY BURIED IN BLANKET. BADLY DECOMPOSED.Was one identification tag found upon the body? YES.What other means of identification were found on the body? NONE.

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. GRANT

HS.

R. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.AC.O. Group Unit

Bennett, Thomas.
Cpl.

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5.63

✓
3.75

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West Virginia

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGES

S.S. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, JULY 26, 1933

Wood County

Name: Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett (E-14)

Address: Rockport, W. Va. (Entrain at Parkersburg, W. Va.)

Route: Baltimore & Ohio R.R. to New York

✓ Lv. Parkersburg Train No. 12:528

1.22 P.M., July 24

✓ Ar. Jersey City

6.40 A.M., July 25

✓
Accommodations: Pullman berth from Parkersburg, W. Va. to Jersey City, N.J.

Elapsed Time: 17 hours 18 minutes.

Desires stop-overs at New York, N.Y. and Baltimore, Md.

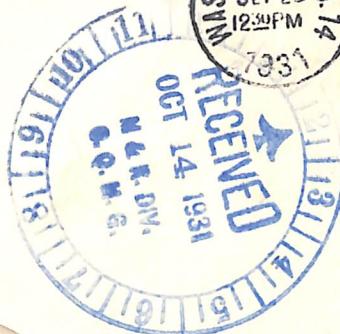
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Winston - N. Va.

RETURN TO WRITER
REASON FOR NON-DELIVERY CHECKED
Undelivered
Discontinued
Moved, list forwarding
No such post office in this country
For better address
Permitted



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID

PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$300

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OR
INSURE
VALUABLE MAIL

Not carrier No. 1, 2, 3, 4
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CODE SLIP

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bennett</i>	<i>Ben</i>	3	<i>254</i>
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE <i>30</i>	2	<i>30</i>
	ROW <i>12</i>	2	<i>12</i>
	BLOCK <i>12</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>W. Va</i>	2	<i>57</i>
RANK	<i>Cpl</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>80</i>	2	<i>80</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>320</i>	3	<i>320</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>1 Mrs</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bennett</i>	<i>Ben</i>	3	<i>254</i>
<i>Mrs Mary Ann</i> RESIDENCE	STATE <i>W. Va.</i>	2	<i>57</i>
	COUNTY <i>Wood</i>	2	<i>54</i>
	CITY <i>Rockport</i>	3	<i>xxx</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. <i>1933</i>	1	<i>4</i>
ACCEPTANCE 29/514	<i>Yes</i> <i>Age</i>	1	<i>12</i> <i>59</i>

audited
DEC 8 1931
KD

Name BENNETT, Mrs. Mary Ann

Paris Hôtel HOTEL LUTETIA
BOULEVARD RASPAIL

Home address Rockport, Wood Co., West Virginia

Party E Group _____ Unit _____

Date of arrival 8/3/33. SS. ROOSEVELT Date of departure 8/17/33. SS. WASHINGTON

Relationship Mother, age 59

Name of deceased BENNETT, Thomas

Rank Cpl. Organization Co. L. 320th Inf.

Cemetery MEUSE ARGONNE 30 D 12

REMARKS

Mary Ann Bennett



PARTY II
MILITARY GROUP

Tuesday, August 16, the morning was spent shopping, lunch
at the hotel. The hotel afternoon was free.

Thursday, August 17, departed from the Gare des Invalides for
Le Havre. Arrived on 20 in Arlington.

MRS. MARY A NN BENNETT

PART I
GENERAL INFORMATION

Monday, August 14, the day of departure. Shopping, lunch
at the hotel. The hotel returned the pass.

Tuesday, August 15, departed from the hotel for the station. For
the train. Arrived at 10:30 A.M. in Washington.

MRS. MARY ANN BENNETT

September, 1907, arrived at his home about 10 miles north of
the place in which he had been arrested, and, having obtained
interviewed him several times in the city and concluded to go to the
city of Montreal, Quebec.

Evening, March 5, the morning was fine, lunch at the hotel. In the afternoon the pilgrims attended the assembly at the city hall and returned later Sunday to the cathedral square.

Friday, August 1, at Garden, about 10 o'clock. United States
in the afternoon, at 10 o'clock.

Admiral, August 14, at Verdun, visited the Allied Cemetery, Juneau, Alaska, visited various in the afternoon, 14th at Verdun.

Tolson, upon his return, visited the Cemetery, looked at the tombstone, visited the Cemetery in the afternoon, returned to Paris for the night.

Sunday, August 10, at church in the morning, lunch at the hotel. 9:30 P.M. went on night sightseeing trip.

Thursday, August 14, visited Peter Long, lunch at the hotel, visited Lafayette Woodrillo in the afternoon.

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

Party **E**
 Number **533**

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.

Bennett, Mrs. Mary Ann

Name of Pilgrim

Rockport, W.Va.

Actual cost of
 Through Pullman at the
 Lower Berth Rate.

City

Home Address

County

State

New York, to **Parkersburg, W.Va.**

Destination of Ticket **Parkersburg, W.Va.**

\$ **5.25**

via **B&O to Parkersburg**

Oct. 4, 1933

Date of Departure

Expiration Date of Ticket

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
Lv. Jersey City, N.J.	B&O	1	Daily	1:30 PM			con 9/11/32	
Ar. Baltimore, Md.	"	"	"	5:17 PM	seat		1029390	1.50
Lv. "	"	3	"	9:56 PM			8	
Ar. Parkersburg, W.Va.	"	"	"	9:33 am.	lower		1029391	3.75
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Excess Fare New York, to.

Cost \$

Total

5.25

Stop Over **New York City - Baltimore, Md.**

Through Rate

Excess

Bennett, Thomas (MA)

Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage
Stopovers on return

[Handwritten signature]

Name: Bennett, Mrs. Mary Ann

Address: Rockport, West Virginia (R.R. Sta. Parkersburg, W. Va.) Party: E - 14

Stopovers desired at: New York City & Baltimore, Md.

Rail

(Passenger to purchase own ticket from New York to Bronxville, N. Y. & return to N.Y. No collection made for Bronxville side trip)

B + O

Excess
None

Pullman

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
New York	Baltimore, Md.	P. C.	1.50
Baltimore, Md.	Parkersburg, W. Va.	L.B.	3.75

Total:	5.25
Thru Pullman Fare:	5.63
Excess:	None

Amounts shown as "excess" have been collected by the Quartermaster General and remitted to the Finance Officer, Washington, D.C.

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PARTY ... E ... FILE NO.

NAME ... Bennett, Mrs. Mary Ann ...
... Rockport, W.Va. ...

(To start from & Return to Parkersburg
ROUTE OF TICKET WVA)

... B+O ... to ... Parkersburg ...
... to ...
... to ...
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... to ...
... to ...
... to ...

Expiration date ... Oct 4th. 33 ...

The following stop overs are requested.

... New York City ...

... Baltimore, Md. ...

W.I.

.....
(Signature of Pilgrim)

IN CABIN WITH

Mrs. Florence S. Mc Kinney D-236-H MA

Mrs. Samuel L. Byers D-236-C MA

PILGRIMAGE OF WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS

GENERAL RELEASE

File- E533.

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett

Address Torchport W. Va.

Released in New York.

To Mr. Francis Gilheany

Address Bronxville N.Y.

RECEIVED RAILROAD AND PULLMAN TICKET

1230 P.M.

Mary Ann Bennett

MEDICAL RECORD

M. A. Cmty

Party E

Station *Paris Hotel Lutetia*

Nurse *P. Knowles*

Date : *Aug. 4. 1933.*

Name *Bennett, Mrs. Mary Ann*

Home address *Rockport, Wood County. West Virginia.*

Address of Nearest friend or relative *Sylvester Bennett (husband)*
(same address)

Religion *Prot.*

Age *59*

History of Present complaint :

Aug. 4. Sciatica. Pharyngitis

(over)

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

Diagnosis and complications : (include dates)

Pharyngitis mild

Treatment and Progress : (include dates) Aug. 5. Seen by Major Bolithaugh.
Aug. 8. Aspirin gr. xv

Disposition : (include dates)

Aug. 17. To LeHavre. Fitter

Remarks : 8/5/33 - Slight injection of throat
Aspirin gr. 4. repeated if nec. O.B.B.

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MEDICAL RECORD

Party: E-14 ROOSEVELT *Eastbound*
S. S. WASHINGTON *Westbound*

Name Bennett, Mrs/ Mary Ann

Home Address Rockport, West Virginia. (to start & return to Parkersburg, W. Va.)

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Sylvester Bennett, (Husband)

Rockport, West Virginia

Religion _____ Age 59 M

History of present complaint: S.S.Pres. Roosevelt, 7/29/33 - Sciatica, both sides. 8/1/33 - Pharyngitis.

(OVER)

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

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

8/17/33. Constipation.

August 24, 1933: This Pilgrim eye-sight very poor, requested glasses, after consulting Col. Pope, Pilgrim sent to Wm. Ehrlich, opticians, eyes tested, glasses secured. JHA

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) S. S. Pres. Roosevelt, 7/29/33 - Salicylates
7/31/33 - Salicylates, sprays & Laryngeal Injection. 8/1/33 - cont'd.
8/17/33 Hinkles Pills.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

August 25, 1933: Pilgrim feeling very well, satisfied with glasses. JH Ashcraft, Maj.,
Medical Corps

To start from & return to Parkersburg Wva.

PARTY

E-14

59M

EASTBOUND

STATE

WEST VIRGINIA

GROUP

MA

(to start from & return to Parkersburg Wva

Mrs. Bennett, Mary Ann Address Rockport
(Name of Pilgrim) (Street & No.) (City or Town)
..... West Virginia Wood
..... (State) (County)

Sylvester Bennett - Husband Address Rockport
(Name of Nearest Kin) (Street & No.) (City or Town)
..... West Virginia Wood
..... (State) (County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. B & O Train No. 12 - 528 Date 6:40 A.M. July 25, 1933
Hotel Pennsylvania Room No. 1076
Roomed with Mrs. Frances S. Mc Kinney

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date July 26, 1933 Vessel President Roosevelt Cabin No. D-236-E
In Cabin with Mrs. Florence S. Mc Kinney D-236-H Mrs. Samuel L. Byers D-236-G
(Over Westbound)

WESTBOUND
ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date Aug. 24, 1933 Vessel Washington Cabin No. A-37-3
In Cabin with Mrs. Henrietta Garland A-37-1
Hotel Pennsylvania Room No. 912-A
Roomed with Mrs. Carrie Cole

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

New York City Stop Over

VIA. R.R. Train No. Space Car No. Date

REMARKS

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(Over Eastbound)

WAR DEPARTMENT



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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK. N. Y.

NAME **MRS. MARY ANN BENNETT** **E**

ADDRESS **Rockport, W.Va.**

DATE

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

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

Sincerely,

(Signed) *Mary ann Bennett*

Party E

MEDICAL RECORD

M. A. Cmty

Nurse P. Knowles

Station: Hotel Lutetia Paris

Date: August 4, 1933

Name Bennett, Mrs. Mary Ann

Home address Rockport, Wood Co., WEST VIRGINIA.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Sylvester Bennett. Husband.

same address.

Religion Protestant Age 59

History of Present complaint:

8/4/33. Sciatica. Pharyngitis.

(over)

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

Diagnosis and complications : (include dates)

Pharyngitis mild.

Treatment and Progress : (include dates)

8/5/33. Seen by Maj. Bolibaugh.

8/8/33. Aspirin Grs XV.

Disposition : (include dates)

8/17/33. Ti Le Havre. Fitts.

Remarks :

8/5/33. Slight infection of throat.
Aspirin grs. 7 repeat if nec. OBB.

THE PULLMAN COMPANY

PASSENGER'S CHECK — To identify accommodations purchased.

Parkersburg to Jersey City, N

LOWER
BERTH

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CAR

12

LINE NO.

VIA

R. R.

OFFICE

12-18

FORM

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\$5.63

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Persons

Mrs Bennett
E

4 B. & O. R.R. 4

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TICKET AGENT
P/ARKERSBURG. WVA

PARTY "E"
July 11th, 1933

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett
Rockport, W.Va.

Dear Madam:

Upon your arrival in New York City you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will engage porter service to take care of your baggage and escort you to the hotel. During your sojourn here before sailing for Europe and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel Pennsylvania, 35rd Street and 7th Avenue, New York City.

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

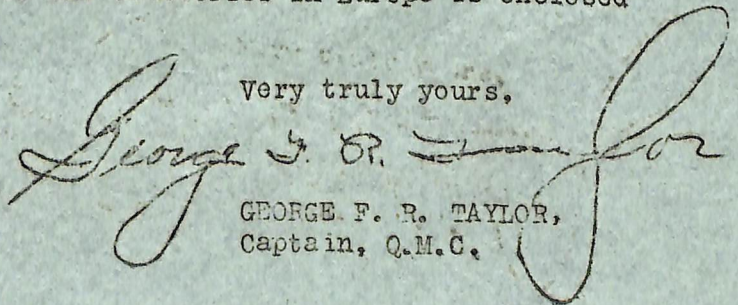
All mail intended to reach you between July 26th, 1933, the day you sail from the United States, and August 17th, 1933, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris (16), France; for example:

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

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

Information relative to the cemeteries in Europe is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,



GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
Captain, Q.M.C.

- 7 Incls.:
2 Baggage Tags
4 Baggage Pastors
1 Copy Cemeterial Information

Aug. 24, 1933

Mrs. Frances Gillheany
2 Arcade Bldg..
~~BRONXVILLE, N. Y.~~ Bronxville, N. Y.

MRS. MARY ANN BENNETT WILL BE AT PENNSYLVANIA HOTEL
NEW YORK CITY UNTIL SEVEN OCLOCK FRIDAY EVENING AUGUST
TWENTY FIFTH WILL YOU CALL FOR HER OR WILL SHE GO DIRECT
TO BRONXVILLE NOTIFY HER AT HOTEL

COLONEL POPE

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS-1933

ROOM NO.

DATE August 24, 1933

PARTY "E" Returning

NAME ...Bennett, Mrs. Mary Ann... (Age - 59 - M)

ADDRESS Rockport

..West Virginia

HOTEL ...Pennsylvania

DIAGNOSIS Request for Eye-glasses

DISPOSITION

REMARKS: This Pilgrim stated that her eye-sight was very poor and that she needed eye-glasses. After consulting Colonel Pope, this Pilgrim was sent to Wm. Ehrlich and Sons, Opticians, who reported that her sight was poor and that glasses were necessary.

August 25th:

Glasses secured, Pilgrim well pleased.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE

MEDICAL OFFICER

J. H. Ashcraft
JOHN H. ASHCRAFT
MAJOR, MEDICAL CORPS, U.S.A.
MEDICAL SUPERVISOR

552.01

September 11, 1933

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Transportation Requests.

TO: Finance Officer, U.S. Army
Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. The following Transportation Requests, copies of which were submitted to your office on the date opposite the Transportation Request number, have been cancelled, and original numbers thereof are forwarded herewith:

Aug. 10, 1933 - T/R WC-1,029,266 - Mrs. Minnie H. McClain - Pullman
New York, N.Y. to
Phila., Pa. \$0.75

Aug. 10, 1933 - T/R WC-1,029,349 - Mrs. Mabel A. Weil - Pullman
New York, N.Y. to
Chicago, Ill. \$9.00

Aug. 24, 1933 - T/R WC-1,029,559 - Mrs. Dona C. Wessels - Pullman
Milwaukee, Wis. to
Baldwin, Wis. \$3.75

Aug. 24, 1933 - T/R WC-1,029,503 - Mrs. Ella R. Miller - Pullman
St. Louis, Mo. to
Belle, Mo. \$3.00

Aug. 24, 1933 - T/R WC-1,029,890 - Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett - Pullman
New York, N.Y. to
Baltimore, Md. \$1.50

For the Officer in Charge:

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR
Captain, G. M. C.

Enc:

5 T/R's

562.01

September 11, 1933

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Transportation Requests.

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

1. The following listed Transportation Requests, reported on date opposite Transportation Request number, have been cancelled:

August 10, 1933 - T/R WQ-1,029,266 - Mrs. Minnie R. McClain - Pullman
New York, N.Y.
to Phila., Pa.
\$.75

August 10, 1933 - T/R WQ-1,029,349 - Mrs. Habel A. Weil - Pullman
New York, N.Y.
to Chicago, Ill.
\$9.00

August 24, 1933 - T/R WQ-1,029,559 - Mrs. Dona C. Vessels - Pullman
Milwaukee, Wis.
to Baldwin, Wis.
\$3.75

August 24, 1933 - T/R WQ-1,029,503 - Mrs. Ella R. Miller - Pullman
St. Louis, Mo.
to Belle, Mo.
\$3.00

August 24, 1933 - T/R WQ-1,029,590 - Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett - Pullman
New York, N.Y.
to Baltimore, Md.
\$1.50

For the Officer in Charge:

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR
Captain, G. M. C.

QM 293 A-M
Bennett, Thomas (MA)

October 10, 1933.

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Rockport,
West Virginia.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

I have the letter of August 15th wherein you and the other members of Party E who visited the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in France express your appreciation for the pilgrimage.

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

I am particularly pleased that you were satisfied with the appearance of the American Cemeteries in Europe. You are assured they will be perpetually maintained in the same fine condition in which you found them, as it will be the constant effort of the Government to make these cemeteries fitting resting places for the heroes buried there.

With sincere appreciation of your kind remarks, I am,

Very truly yours,

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

JHL

RTE

MAB

Bennett, Thomas

EXCERPT FROM NARRATIVE REPORT PARTY "E" WEST

The following named pilgrims were treated at the hotel under the direction of the Medical Supervisor for the ailments as indicated:

Mrs. Irene A. Allen	-Goitre, Exophthalmic
<u>Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett</u>	-Poor eyesight
Mrs. Anna Bisker	-Migraine
Mrs. Hilma Bove	-Myocarditis, chronic; Marked arrhythmia; cough
Mrs. Nannie B. Collins	-Poor eyesight
Mrs. Kate Dozier	-Senility
Mrs. Catherine Grill	-Pustule, forehead

Pres. Roosevelt

7-26-33

MA

Cpl. Thomas Bennett

I Accept the invitation extended
Accept or decline

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

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett

Name

Rockport, Wood Co., W. Va.

Town or City

State

6993 Bennett Thomas
RETURN RECEIPT

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

Mary Ann Bennett
(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery,

July 3, 19*33*

Form 3811

05-6116

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927415

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

July 10, 1933.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
~~Bennett, Thomas (Jr)~~

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Rockport, West Virginia.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Parkersburg	B&O	Train No. 12-528	1:22 PM	July 24th
Ar. New York	"	" "	6:40 AM	July 25th
(Jersey City)				

Accommodations: Pullman berth from Parkersburg to New York.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M

July 6, 1953.

Bennett, Thomas

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett
Rockport, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed Check No. 295 096 in the amount of \$ 5.62, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Check No.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bennett, Thomas (MA)

June 16, 1933

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Rockport, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 AM
Bennett, Thomas (MA)

February 14, 1933

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Rockport,
West Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 8, and your reply to the form letter from this office, advising you will entrain at Parkersburg, W. Va. and desire to stop over at Bronxville, N.Y. and Baltimore, Md. in connection with the pilgrimage you are scheduled to make to the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, July 26, 1933.

Transportation will be furnished so you will leave from, and return to, Parkersburg, W. Va. The check which you will receive before you leave home will be sufficient to cover incidental expenses enroute to New York, including the bus fare from your home to Parkersburg.

From information on file in this office, there is no town by the name of Bronxville, N.Y. and it is believed you desire to visit Bronxville, N.Y. In this event arrangements will be made for stopovers at New York City and Baltimore, Md. as Bronxville, N.Y. is not directly on your return route of travel. At New York City you may purchase a ticket and make a side trip to Bronxville, returning to New York City. The round trip fare which must be paid by you will be approximately one dollar and fifteen cents (\$1.15). There will be no additional cost to you for these stopovers other than the side trip and other expenses incurred by you during your visits at these points which must of course be paid from your personal funds.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

LM

Passenger to purchase own ticket from N.Y.
to Brantville N.Y. & return to N.Y. at a
cost of \$1.15 for the round trip. - Also
advise pilgrim that transportation will
be furnished from & returning to
Parkersburg W. Va. - Per Diem check will
take care of bus fare. - Tell pilgrim
that she asked for Brantville N.Y. but
as there is no Brantville in N.Y. it is
presumed that she means N.Y.

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Bennett, Thomas (MA)

Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage
Stopovers on return

Name: **Bennett, Mrs. Mary Ann**

Address: **Rockport, West Virginia (R.R. Sta. Parkersburg, W. Va.)** Party: **E**

Stopovers desired at: **New York City & Baltimore, Md.**

Rail

(Passenger to purchase own ticket from New York to
Bronxville, N. Y. & return to N.Y. No collection
made for Bronxville side trip)

		Excess	<u>None</u>
<u>Pullman</u>			
<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
New York	Baltimore, Md.	P. C.	1.50
Baltimore, Md.	Parkersburg, W. Va.	L.B.	3.75
		Total:	<u>5.25</u>
		Thru Pullman Fare:	<u>5.63</u>
		Excess:	<u>None</u>

Amounts shown as "excess" have been collected by the Quartermaster General and
remitted to the Finance Officer, Washington, D.C.

IF YOU DESIRE A STOPOVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE PARAGRAPH, "STOPOVERS IN THE UNITED STATES", ON PAGE 3 OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

Bennett, Thomas (MA)
Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Rockport, West Virginia.
Wood County.
President Roosevelt, July 26

accept
Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the point, or points, listed below, for the number of days shown after the name of the town. If these stopovers will cause me any expense I am to be advised of the amount and may then withdraw this request if I so desire.

<u>Cities where I desire to stopover:</u>	<u>No. of days</u>
<u>Bronxville, N. Y.</u>	<u>Three days</u>
<u>Baltimore Md</u>	<u>Three days</u>
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Very truly yours,

Mrs Mary Ann Bennett
(Your name)

Rockport W Va
(Your address)



Rockport
w va
Febry 6th 1933

Mrs Mary Ann Bennett
Rockport. w va.

To the Quartermaster General
Washington. D. C

Sir

I am sending information as requested as how near the
railroad station is from where I live and where

I will arrive for the train to New York

the distance from Rockport to Parkersburg is

Seventeen miles will have to go on bus from Rockport
to Parkersburg.

Mrs Mary Ann Bennett

Rockport. w va

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

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Bennett, Thomas (MA)
Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Rockport, West Virginia.
Wood County.
President Roosevelt, July 26

Sir:

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

Name

Sylvester Bennett

Address

Rockport, W. Va

Relationship

Husband

Very truly yours,

Mary Ann Bennett
Your name

Rockport, W. Va
Your address



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bennett Thomas (MA)

July 7 1932

Mrs Mary Ann Bennett
Rockport
West Virginia

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

Yes
(Write answer here)

Mrs
(Sign here) Mary Ann Bennett

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bennett, Thomas MA

December 22, 1931.

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Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Rockport, West Virginia

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932

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.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Dec

1931

Rockport, W. Va

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Thank you very much for the invitation to go to France to see my Sons grave would appreciate going very much, but my health would not permit me to go, as I have been sick for several yrs, that is the reason I have not gone before.

I would appreciate going but under the circumstances it is not possible for me to make the trip.

Thanking you for the invitation

Mrs Mary Ann Bennett
Rockport
W. Va

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bennett, Thomas (MA) a

December 12, 1931

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Rockport,
West Virginia.

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?	<i>no</i> ✓
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>59</i> Health: <i>Bad</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>none</i> ✓

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett
For The Quartermaster General,

Sign here

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
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QM 293 A-M
Bennett, Thomas (MA) *js*

December 12, 1931

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Rockport,
West Virginia.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. The purpose of the Act is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice, and it appears from communications from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain.

All necessary expenses of a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Thomas Bennett, will be borne by the Government and personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the journey will be provided. Doctors and nurses are available and should you make a pilgrimage, you are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States but everything possible for your comfort and care will be provided. In other words, you will be the honored guest of the United States Government.

It is the earnest endeavor of this office to discover the wishes of each mother and widow with reference to the pilgrimage so that necessary arrangements may be made. It is hoped that you will decide to make the pilgrimage and will so state; however, if you feel you cannot accept the invitation, it is important that we know that. You can realize that in arranging all details for a trip for so many people it is necessary to have all information at once. For the reasons stated, it will be appreciated if you will complete the questionnaire enclosed herewith and return it to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage. 0

This letter is forwarded in a final effort to obtain your wishes, inasmuch as previous letters relative to the pilgrimage have remained unanswered.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Form-Env.
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Bennett, Thomas 1232
Cpl., Co. L, 3rd Inf. Serial 2665178

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Mother

Widow

Loco

Step-M

Mary Ann Bennett

Rockport.

W. Va

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Single

Bennett, Thomas 1232
Cpl., Co. D, 3rd Inf.

Single

Serial 2665178

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Mother

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Mary Ann Bennett
Rockport
W. Va

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F. Sister
same ad.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bennett, Thomas (M-A) M

Nov. 9, 1931

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Rockport,
W. Va.

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Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

Sent
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bennett, Thomas (M-A) M

September 29, 1931.

Cpl, Co. 12, 320th Inf.

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Franklin, West Virginia.

Ser. 2665178

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293 A-M~~

Bennett, Thomas Cpl. (H-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Franklin, W. Va.

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

Bennett, Thomas 1232-M

June 5, 1930

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett
Franklin, West Virginia.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

No ✓
(Write answer here)

Mrs Mary Ann Bennett
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 11, 1930

Bennett, Thomas 1232 H

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Franklin, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Bennett, Thomas 1232

February 15, 1930

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett
General Delivery
Akron, Ohio

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 Corp. Thomas Bennett, Co. D, 320th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Ser. 2 665178

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

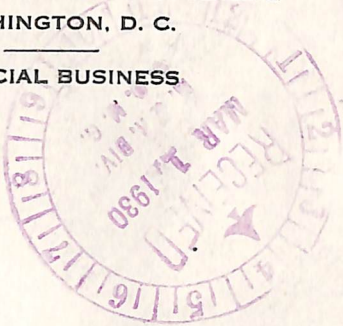
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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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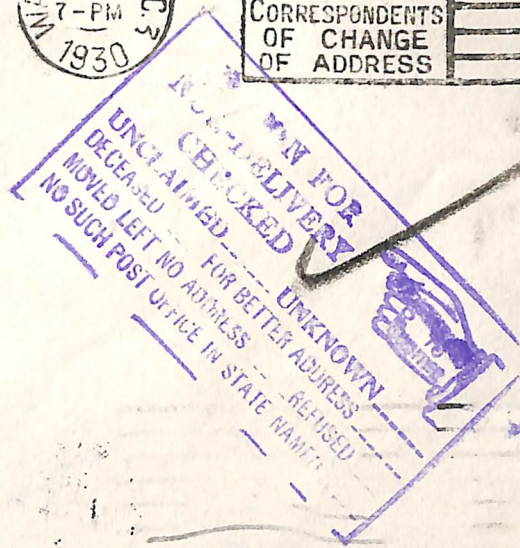


PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID

PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

NOTIFY
YOUR

CORRESPONDENTS
OF CHANGE
OF ADDRESS



BENNETT, THOS C. 85 010
Cpl Co D 320 Inf S 2665178

Mother
Mrs Mary Ann Bennett

veteran
single

Franklin
W. Va.

2-21-30



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE 1/15/30

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
BENNETT, Thomas	Cpl.	2665178	Co. L, 320th Inf. 80th Div.	Oct. 10, 1918

single

STATE	CTY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK
W. Va.	1232	30	12	D

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
	☒ MOTHER	: ☒ :	(M) Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett Gen. Del. Akron, Ohio
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	
NAME	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION	: : :	
AND	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	
ADDRESS	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS	: : :	
	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	
	☒ WIDOW	: : :	
	(Who has not remarried)	: : :	
	<u>Single man</u>	: : :	

Veterans Bureau Claim Number
29/156/

XC 85-010

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bennett, Thomas

June 29, 1929.

Rev. Sylvester Bennett,
Belmont, W. Va.

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 Corp. Thomas Bennett, Co. L, 320th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M

Bennett, Thomas (MA)

October 10, 1933.

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Rockport,
West Virginia.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

I have the letter of August 15th wherein you and the other members of Party E who visited the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in France express your appreciation for the pilgrimage.

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

I am particularly pleased that you were satisfied with the appearance of the American Cemeteries in Europe. You are assured they will be perpetually maintained in the same fine condition in which you found them, as it will be the constant effort of the Government to make these cemeteries fitting resting places for the heroes buried there.

With sincere appreciation of your kind remarks, I am,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 AM
Bennett, Thomas (MA)

February 14, 1935

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Rockport,
West Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 6, and your reply to the form letter from this office, advising you will entrain at Parkersburg, W. Va. and desire to stop over at Bronxville, N.J. and Baltimore, Md. in connection with the pilgrimage you are scheduled to make to the House Aragonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, July 26, 1935.

Transportation will be furnished so you will leave from, and return to, Parkersburg, W. Va. The check which you will receive before you leave here will be sufficient to cover incidental expenses enroute to New York, including the bus fare from your home to Parkersburg.

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From information on file in this office, there is no town by the name of Bronxville, N.J. and it is believed you desire to visit Bronxville, N.Y. In this event arrangements will be made for stopovers at New York City and Baltimore, Md. as Bronxville, N.Y. is not directly on your return route of travel. At New York City you may purchase a ticket and make a side trip to Bronxville, returning to New York City. The round trip fare which must be paid by you will be approximately one dollar and fifteen cents (\$1.15). There will be no additional cost to you for these stopovers other than the side trip and other expenses incurred by you during your visits at these points which must of course be paid from your personal funds.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
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

Bennett Thomas (MA)

July 7 1932

Mrs Mary Ann Bennett
Rockport
West Virginia

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

Bennett, Thomas MA

December 22, 1931.

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Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Rockport, West Virginia

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

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.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

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

Bennett, Thomas (MA) *a*

December 12, 1931

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Rockport,
West Virginia.

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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QM 293 A-M
Bennett, Thomas (MA) ✓

December 12, 1931

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Rockport,
West Virginia.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. The purpose of the Act is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice, and it appears from communications from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain.

All necessary expenses of a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Thomas Bennett, will be borne by the Government and personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the journey will be provided. Doctors and nurses are available and should you make a pilgrimage, you are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States but everything possible for your comfort and care will be provided. In other words, you will be the honored guest of the United States Government.

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It is the earnest endeavor of this office to discover the wishes of each mother and widow with reference to the pilgrimage so that necessary arrangements may be made. It is hoped that you will decide to make the pilgrimage and will so state; however, if you feel you cannot accept the invitation, it is important that we know that. You can realize that in arranging all details for a trip for so many people it is necessary to have all information at once. For the reasons stated, it will be appreciated if you will complete the questionnaire enclosed herewith and return it to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

This letter is forwarded in a final effort to obtain your wishes, inasmuch as previous letters relative to the pilgrimage have remained unanswered.

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

Bennett, Thomas (M-A) M

Nov. 9, 1931

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Rockport,
W. Va.

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Dear Madam:

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

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

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

2. Please state your age and condition
of health:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Age:

Health:

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bennett, Thomas (M-A) M

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Franklin, West Virginia.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bennett, Thomas Cpl. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Franklin, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bennett, Thomas 1232-M

June 5, 1930

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett
Franklin, West Virginia.

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

March 11, 1930

Bennett, Thomas 1232 II

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett,
Franklin, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bennett, Thomas 1232

February 15, 1930

Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett
General Delivery
Akron, Ohio

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 Corp. Thomas Bennett, Co. D, 320th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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

Bennett, Thomas
1232

September 4, 1929.

Rev. Sylvester Bennett,
Belmont, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Bennett, Thomas

June 29 1929.

Rev. Sylvester Bennett,
Belmont, W. Va.

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 Corp. Thomas Bennett, Co. L, 320th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

CM 293 A-C

Bennett, Thomas

March 24, 1925.

Mrs. W. H. Ridgway,
Secretary, Home Service,
American Red Cross,
Monongalia Chapter,
Morgantown, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that receipt be acknowledged of your letter of March 19th, 1925, written in behalf of Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett, Mona, West Virginia.

Please be informed that the Quartermaster Supply Officer, Washington General Intermediate Depot, Washington, D. C., has this day been authorized to forward a flag to Mrs. Bennett.

It is regretted that there is no appropriation by the Government for photographing the permanent graves of our soldier dead in Europe. However, should the mother desire a photograph of the grave of her son, the late Corporal Thomas Bennett, Company L, 320th Infantry, at private expense, it is suggested that a communication be addressed to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C., in Europe, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris, (16eme) Paris, France, who will advise her of the cost of the photograph and the necessary procedure as to securing it.

Very truly yours,

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

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AMERICAN RED CROSS
MONONGALIA CHAPTER
HOME SERVICE SECTION



MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

March, 19, 1925,

Quartermaster General,
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Re: Bennett, Thomas, Cpl
2665178, Co. L, 320th Ibr
Died Oct, 10, 1918
Buried, Argonne American
Cemetery, Plot-1 Grave #51

Mary Ann Bennett, mother
Mona, Monongalia Co, W, Va.

Dear Sir;

The mother of the above deceased soldier has never received a picture of her sons grave nor a flag that mothers are entitled to if their sons body still remains in France.

If it is not too late she would appreciate having them sent to her,

Very truly,

(Mrs) M. N. Ridgway
Mrs, M, H, Ridgway
Secretary, Home Service.



MAR 21 1925



QM 295 A-U
(Bennett, Thomas)

March 24, 1925.

SUBJECT: Flag.

TO: Quartermaster Supply Officer, Washington General Intermediate Depot,
Washington, D. C.

1. You are authorized to send one flag, at Government expense, to
Mrs. Mary Ann Bennett, Mona, Monongalia County, West Virginia, mother of
Corporal Thomas Bennett, Company L, 320th Infantry.

2. Notify consignee and Mrs. H. H. Ridgway, Secretary, Home Service,
Monongalia Chapter, American Red Cross, Morgantown, West Virginia.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

R. P. HERBOLD,
Major, U.S.A.,
Assistant.

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Bennett,

(Surname.)

Thomas

(Christian name in full.)

2,665,178

(Army serial number.)

Corp

Co L 420th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(Yes or no.)

u. 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)

(over)

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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Letter Sent to:

Mrs Mary Bennett.
Belmont, W. Va.

1232-22418-8
3-31-21

Drawn by H.H.

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

June 9, 1923.

Rev. Sylvester Bennett,
Belmont,
W.Va.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that
Corporal Thomas Bennett, Company L, 320th
the permanent grave of
Infantry, is Grave 30, Row 12, Block D, 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 a 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 main-
tained 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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C. & M. G.
Central Mail & Files Br.



JUN 9 1923

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 35974

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BENNETT, Thomas Ser. No. 2665178
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. L, 320th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10-10-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DB
 CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 51 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 18 TYP. DB
 (b) Emerg. Address Rev. Sylvester Bennett, (Father) Belmont, W. Va.

III. Files of ~~soldiers dying from contagious diseases~~ CKR. No

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name Mrs Mary Bennett (b) Relationship Mother
 (c) Address _____
 (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 MH Date 3/30, 1920.

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

_____, dated _____

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials MH Date 3/30, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: Let 3/22/19 - Mrs Mary

Bennett (Mother) Belmont, W. Va
Request photo of grave
 (a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes

Examiner's Initials MH Date 3/30, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 12320 Sec. 18 SHEET No. 8

AP 4/14/21

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 104 made _____, 1920.

TYPE _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on _____, 1920
letter on 4-7-1920

Section 16

Par. 2 - Not to be returned (JEN)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

A.G.O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

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Rank

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Remarks

Checkers

Discrepancies

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Serial No.

Org.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 35974

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name **BENNETT, Thomas** Ser. No. **2665178**
 (b) Rank **Cpl.** Organization **Co. L, 320th Inf.** DB
 (c) Date of death **10-10-18** (d) Cause of death **K/A** TYP. **30**

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

(a) Grave No. **51** Row **-** Plot **1** Sec. **18** TYP. **DB**
 (b) Emerg. Address **Rev. Sylvester Bennett, (Father) Belmont, W. Va.**

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. **30**

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on **4-7-**, 192 /
Section - 18
Par. 2 - Not to be returned (J E M)
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VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., _____, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

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

COUNTRY CEMETERY No. SHEET No.

AP 4/19/21

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Romagne 1232.Date Jan 7, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BENNETT, ~~T~~ Thomas. SERIAL NUMBER 2665178
 RANK Corp. ORGANIZATION Co. L. 320th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Jan 7, 1922 From (give complete location) : gr 51, sec 18, plot 1. C ty. 1232.
 By : Group Mai re. Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date) : Jan. 7th 1922. Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 30 block D row 12
 By : Group re-burial S Unit unlined casket Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
abscess on right side of upper jaw.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

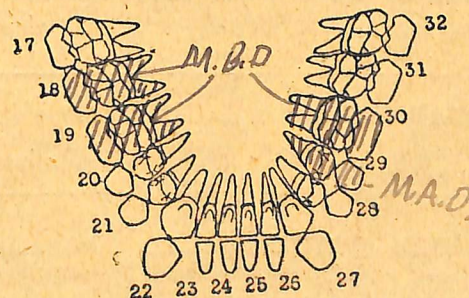
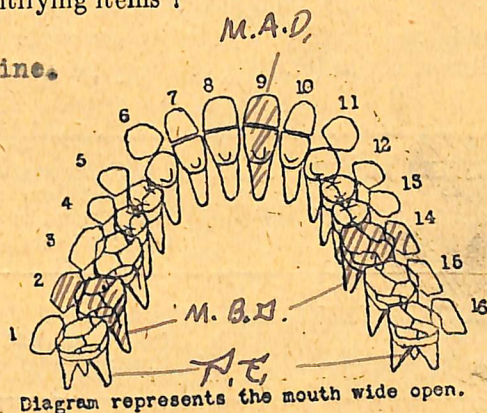
(d) Hair on face—Color do

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) right femur fractures.



7. Disinterment supervised by Edna Maire
E. Maire.

Approved : A. J. Dewey 1st Lt. Q.M.C.
 (Title)

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

Approved : James W. Younger, Capt. QMC
 (Title)

jt.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan 7 1922

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 BENNETT, Thomas

10. Name

2. No. 2665178

11. No.

3. Rank Corp.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. L 320th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 10-10-18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 51 Sec. 18

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 1 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.

19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232, Sec. 18

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan 7 1922

By Edmo Maire

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Thomas Bennett

Serial No. 2665178

Rank Cpl

Organization Co L 320th Inf

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

C Smyth O'Meara

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).

None

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Uniform burlap and box

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 7 1922 By Edmo Maire

31. Casket sealed by Edmo Maire

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

E. Maire

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. C-22527



Serial No. 2665178

32. Designation of body:

Name Thomas BENNETT

Rank Corp. Organization Co. L 320th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer., #1232, Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Jan 7 1922 By Edmo Maire

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 A E Dewey 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Jan 7 1922 C.C.

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

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Jan. 7th 1922.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 30

Section

43. Book Block D

Row 12

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger, Capt QMC

jt.

FROM, O.Q.M.G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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

Date 3-30-21

File No. Requisition

(SPECIAL)

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

f. Date of death 10-10-18 *OK*

b. Christian name Thomas *OK*

g. Cause of death K/A *OK*

c. Serial Number 2665178 *OK*

h. Authority (C.O.#)

✓ d. Organization Co. L, 320th Inf. *OK*

i. Emergency address

e. Rank or (Co. L, 420th Inf.)
Cpl. *OK*

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

a. Strike out teeth missing

b. Color of eyes

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left

c. Color of hair

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

d. Height

e. Weight

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

Adjustment Made

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

BY:

CEMETERY NO: 1232-Sec. 18

SHEET NO:

8

TYPED BY:

VH.

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

Donnelly, M. F.
EP Sect 8
4-1-21

3/713/LML

World War Div.
Apr 1 1921

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

May 12th, 1919.

~~XXXX XXXX XXXX~~
April 17th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Mrs Mary Bennett, Belmont, W.Va.
SUBJECT : Disposition of remains of Corp. Thomas Bennett, Co. L. 320th
Infantry, American E.F.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter, expressing the desire that the body of your ~~son~~ should remain in France, and you are advised that your request will be complied with.

2. Permit me to express to you my sympathy in the loss which you have sustained in the cause of our country.

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

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

Hand

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bennett 2665178 Thomas
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. 320 Inf.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct. 11th 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Bethencourt

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

Map 150.000 Montfaucon 17-74
1/2 mile S. of Bethencourt

GRAVE NUMBER 3

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:

REPORTED BY:

Thomas H. Saunders Chaplain 314th I.R.A.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

26 OCT 1918

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Qty 646.

2. Soldier's No. 2665178.

3. Bennett. Thomas
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt. ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. ~~XXXXXX~~ Battle area
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Bethincourt Meuse.
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 17 ~~XXXXXX~~
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross? Yes. Headboard? Bottle?
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker? Yes.
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

Sketch No. 22

12. Verdun SE 35 E317.64-N274.84
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

COORD

13. (C-) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ COORD
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed Edwin F. Fiene.

Group 1. Unit 311 G. R. S.

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2. Soldier's No. 2665178

3. Bennett Thomas

Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

Pvt

4. Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

A.E.F.

6. Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Bethincourt Meuse
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 17 Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? 1 Cross? Headboard? Bottle?
Check Method of Marking10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker? 1
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

12. "A" sketch #10
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

J. M. Aninsman, Sgt. 1/c

Signed

PROV. UNIT "A" G.R.S.

Group Unit G. R. S.

GROUP No. 2

File No: 2161

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BENNETT, Thomas

OK/K

Belmont
W Va
March. 22. 1919

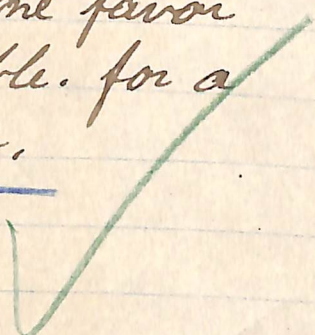
Sir

Having received your letter in
regards to the graves of the Boys
over there

and of my Son. and realizing
that we may get a Photo of the
grave if we desire.

Having come to the conclusion
that we will let his body
rest amongst the Heroes over
there

Am asking for this one favor
that if it is possible. for a
picture of his grave.



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his address was

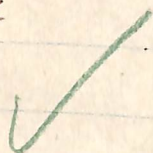
Corp. Thomas Bennett
Co L. 320 Infantry
A. E. F.

P S

I see in your letter
the name of this cemetery
where my Boy is buried I suppose

American. Battle Area. Cemetery
Bethencourt, (Meuse)
feeling sure you will help a
mother's sad heart

Mrs Mary Bennett
Belmont
W Va



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G.R.S. FORM NO. 23.

FILE NUMBER

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NAME

Thomas Bennett

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

Corporal

ORGANIZATION

Co. L. 320th. Infantry

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	
2.	Date of Death	
3.	Grave Location:	
4.	Who reported burial?	
5.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
6.	How is grave marked?	
7.	Identification Tags:	
	(a) Buried with Body?	
	(b) Attached to grave Marker??	
8.	Emergency address:	
9.	Has above been notified? (Give Date)	

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags, etc. (Par. #5, Bul. 10-B)	Effects (G.R.S. Form Nos. 7&7-A)
Monuments (Par. #6, Bul. 10-B)	Accrued pay (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 19& 22)
Disinterrments (Par. #8, Bul. 10-B)	Liberty Bonds (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 21& 22)
Circumstances of death (G.R.S. Form No. 6)	War Risk Insurance (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 20& 22)
✓ Photograph requested (File 004.5) <i>OB</i>	Disposition of Remains (a) Return to U.S. (Form 23)
Grave Location	✓ (b) Remain in France (Form 24) <i>OB</i>
	(c) Miscellaneous (Letter)

Remarks: