

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: **BENNET Vernon R.**

Number: **2192070**

Rank: **Pvt.**

Co A

Organization: **353rd Inf.**

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

3rd June 1919.

Grave #221 A.E.F. CEMETERY

SEBASTOPOL, M ET M 69 NE 353.7 E 214.75 N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

3rd June 1919.

Grave #122 Sec #14 Plot #3

ST MIHIEL AMERICAN CEMETERY #1233

THIAUCOURT, M ET M.

1233

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

Burial good, buried in burlap, body decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? **Yes.**

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

10911

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, G.R.S.

10911
CO. FIRMED N° D

Supervised by: Lt. Conway

R. H. ROSENTHAL

cmf.

C.O. Group 2nd Lieut. Unit **M.C.U.S.A.**

DEC 18 1925

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MMB

DATE

1. NAME BENNETT, Vernon R.

SERIAL No. 2192020

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co.A 353rd Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION St.Mihiel Amer.Cty. Thiaucourt M&M 1233

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

122

Sec.14

3

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

37

Bruley

M et M

Auth. 1st Ind. 2/7/24 GRAVE COMMUNE in City DEPT 1233

COORDINATES 69 NE 214.75 N 363.5 E

CONCENTRATED TO 6/3/19

122

Sec. 14

3

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

St. Mihiel

1233

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

2 Tags - one each on cross and body.

DATE OF DEATH Sept. 14, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Kans

Data M-1
mr

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED - none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

I. H. JOFFE, 1st Lieut., GIC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION July 26, 1922

18

26 Block D

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

St. Mihiel American No. 1233, Thiaucourt

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

RAA

DEC 18 1925
A.G.O.
WORLD WAR DIV.

DEC 23 1925
M. & M.
G. & M.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

R

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

..... BENNET 2192020 VERNON B.

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

..... Pvt. Co. A, 355 Inf.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... Sept. 14, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL..... American Cemetery #108.

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

GRAVE NUMBER..... 225 a.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross?..... yes

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... yes

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: [Signature]

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

2nd Lt. O. M. C.

Bennett, Vernon R.
Post.

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY AUGUST 19, 1930

SEDGWICK

County, State of

KANSAS

Name BENNETT, MRS ROSE V (R-11)

Address RD #1, Box 16, Cheney, Kansas

Route going: AT&SF Chicago, MC Buffalo, NYC ~~New York.~~

Return: Same route.

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
Itinerary going	Lv Cheney	AT&SF	68	10:30AM	August 15
	Ar Wichita	"	"	12:05PM	August 15
	Lv "	"	16	2:05PM	August 15
	Ar Chicago	"	2	8:30AM	August 16
	Lv Chicago	MC	10	10:30AM	August 16
	Ar New York	NYC	142	3:50PM	August 17
	Lv (Grand Cent Sta)				
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	Lv				
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Accommodations: Coach Cheney, Kansas to Wichita, Kans. Standard sleeper Wichita, Kansas to Chicago, Ill. and Chicago, Ill. to New York, N Y.

Elapsed Time: 52 hours - 20 minutes. 2 1/4

Extra Fare:

H.G.K.
m/m

Party R

MEDICAL RECORD

Bennett, Vernon R.

Post, Co A, 353-9 Inf.

S.S. Washington,

Station : _____

Date : East bound _____

Name Bennett, Mrs. Rose V.

Home address Cheney, Kansas

Address of Nearest friend or relative Husband, A.J. Bennett

same address

Religion 7th day Adventists Age 59

History of Present complaint: Pain, tenderness, rigidity in right upper quadrant.

Attack on train Severity ? See tonight. H.W.K.

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.

(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Aug. 24, 1930 Gall-bladder attack.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

Aug. 24th, Morph. Sulph. grs $\frac{1}{4}$
25th, Attack seems to have subsided
26th, on deck recovered.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks: Aug. 28, 1930 Gall-bladder removed. No G.I. symptoms today.
Believed quite neurotic. Put on diet and bromide. A.W.K.

Nurse
N. Malinine

Bennett, Vernon R.
MEDICAL RECORD

Party R''

Pat., CoA 1353 Inf.

Station: Paris

Date: 8/28/30

Name Bennett Mrs Rose B.

Home address Box 16, R.D. 1, Cheney, Kan.

Address of Nearest friend or relative husband Mr. V. G. Bennett
(same address)

Religion pro

Age 60

History of Present complaint: 8/28/30. Has had cholecystectomy & several other Op. ten years ago. 9/1/30 - Pain in abdomen

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.

(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) Peritoneal adhesions, mod sev.
part of -

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) 8/28/30. Diet: very little carbohydrates no greasy food, no eggs very little meat. Plenty of green veg. Rest as much as possible. 9/1/30. 4 p.m. Morphine .008 H by Dr. Sharpton. for severe pain in abdomen. T. subnormal, cold limbs. 6³⁰ p.m. Vomited. 8¹⁵ p.m. T° 99.2. ptyo - strong. feeling better. Killef few sips. Luminal. 0.10.

9/2/30 Patient improved, still some epigastric tenderness.

Disposition: (include dates) To Paris by train.

Remarks:

Sept 10 - 30 To Cherbourg Beach.

Ben Sharpton
Capt. MC

m. Read.

MEDICAL RECORD

R. 3.

. 2 -

Station: Paris, St M.

Date: Sept. 4, 1930

Name Bennett, Mrs. Rose, B.

Home address Box 16 - R.D. 1, Cheney Kansas

Address of Nearest friend or relative Husband - Mr. A. G. Bennett.

Same

Religion Prot.

Age 60

History of Present complaint :

Sept. 4. Severe abd. pain in gall bladder region

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.

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Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) ^{Sept} 4 - Put to bed as soon as arrived at hotel. Hot water

bag - Pain gone with in hr. - Seen by Maj. Keener - Vitell water - Clear soup 7 P.M.

5 - Hepatic salts. $\frac{1}{11}$ tsp - at 8 A.M. - Coffee & roll. Soft diet, No eggs. Soda Bread 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ t.i.d.

6 - May get up - disc. Soda - give Triple Bromide $\frac{1}{2}$ t.i.d. Spec. diet.

7 - Down stairs.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

Sept 10 - 80 To Cherbourg. Beach.

Party "R" - Itinerary - St. Mihiel Group

Sailed August 19th, 1930 on GEORGE WASHINGTON. Capt. Arnold J. Funk in Charge. Arrived Cherbourg August 27th. Special tender arrived 11:57 am, bearing Maj. Dailey and Kinderman; Capts. Ochs, Haley, Earnest, Lambert and Stark; Lts. Yarborough, Freeman and Binns; five nurses and three civilian employees. Train left 1:37 pm; arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 8:00 pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken in bus to hotel.

August 28th: Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe, Wreaths laid by Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Cassels. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.

August 29th: Morning free. Lunch at hotels. Sightseeing trip Paris - Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotels.

August 30th: Visited Notre Dame in morning. Lunch at hotels. Sightseeing trip Paris - Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotels.

August 31st: Left for Rozoy-en-Brie via Porte de Vincennes (rest stop Hotel du Sauvage. Left for Sezanne. Lunch Hotel de France. Left 2:30 pm for Vitry-le-Francois (rest stop Cafe Modern) and on to Bar-le-Duc. Quarters Hotel de Paris.

September 1st: Left in morning for Thiaucourt. Lunch Hotel de Metz. Left 1:30 for St. Mihiel Cemetery and on to Nancy via St. Pierre Auberge, Pont-a-Mousson. Quarters Grand Hotel.

September 2nd & 3rd: Trips to St. Mihiel Cemetery.

September 4th: Left Nancy for Troyes via Toul to Neufchateau (rest stop Hotel Modern) and Bar-sur-Aube where they lunched Hotel du Commerce. Quarters in Troyes at Grand Hotel.

September 5th: Left Troyes in morning for Paris via Sens (rest stop Hotel de Paris). Lunch at Hotel Legris in Fontainebleau. Dinner at hotel in Paris.

September 6th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris - Louvre. Dinner at hotel.

September 7th: Free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel. Sightseeing trip at night.

September 8th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.

September 9th: Versailles in morning. Visited Chateau. Lunch at hotel in Paris. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.

September 10th: Boat train left for Cherbourg 9:44 am, arrived 3:56 pm. AMERICA sailed 5:40 pm. Arrived New York September 19th.

Mrs Rose V Bennett

BENNETT, VERNON R

WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 ROOM 901
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

BENNETT, VERNON R. Party *"R"*
S.T.M. Number *3247*

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Bennett, Mrs. Rose V. Actual cost of through Pullman.
 Name of Traveler

Cheney, Sedgwick County New York, to *Cheney, Kansas*
 Home Address

Kansas \$ *17.25*

New York, to *Cheney, Kansas*
 Destination

Via *NYC & MC to Chicago - AT & SF to dest.*

Ticket Expires: *Sept. 20, 1930.*
 Oct. 15, 1930. Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	<i>GR CENTRAL</i>							
AR	<i>NYC</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>9/20</i>	<i>610 P.</i>	<i>Co. 2</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>Wg -</i>	<i>9.00</i>
LV	<i>Chicago</i>		<i>9/21</i>	<i>915 P.</i>				
AR	<i>Wichita</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>1100 P.</i>	<i>Co. 7</i>	<i>217</i>	<i>Wg - 1024233</i>	<i>8.25</i>
LV	<i>Wichita</i>		<i>9/22</i>	<i>545 P.</i>				
AR	<i>Cheney</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>9/23</i>	<i>700 A.</i>	<i>—</i>			
LV	<i>Cheney</i>		<i>..</i>	<i>825 A.</i>				
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TOTAL

Remarks:

Best route between Wichita & Cheney, which is 27 miles from Wichita.

Escorted to train by Lt. Gen. E. Young.

Name BENNETT , Mrs Rose V.

Paris Hôtel HOTEL DE PARIS

Home address BOULEVARD DE LA MADELEINE

RD. 1, Box 16, Cheney , Sedgwick County , Kansas

Party R Group 3 Unit ~~§§~~ WASHINGTON

Date of arrival AUG. 27. 1930 Date of departure

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased Bennett , Vernon R.

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A, 353rd Inf.

Cemetery SAINT MIHIEL

REMARKS

Mrs. Bennett returned from Nancy by train on Sept. 4th. accompanied by Miss Read, Nurse.



BENNETT, VERNON R

Arrived August 17, 1930 3:40 pm, N.Y. Central R.R. Met by Lt. Geo. E. Young and escorted to Hotel A.W.A. Two days alone in hotel.

Two pieces baggage.

George

Cabin 149-A. Quarters on WASHINGTON with Mrs. Rebecca A. Bougher.

On return from pilgrimage quartered at Hotel McAlpin with Mrs. Anna Hewitt.

NAME BENNETT, MRS. ROSE V

S.S. AMERICA SEP 19 1930

3247

HOME CHENEY, SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

R.R. *n. j.c. - m.c. to chicao*

STATION *at + SF to dist*

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE *Oct 15-30*

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Via POSTAL TELEGRAPH

P. D. COTLOCK,
Major, Inf. (DOL).

September 19, 1930.

Mrs. John Singloy,
Cheney, Kansas.

YOUR MOTHER ARRIVES WICHITA SUNDAY NEXT HER

MAJOR COTLOCK

Mrs. Rose V. Bennett - Party "R" - Hotel McAlpin

Aug. 1st, 1930

Mrs. Rose V. Bennett
RD #1, Box 16
Cheney, Kansas

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor,
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bennett</i>	<i>Ben</i>	3	<i>254</i>
<i>Vernon R.</i>	CEMETERY <i>1233</i>	1	<i>3</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>18</i>	2	<i>18</i>
	ROW <i>26</i>	2	<i>26</i>
	BLOCK <i>D</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>Kans</i>	2	<i>18</i>
RANK	<i>Priv.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>89th</i>	2	<i>89</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>353rd</i>	3	<i>353</i>
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>Mar 30</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bennett, Rose</i>	<i>Rose</i>	3	<i>254</i>
<i>W. Mrs.</i>	STATE <i>Kansas</i>	2	<i>18</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Sedgwick</i>	2	<i>87</i>
	CITY <i>Cheney</i>	3	<i>X</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Teacher</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO. <i>1930</i>	1	
ACCEPTANCE	YR. <i>yes</i>	1	
<i>29/514/EAB</i>	<i>Age 59</i>	1	<i>59</i>

AUDITED
 OCT 5 1931
RS

STATE

BENNETT, VERNON R

KANSAS

M

NAME BENNETT, MRS. ROSE V.

RD #1, Box 16

Cheney

Sedgwick County...

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN

A. J. Bennett Cheney, Kansas

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE

Aug 17

HOTEL

AWA

ROOM NO.

2242

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE

AUGUST 19, 1930

VESSEL

WASHINGTON

CABIN NO.

149A

DESTINATION

CHERBOURG, FRANCE

CEMETERY

ST. M

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE SEP 19 1930

RD. #1, Box 16,

NAME ^M Bennett, Mrs. Rose V. HOME ADDRESS Cheney, Sedgwick Co. Kansas

RETURN ON S. S. S/S AMERICA HOTEL MCALPIN ROOM NO. 669

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE 9/20

ROAD NYC TRAIN 23 CAR 73 BERTH or SEAT L2

REMARKS
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MEDICAL RECORD

Party R,

N. Malinine, R. N.,
M. L. Read,

Station: Paris,
Date: Aug. 28th, 1930

Name Bennett, Mrs. Rose B.

Home address Box 16, RFD 1, Cheney, Kans.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Husband, A. G. Bennett,

Religion Prot.

Age 60

History of Present complaint: Has had cholecystectomy and several other operations. 10 years ago.
Pain in abd.

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.

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Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Parital adhesions, mod sev. port-op. B.T.B.

9-13-30 *Basal Neurosis*

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

Diet c very little CHO, no greasy food, no eggs, no meat. Plenty of green veg. Rest. Sept. Morph. Sulph. gr 1/8 (H) for pain in abd.

Temp. subnormal. 6:30 p.m. vomited. Luminal.

Sept. 4th,

Put to bed on arrival in Paris c HWB. Seen by Maj. Kenner trip. bromides. special diet.

Disposition: (include dates)

To Paris by train.

Remarks:

Neurotic, A.W.K.

9/10/30 to Cherbourg. Beach.

K. Mann
(Chase)
Paris

MEDICAL RECORD

D-1

Eastbound
Westbound

Party: "R"

S. S. WASHINGTON

Name BENNETT, Mrs. Rose V .

Home Address Cheney, Kansas

Name and address of nearest relative or friend A. J. Bennett (husband)
S. G.

Religion 7th Day Adventist

Age 59

History of present complaint: Pain, tenderness rigidity in right upper quadrant.

See tabs 7, 8

Attack on train. Severity?

(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)

8/24/30. Gall bladder attack.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

8/24/30. Morph. Sulph. gr. $\frac{1}{4}$.
8/25/30. Attack seems to have subsided. 8/26/30.
On deck recovered.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

8/28/30. Gall Bladder removed. No G.I. symptoms
today. Believed quite Neurotic
Put on diet + Bromide. Alon

NAME Bennett, Mrs. Rose V.

ADDRESS RD #1, Box 16, Cheney, Kansas

DATE

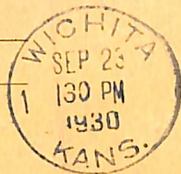
TO: Officer-In-Charge,
 PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

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

Sincerely,

(Signed) *Mrs. Rose V. Bennett*

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.

3373 Washington 8-19-30 1233
RETURN RECEIPT

MINN
11 AM 8
AUG 19 1930
MINN

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

Ms. Rosa Bennett

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

8-2, 1930

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

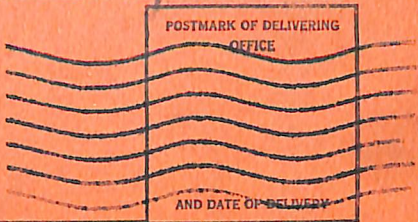
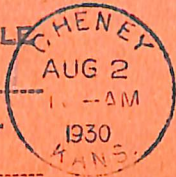
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No. _____



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(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at _____

State _____

Rev. 3-24

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RETURN RECEIPT

Washington 8-19-30

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

Mr. Rosal N. Bennett

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery 7-31, 1930

Form 3811

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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INSURED PARCEL **4 ANS.**

No. _____

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AND DATE OF DELIVERY

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or Post Office Box, }

Post Office at _____

Rev. 3-24

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State _____

Washington, D. C.

CHENEY
4-31
4-31
4 ANS.

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

MUNITIONS BUILDING

RECEIVED
AUG 11 1930
U. S. POST OFFICE

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bennett, Vernon E. 1233-M

July 28, 1930

Mrs. Rose V. Bennett,
R.F.#1, Box 16,
Cheney, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ^{369,173} in the
amount of \$ ^{22.50}, 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.

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,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

XXXX A-M
Bennett, Vernon R. - 1233

July 16, 1930.

Mrs. Ross V. Bennett,
RD #1, Box 16,
Cheney, Kansas.

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:

Leave Cheney	AT&SF	Train #68	10:30 AM	August 15
Arrive Wichita	"	#68	12:05 PM	" 15
Leave Wichita	"	#16	2:05 PM	" 15
Arrive Chicago	"	# 2	8:30 AM	" 16
Leave Chicago	MC	#10	10:30 AM	" 16
Arrive New York	NYC	#142	3:50 PM	" 17

(Grand Cent. Sta.)

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 22, 1930.

Bennett, Vernon R. -1233 M
Washington 8-19

Mrs. Rose V. Bennett,
R. D. #1, Box 16,
Cheney, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

A. J. Bennett
Name
Cheney, Kan.
Address

noted

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the 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.

Encl.
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 20, 1930.

Bennett, Vernon R. 1233 M

Mrs. Rose V. Bennett,
R.D. #1, Box 16,
Cheney, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

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"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Washington

~~8-19-30~~

1233

Bennett, Vernon R.

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

Mrs. Rose V. Bennett,

(Name)

R. D. #1, Box 16, Cheney, Sedgwick Co., Kans.

(Town or City)

(State)

QM 293 A-C
Bennett, Vernon R. - 1233

May 5, 1930

Mrs. Rose V. Bennett,
RFD No. 1, Box 18,
Cheney, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of April 18, addressed to Mrs. Bertha Z. Reeves, relative to the pilgrimage which you desire to make to the grave of your son, the late Vernon R. Bennett, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, has been referred to this office for reply.

Your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, and an invitation has been issued you to sail from New York on the SS "Washington" August 19, 1930. You have no doubt received the invitation by this time.

In connection with your inquiry as to whether or not a mother or widow would receive a money allowance in lieu of the pilgrimage in the event she is unable or does not wish to make the journey, you are advised there is no provision of law which would permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow in lieu of the pilgrimage.

Relative to the statement you made in your letter, that your name was not listed in your local newspaper as one of the mothers eligible to make the pilgrimage, you are advised a list of names of mothers and widows whose eligibility had been established as of November 26, 1929, has been published as House Document No. 140. Inasmuch as the questionnaire completed by you which established your eligibility to make the pilgrimage was not received in this office until December 16, 1929, it was not possible to include your name among those listed. The fact that the names listed in the newspaper were taken from House Document No. 140, explains why your name was not included.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

QM OBS A-C
Order of the Gold Star,
Kansas

May 5, 1950

Mrs. Bertha Zeak Reeves,
% Order of the Gold Star,
Independence, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 20, 1950, with its enclosure, relative to the pilgrimages of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

For your information, there is attached herewith a copy of the letter written to Mrs. Rosa N. Bennett under even date.

Relative to your inquiry as to whether or not a mother or widow would receive a money allowance in lieu of the pilgrimage you are informed there is no provision of law which would permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow in lieu of the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosure:
copy lt. 5-5-50
LG

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

MRS. BERTHA Z. REEVES, VICE PRESIDENT
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523 E. MAPLE ST.
COLUMBUS

MRS. ANNA MCPHERSON
WATHENA

Columbus Kans.
April 20th 1930

Capt. A. D. Hughes -
Washington D.C.

My dear Mr Hughes - I have been sending quite a few of my troubles to Mrs N. K. Work who is such a wonderful woman she has been to help me when I knew you were more than busy but this letter I feel ought to go to you direct as time is so short now & I'm asking you to answer direct to Mrs Bennett please for I believe she will feel better if you do this.

There is one thing I would like to know for my own information, will the government give in money amt. of voyage if the mother is not able to make the trip -

Sincerely

Mrs Bertha Zeeck Reeves
Order Secy Atchison, Mo

Page 7.

Mrs. Bennett
has been
wound up.
1st Wash. Aug. 19th

Cheney, Kan.

April 15th 1930.

Mrs. Bertha J. Reeses.

Columbus, Kan.

Dear Friend,

Rec'd your kind letter & was
much pleased to hear from you,
and since seeing the photos and
names of those gold star mothers
who think they are going across
this summer in The Eagle I have
been wondering why my name
was not among those if I am
eligible to go. I am anxious to
know if I am or not, as I should not
be able to go at a moment's notice.
A friend of mine told me that
he read in some paper that the

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Government would pay the price
of the trip to any who are not-
physically able to go. have you
seen any thing to that effect?
If they dont let me go this sum-
mer, I dont care to take the risk
another year and I am not very
strong anyway, and will soon
be 60 years old so I am afraid
I wouldnt dare undertake it
next year, but my Dr. thinks
I could stand it alright this
summer. who could I write to for
any definite information, if you
know will you please let me know
as soon as possible? Thanking you
for your kindness to me in the
past & hoping to hear from you soon
over

I remain as ever your friend
and well wisher + May God bless
and keep you is the daily prayer
of Rosa O.

Mrs. ~~Rose~~ Bennett
Cherry Sedgwick
Stam Co

P.S. Vernon A. Bennett
I am just getting over a severe
cold. 1233

Mrs Rose N Bennett
Covey Lane
P.O. # I Box 16

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*No reply pending
supp. letter
12/30/29
vrb*

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Annex R

1233

Columbus Koe 12/27-1929

*War Department
% A. D. Hughes
Captain G. M. Corps
Assistant*

*My dear Mr Hughes. I am in receipt
of a letter from one Mrs Rosa V Bennett
of Cherry Kansas. R D # I Box # 16
stating she wanted to make this
Gold Star Pilgrimage and that she
had received a report blank to fill
out, from Washington but hasn't
sent it in yet. I wrote her by return
mail instructing her to do so at
once with our file also to communicate
with me telling me just what she
did & to send up the name of her
~~son~~ deceased son - when buried*

number of grove - Company & also
his regiment. I thought maybe I
could help her but its little any
of us can do with out full data
which I am trying to now get.

Will write you sending full information
as soon as I receive same. for this
mother seemed very anxious to make
the Good Star Pilgrimage trip.

Sincerely,



(Mrs) Bertha J. Reese
5236 Maple St.
Columbus Kas.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8, 1929.

Bennett, Vernon R. 1233 M.

Mrs. Rose V. Bennett,
R.D. #1, Box 16,
Cheney, Kans.

Sailed
AUG 19 1930

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>yes</i>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i>	(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) <i>no.</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>59</i> (Years)	Health <i>normal.</i> (Good) <i>yes</i> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bennett, Vernon R.

May 27, 1929.

Mr. Alfred J. Bennett,
Box 16, R.R.D.#1,
Cheney, Kans.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Vernon R. Bennett, Co. A, 353rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

May 30 1929

In answer to your favor

I am A. J. Bennett the father of Vernon
R Bennett and his mother Rose V Bennett is still
living and my son was not married the same as
described on other side

Resp yours

A J Bennett

Cheney Kansas

R. D. 1, Box 16



XXXX A-M
Bennett, Vernon R. - 1233

July 16, 1930.

Mrs. Rose V. Bennett,
RD #1, Box 16,
Cheney, Kansas.

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:

Leave Cheney	AT&SF	Train #68	10:30 AM	August 15
Arrive Wichita	"	#68	12:05 PM	" 15
Leave Wichita	"	#16	2:05 PM	" 15
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12, 1930

Bennett, Vernon R. 1233-M

Mrs. Rose V. Bennett,
Rt #1, Box 16,
Cheney, Kansas

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 22, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
General G. Vernon E. -1233 M
Washington 8-19

Mrs. Rose V. Bennett,
R. D. #1, Box 16,
Cheney, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

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

May 20, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bennett, Vernon H. 1236 M

Mrs. Rose V. Bennett,
R.D. #1, Box 16,
Cheney, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bennett, Vernon R. 1233 M
Washington 8-19

May 20, 1930

Mrs. Rose V. Bennett,
R.D. #1, Box 16,
Cheney, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C
Bennett, Vernon R. - 1233

May 6, 1930

Mrs. Rose V. Bennett,
RFD No. 1, Box 16,
Cheney, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of April 15, addressed to Mrs. Bertha Z. Reeves, relative to the pilgrimage which you desire to make to the grave of your son, the late Vernon R. Bennett, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, has been referred to this office for reply.

Your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, and an invitation has been issued you to sail from New York on the SS "Washington" August 19, 1930. You have no doubt received the invitation by this time.

In connection with your inquiry as to whether or not a mother or widow would receive a money allowance in lieu of the pilgrimage in the event she is unable or does not wish to make the journey, you are advised there is no provision of law which would permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow in lieu of the pilgrimage.

Relative to the statement you made in your letter that your name was not listed in your local newspaper as one of the mothers eligible to make the pilgrimage, you are advised a list of names of mothers and widows whose eligibility had been established as of November 25, 1929, has been published as House Document No. 140. Inasmuch as the questionnaire completed by you which established your eligibility to make the pilgrimage was not received in this office until December 16, 1929, it was not possible to include your name among those listed. The fact that the names listed in the newspaper were taken from House Document No. 140, explains why your name was not included.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Bennett, Vernon R. 1233-M

April 30, 1930

Mrs. Rose V. Bennett,
R.D.#1, Box 16,
Cheney, Kansas.
Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

I Enclosure.
Regulation,

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8, 1929.

Bennett, Vernon R. 1233 M.

**Mrs. Rose V. Bennett,
R.D. #1, Box 16,
Choney, Kans.**

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bennett, Vernon R.

May 27 1929.

Mr. Alfred G. Bennett,
Box 16, R.F.D. #1,
Cheney, Kans.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Vernon R. Bennett, Co. A, 353rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Mourthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

BENNETT, Vernon R. - Pvt.

March 1, 1924

Mr. Alfred G. Bennett,
Box 16, R.F.D. #1,
Cheney, Kansas.

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.
Record card.

Quartermaster
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM

RD
702



MAR 2 1924
B. O. C.

FILE UNDER NO. 293 Bennett, Vernon R. *OK.*

1/21/24

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

Letter

From: Q.M.G.O.

To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G., in Europe.

Re: Discrepancies in grave locations, Sebastopol American Cemetery.

See Ctry. Concept 1233 - 1st Ind. 2/7/24

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293 Sebastopol American Cemetery

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INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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Bennett

(Surname)

Vernon R

(Christian name in full.)

2, 192, 070

(Army serial number.)



Pvt.

Co. A. 353 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

We wish a description of grave and where

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Alfred J. Bennett

(Number and street or rural route.)

P.R. no 1, box 16

(City, town, or post office.)

Cheney Kansas

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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these.

Drawn by - GEM

1233 - 225

1.31 - 21

Letter written: GEM - 63

All
1.31 - 21
properly

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE July 26, 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, Vernon R.

10. Name

2. No. 2192070

11. No. 2192070

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. A 353rd Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 914-18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. D.O.W. ria

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 122 Sec. 14

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 3 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None.

18. Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer.

19. Commune or town Thiaucourt

20. Dept. or County M&M

21. Country France

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

1233

23. Disinterred (Date) July 26, 1922.

By G.V. Russell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Vernon R. Bennett

Serial No. 2192020

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. A 353 Inf.

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

J. T. White. Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

Tag on body reads "V. R. Bennett 2192070"

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and ~~XXXXXX~~ burdap

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See par 11.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date July 26, 1922 By G.V. Russell

31. Casket sealed by G.V. Russell

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

G.V. Russell

AUDITED BY 102 11-17 1923

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 29779 C - 29379

32. Designation of body:

Name Vernon R. BENNETT Serial No. 2192020
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A 353rd Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. Thiaucourt, M&M 1233

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) July 26, 1922. By G.V. Russell

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 J.J. Powers

36. Remarks J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC.

None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) July 26, 1922.

To point of Concentration _____

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

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

By G.R.S. Representative _____

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

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer 1233, Thiaucourt, France.

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer J.J. Powers

J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred: July 26th 1922.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 18 Section _____

43. ~~XXX~~ Block D Row 26

G.R.S. Representative A.E. Dewey

A.E. DEWEY,
1st Lt., Q.M.C.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Thiaucourt, France,

Date July 26, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BENNETT, Vernon R. SERIAL NUMBER 2192070
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. A. 353rd Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : July 26, 1922 From (give complete location) : Gr. 122, Sec. 14, Plot 3, Com. 1235
By : Group 1 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date) July 26th 1922 In (give complete location) : Gr. 18, Block D, Row 26.
By : Group Reburial Unit Regulation Casket Nature of reburial :

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

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? Yes On grave marker ? Yes
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
Tag on body reads: V.R. Bennett, 2192070

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

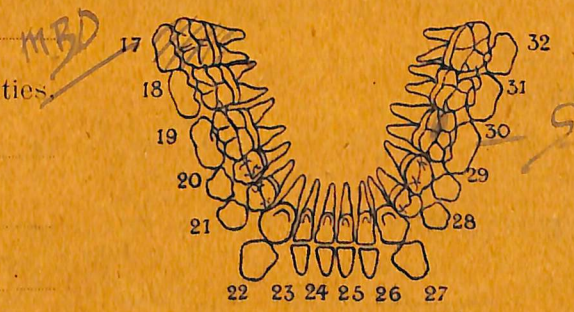
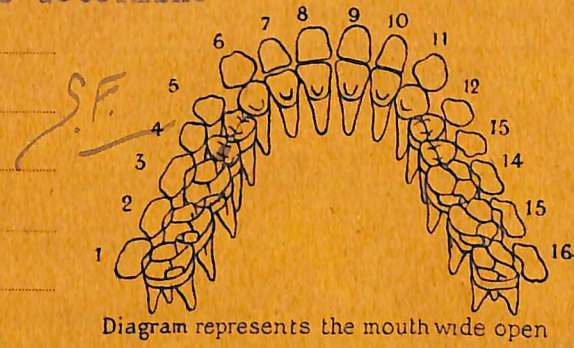
(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none visible

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) none visible



7. Disinterment supervised by C.V. Russell Approved : J. H. Jones

8. Reburial supervised by C.V. Russell Approved : J. H. Jones
H. K. Hunter (Title) 1st Lt., U.S.A.
R. S. KAMBA Approved : A. S. Jones
(Title) 1st Lt., U.S.A.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #21885

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD: O.K. - (2-19-21) ce

(a) Name BENNETT, Vernon R. Ser. No. 2192020 } TYP. evs
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A, 353rd Inf. } CKR. J
 (c) Date of death 9/14/18 (d) Cause of death dwrie

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

(a) Grave No. 122 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 14 TYP. evs
 (b) Emerg. Address Alfred J. Bennett (Father) RFD #1, Chaney, Kans.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases (2-19-21) ce - (2-19-21) ce CKR. J

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name Alfred J. Bennett (b) Relationship Father
 (c) Address RR #1 Box 16 Chaney, Kans.
 (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. _____

we wish a description of grave and where to find it, should retained there, &

Examiner's Initials BER Date 1-31-, 1920.

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

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials BER Date 1-31-, 1920.

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

Father Alfred J. Bennett Chaney, Kans. RR #1, (1-20-19) Desires picture of son's grave.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes 8 att

Examiner's Initials att Date 2-1-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1233 SHEET No. 225

ms FEB 23 1921

CARDED

checked 2-14-21

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

{ cable on _____
letter on **FEB 18 1921**, 1920

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned

AA

RECEIVED
JUN 24 1921
Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*April 14, 1921 - F # 120, Mr. A. J. Bennett,
R.R. #1, Cheney, Kans, father, n.k. desires body
remain in Europe 71 6-10-Kam.*



1233-225

June 10th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Br.

Mr. Alfred J. Bennett,
R.R.#1,
Cheney, Kansas.

Re:- Bennett, Vernon R., Pvt.,
Serial No. 2192070, Co. A, 353rd Inf.

Dear Sir:-

Your shipping inquiry dated April 14th, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American cemetery has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

H. M. ELDER, *mks*
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.

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MAILED

JUN 18 1921

COR. BR. G. R. S.

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

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

APR 9 1921

To: Mr. Alfred J. Bennett, R.R.#1, Cheney, Kans.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Vernon B. Bennett, Ser. No. 2192070 Co. A, 353rd Inf.

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

yes we thought better for the remains in France to remain
If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.



GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. G.

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

APR 18 1921

Was soldier married? *no*

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)			
Father	<i>Alfred J Bennett</i>	<i>Cheney</i>	<i>Kans</i>
Mother	<i>Rose M Bennett</i>	<i>Cheney</i>	<i>Kans</i>
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	<i>Alfred M Bennett</i>	<i>Cheney</i>	<i>Kans</i>
	<i>Guy E Bennett</i>	<i>Wichita</i>	<i>Kans</i>
	<i>Jay D Bennett</i>	<i>Cheney</i>	<i>Kans</i>
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	<i>Gladys O Glazier</i>	<i>Silista</i>	<i>Kans</i>
	<i>Mae J Sinsler</i>	<i>Cheney</i>	<i>Kans</i>
	<i>Jewel B Bennett</i>	<i>Cheney</i>	<i>Kans</i>

*NO. 27 #116
H. 6-10-21 ans*

Date *April 14*

Signature *A J Bennett*

Address *Cheney Kans RR #16*

Relationship *Father*

April 14, 1921

Father
Alfred J. Bennett
(Relationship.)

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to remain in national cemetery
(Name.) France
(R. R. station.) France
(State.)

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

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

RECEIVED
JUN 24 1921

Signature Alfred J. Bennett

Cemeterial Division INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.
Overseas Project Sub-Section

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #21885

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

OK (2-19-21) cl
BENNETT, Vernon R.

2192020 *7* *(2-19-21) cl*

(a) Name..... Ser. No. *evs*
Pvt. Co. A. 353rd Inf. TYP. *OK*
(b) Rank..... Organization *9/14/18* Cause of *dwria*
(c) Date of death..... death

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

122

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14

evs

(a) Grave No..... Row *J* Plot *(Father)* Sect. *1* TP *Chaney, Kans.*

(b) Emerg. Address..... *(2-19-21) cl* *(2-19-21) cl*

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

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on..... 192.....
(letter of transmittal on **FEB 18 1921**)

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned

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VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **MAR 1- 1921**..... 192.....

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

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

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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. *6-24*..... 1921.....

COUNTRY

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

G.R.S. FORM 115-A
August, 1920

1253

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FRANCE

PRIORITY 104
FEB 23 1921

21885

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BENNET 2192020 VERNON R.

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

Pvt. Co. A, 353 Inf.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... Sept. 14, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL... American Cemetery #108.

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

GRAVE NUMBER... 225 a

HOW MARKED : Name Peg?..... Cross?..yes.....

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body?... yes.....

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 :

108

REPORTED BY :

[Handwritten Signature]

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

21 Oct. 1918

21885

1. G.R.S. Form No. 1. Hq. G.R.S. File

2. Soldier's No. 2192020

3. Bennet Vernon R.
Surname First Name and Initials

4. Pvt. A. 353 Inf.
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Sept. 14, 1918.
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Sept. 14, 1918. Sebastopol.
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Sebastopol M. et. M.
Town or Commune Department

8. 225 A.
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed

Group Hqrs Unit 301. G.R.S.

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PLEASE
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WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

FILE
Adjustment Made

G.R.S. Form 8-W-1
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 2/3/21.

File No. 21883
Registration.

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 O.K
- b. Christian name Vernon R. (over) or (Vernon)
- c. Serial Number 2192020 or (2192070) O.K
- d. Organization Co. A, 353rd Inf. O.K
- e. Rank Pvt. O.K
- f. Date of death 9/14/18. O.K
- g. Cause of death DWRIA. O.K
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address Alfred J. Bennett R. 73, #1, Cheney
- j. Relationship (Father) Kans.

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

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

sm

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

BY:

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

CEMETERY NO: C.W. 1233
H.
SHEET NO: 225
TYPED BY: I.V.

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Chief, Graves Registration Service
Headquarters Services of Supply

A. P. 6717

American C. & F
France.

Dear Sir,

Having recieved your
letter informing us where
our beloved Son is buried
will say we would be very
grateful indeed if you would
send us a Photo of the cemetery
where he lies and of his grave,
as I do not think it possible
that I or any of my family will
ever have the opportunity of

going over there to visit it.
much as we would love to as it
would cost a good deal, and I
don't expect to ever be able
Physically or Financially to
get across but would sure be
thankful for a Photo whenever
you can obtain one for us.
Many Thanks for your kindness
in writing and words of sympathy
which we appreciate very much
also Thanking you in advance
for the Photo I am obligingly
your friend,

Alfred J. Bennett
Cheney,

R.D.#1,

J. Kane