

G.R.S. Form #114-B CAUSE OF DEATH

FULL NAME... BENNETT, Walter O.

RANK... Pvt.1/cl

SERIAL

67666

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION... Co.D. 103rd Infantry

DATE OF DEATH... 7-20-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME...

*Vermont*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED...

*none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION...

11-9-1922

58

12

A

Date

Grave

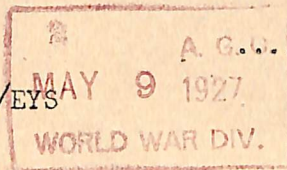
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Block

1764

Cemetery

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bennett</i>	<i>BEN</i>	3	2 5 <sup>0</sup> 4
<i>Walter A</i>	CEMETERY <i>1764</i>	1	4
BURIED	GRAVE <i>58</i>	2	58
	ROW <i>12</i>	2	12
	BLOCK <i>a</i>	1	1
STATE	<i>Vt.</i>	2	53
RANK	<i>Priv 1/c</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>26</i>	2	26
ORGANIZATION	<i>103</i>	3	103
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	2 <i>PM</i>
NAME <i>Bennett</i>	<i>Ben</i>	3	2 5 <sup>0</sup> 4
<i>Mrs Blanche</i>	STATE <i>Mass</i>	2	25
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Norfolk</i>	2	11
<i>mother dead</i>	CITY <i>Nellys Hill</i>	3	X X X
RELATION	<i>Steps mother</i>	1	3
OTHER	<i>By</i>	1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
. TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE 29/514/		1	

**AUDITED**  
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*Age 54*  
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*2 M<sup>c</sup> F*

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NAME		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead</i>	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.		
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bennett, Walter O. (AM)S

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Blanche Bennett,  
Oakland St.,  
Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

No  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Blanche Bennett

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bennett, Walter O. (A-M) SM

Oct. 13, 1931

Mrs. Blanche Bennett,  
Oakland St.,  
Wellesley Hills, Mass.

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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.

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

Bennett, Walter O. (AM) SM

September 29, 1931.

Mrs. Blanche Bennett,  
Oakland St.,  
Wellesley Hills, Mass.

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?	<i>No</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>56</i> Health: <i>Poorly</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>English</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>None other</i>

*Mrs Blanche Bennett*  
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  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AMM

Bennett, Walter O Pvt 1st (AM) SM

July 9, 1931

Mrs. Blanche Bennett,  
Oakland St.,  
Wellesley Hills, Mass.

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

June 7, 1930.

Bennett, Walter C. 1764 SM

Mrs. Blanche Bennett,  
Oakland St.,  
Wellesley Hills, Mass.

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.

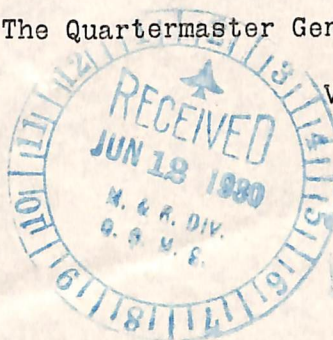
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? no ✓

(Write answer here)

*Mrs Blanche Bennett.*  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bennett, Walter O. - 1764

April 4, 1930.

Mrs. Blanche Bennett,  
Oakland Street,  
Wellesley Hills, Mass.

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Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the stepmother of the late Private 1st class Walter O. Bennett and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Bennett. *April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1901*
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Bennett at the time his son entered the military service? *yes*
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Bennett at the time of his son's death? *yes*
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him.
- (5) If Mr. Bennett is deceased, give date of his death. *Dec 17 - 1919*

For The Quartermaster General.

*(unable to go)*

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bennett, Walter O. 1764--M

March 14, 1930

*Pat. file - 67666 - Co. D. 103 Inf.*  
Mrs. Blanche Bennett,  
Oakland Street,  
Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts.

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) <i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No</i>
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>57</i> (Years)	Health <i>(Fair)</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)	<del>(No)</del> Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope

BENNETT, WALTER O.

C-28-249

Pvt 1/e 67666 • Co D 1032 Inf.

Step mother

Mrs Blanche Bennett

Oakland St

Wellesley Hills

Mass

10-30-29

Married 4-2-01

Veteran single

Mother dead,  
date not shown

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE February 8, 1930.

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
<u>BENNETT, Walter O.</u>	<u>Pvt. 1c1</u>	<u>67666</u>	<u>Co. D 103rd Inf.</u>	<u>7/20/18.</u>

STATE <u>Vermont</u>	CTY. NO. <u>1764</u>	GRAVE <u>58</u>	ROW <u>12</u>	BLOCK <u>A</u>
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	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	
	MOTHER	✓			C28249
NAME	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)				Mother - Mrs. Blanche Bennett
AND	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)				Oakland St. Wellesley Hills Mass.
ADDRESS	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)				_____
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)				_____
	<i>Single man</i>				_____

Veterans Bureau Claim Number \_\_\_\_\_  
29/156

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12, 1929.

Bennett, Walter O.

Mr. Wm. Edward Bennett,  
North Auburn, Maine.

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 brother of the late Private, first class Walter O. Bennett, Co. D, 103rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, 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.

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bennett, Walter G. (AK)S

July 15, 1932

Mrs. Blanche Bennett,  
Oakland St.,  
Nellesley Hills, Mass.

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?

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(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bennett, Walter O. (A-M) SM

Oct. 12, 1931

Mrs. Blanche Bennett,  
Oakland St.,  
Wellesley Hills, Mass.

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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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bennett, Walter O. (AM) SM

September 29, 1931.

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Mrs. Blanche Bennett,  
Oakland St.,  
Wellesley Hills, Mass.

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-253-AM

Bennett, Walter O Pvt 1c1 (AM) SM

July 9, 1931

Mrs. Blanche Bennett,  
Oakland St.,  
Wellesley Hills, Mass.

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

June 7, 1930.

Bennett, Walter C. 1764 SM

Mrs. Blanche Bennett,  
Oakland St.,  
Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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

QM 293 A-G  
Bennett, Walter O. - 1764

April 4, 1930.

Mrs. Blanche Bennett,  
Oakland Street,  
Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the stepmother of the late Private 1st class Walter O. Bennett and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Bennett.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Bennett at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Bennett at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him.
- (5) If Mr. Bennett is deceased, give date of his death.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bennett, Walter O. 1764--H

March 14, 1930

Mrs. Blanche Bennett,  
Oakland Street,  
Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts.

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.

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bennett, Walter O.  
1764

Aug. 22, 1929.

Mr. Wm. Edward Bennett,  
North Auburn, Maine.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **June 12, 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

June 12, 1929.

Bennett, Walter O.

Mr. Wm. Edward Bennett,  
North Auburn, Maine.

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 brother of the late Private, first class Walter O. Bennett, Co. D. 103rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, 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.

Q. M. G. M. R. DIV  
JUN 12 1929  
DISPATCHED

QM 293 A-C

(Bennett, Walter O.)

December 13, 1928.

Mr. Wm. Edward Bennett,  
North Auburn,  
Maine.

Dear Sir:

The inclosed card gives the permanent cemetery and grave location of the late Walter O. Bennett.

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that all American military cemeteries, both in Europe and in our own country, will be maintained by the Government forever, the graves permanently marked by headstones showing the decedent's name, rank, organization, State, and date of death, all of which will be done without the necessity of requests emanating from relatives.

Please understand that in effecting the final disposition of our heroic dead the utmost care and reverence is exercised.

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

1 Incl.  
Record card.

O.O.M.G.-M & R DIV.

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Co D. 103rd Infantry  
26th Infantry

BENNETT Walter Pvt I/cl. 67666

" On July 20th 1918 , in the Aisne-Marne Offensive , as we advanced on the enemy on the left of Torcy , Pvt. Bennett was killed on the field . No further information available . "

Informant : Carroll , Francis 1st Sgt. 67543  
Co D. 103rd Infantry  
Home : Norway , Mo.  
February 12th 1919

Searcher : Elwin L. Wilson

C.F.

6449

file  
9/16/19  
L.H.W.

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

6449

May 23rd, 1919.

Burial information for the American Red Cross.  
- - - - -

Soldier's name : BENNETT, Walter O., 67666.

Rank : Private.

Organization : Co. D., 103rd Infantry.

Date of Death : 20th July, 1919.

Place of Burial : The American Battle Area Cemetery of  
BELLEAU, Commune of BELLEAU,  
department of the AISNE. The grave  
number is 3.

Reference number : 6449.

(All communications regarding this Grave location should  
quote the above reference number and be addressed to : -

Chief, Graves Registration Service  
Headquarters Service of Supply  
Office of the Chief Quartermaster  
American E. F.  
France.)

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

Paris.  
CCP/GC.

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER 6449.

FROM:- *A. R. 2*

DATE: *3/20/19*

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *BENNETT, WALTER O.* NUMBER

RANK *PVT.* ORGANIZATION

*Co. D, 103 INF.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	1. BENNETT. 67666. Walter O. Pvt. 1. cl. Co. D, 103rd Inf.
2.	Date of Death.	2. 7-20-18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. K/A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4. 209.
5.	Date buried.	5. Exhumed. Date not shown
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	6. Grave #3, cty. #550, Amer. B/A, Belleau, (Aisne.)
7.	Who reported burial?	7. <i>D. R. S. Officer</i>
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.?	8. <i>Yes</i>
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	9. Not shown
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	10. Not shown
11.	Who is nearest relative?	11. J.W. Bennett, (Brother) North Auburn, Mo.
12.	Has N/R been notified?	12. Yes. 12-5-18.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	

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

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22 MAR 1919

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Paris, ... 3/4/19 .....

Graves Registration Service:

Name of Soldier: Bennett, Walter O.

Rank: Private

Company: D,

Regiment: 103rd Infantry

Forward Burial Report to  
"Bureau of Communication" for

Give location of grave.

Burial report required for Paris.

Home Communication Section

FROM: C. Q. M. G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1128  
PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 2/21/21.

File No. Requisition.

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 Walter O. O.K.
- c. Serial Number 67666 O.K.
- d. Organization Co. D, 103rd Inf. O.K.
- e. Rank Pvt. 1/c. O.K.
- f. Date of death 7/20/18. O.K.
- g. Cause of death K/A. O.K.
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address James W. Bennett East Auburn, Maine
- j. Relationship brother

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

ADJUSTMENT MADE  
MAR 21 1921  
FILE 6449

FILE

CEMETERY NO: 1764  
SHEET NO: 157  
TYPED BY: I.W.

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.  
BY: H. J. CONNER  
H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

S/713/LML

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Rec'd S & S Div, A.G.O.  
FEB 23 1921 6  
7-310 2-23-21

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE November 9, 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, Walter O.
2. No. 67666
3. Rank Pvt.1/cl.
4. Org. Co. D, 103rd Inf.
5. D.D. 7-20-1918
6. C.D. K.I.A.

10. Name
11. No.
12. Rank
13. Org.
14. (a) D.D.
(b) D.B. no discrepancy

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 165 Sec. F.
8. Plot 4 Row
9.

15. Grave No. Sec.
16. Plot Row
17. no discrepancy

18. Cemetery Aisne-Marne American Cty.

19. Commune or town Belleau

20. Dept. or County Aisne

21. Country France

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

1764

23. Disinterred (Date) November 9, 1922.

By C.P. Keating

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Walter O. Bennett
Rank Pvt.1/c.

Serial No. -
Organization Co. D, 103rd Inf.

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

W.D. Wall Jr.

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).

Bottle record agrees. Part of letter read: "Dear Mr. Bennett".

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial. Wooden box and burlap.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 9, 1922. By C.P. Keating

31. Casket sealed by C.P. Keating

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

C.P. Keating

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 31190

32. Designation of body:

Name Walter O. BENNETT Serial No. 67666

Rank Pvt. 1/cl. Organization Co. D. 103rd Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne American Cty. #1764, Belleau, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) November 9, 1922. By C.P. Keating

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*  
A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. QMC.

36. Remarks

none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) November 9, 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 Aisne-Marne Amer. Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne) (Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer *A.E. Dewey*  
A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. QMC.

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred Nov. 9, 1922, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 58 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. ~~Plot~~ Block A Row 12

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

Place Belleau (Aisne)

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date November 9, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BENNETT, Walter O. SERIAL NUMBER 67666  
RANK Pvt. 1/c. ORGANIZATION Co. D, 103rd Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): November 9, 1922. From (give complete location): Grave 165, Plot 4, Sec. F, Cem. 1764.  
By: Group 2 Unit F.S. 1, Aisne-Marne Cem.

3. Reburied (date): Nov. 9, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 58, Block A, Row 12, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)  
By: Group re-burial group Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Reburial Lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Wooden box and burlap  
Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Bottle record agrees. Part of letter read: "Dear Mr. Bennett"

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) "

(c) Hair—Color "

Quantity "

Characteristics "

(d) Hair on face—Color "

Location "

Quantity "

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

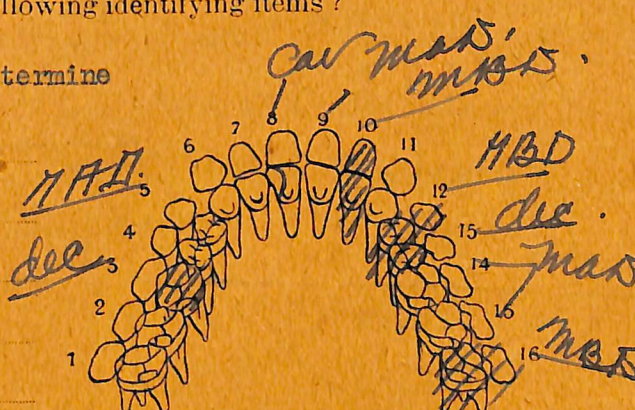
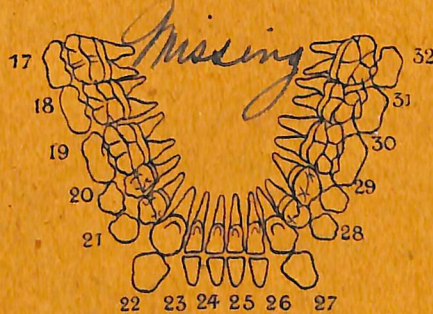


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



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

Lower jaw missing

W.D. Wall Jr., Checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by C.P. Keating Approved: A.E. Dewey  
C.P. KEATING, S.E. (Title) A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by L.D. Hays Approved: W.D. Cleary  
L.D. HAYS (Title) W.D. Cleary  
Lt., Chaplain, USA.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA File #6449

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BENNETT, Walter O. Ser. No. 67666 } TYP. aew ✓  
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. D, 103rd Inf. } CKR. 13-J.  
(c) Date of death 7-20-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 165 Row - Plot 4 Sec. F TYP. aew  
(b) Emerg. Address J. W. Bennett, Brother, North Auburn, Me. (over)

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases - CKR. 13-J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

*no card found 9/18/21*

(a) Name (b) Relationship  
(c) Address  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.?  
(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.

*no card in file - BSR - 2-19-21*

Examiner's Initials Date, 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 BSR Date 2-19-1920.

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

*no request for disposition  
E.A. as above*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? *yes BSR*

Examiner's Initials BSR Date 2-19-1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1764 SHEET No. 157

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

CARDED

MAR 21 1921 H.L.

*checked m  
3-19-21*

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920. **RECEIVED.**

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

**APR 28 1921**

VIII. FINAL ACTION

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on **MAR 10 1921** letter on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920

**CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT**

Par. # 2 Not To Be Returned

*mcd*

IX.

**CORRECTIONS**

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*B. A. H. R. - Mr. Wm Edward  
Bennett, (Brother) North Auburn,  
Maine, (8-19-21) 'M'*

Location Index .....

..... Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

.....  
A.G.O. Card & Corr. ....

..... Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

.....  
G. R. S. Corr. ....

..... Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

.....  
Checkers .....

..... Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

*7. SW, sent*  
*8-21-21*  
*NR 8-21*

S/1357/LML

*checked*  
*2-19-21*  
*SH*

*C # 28249*  
*P. [unclear] [unclear]*

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

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Bennett, Walter O., Pvt. 1/c.

1764 - 157

2/21/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

67666.

Co. D, 103rd Inf.

Date of death - 7/20/18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Copy forwarded to  
Adjustment Department

DATE March 17, 1921.

Date 3-19-21 "M"

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mr. Wm. Edward Bennett,

Brother

Address

North Auburn, Maine.

S/709/LML

**COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA** File #6449

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BEHNETT, Walter O. Ser. No. 67666  
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. 4, 103rd Inf. } TYP aeu  
 (c) Date of death 7-20-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 165 Row - Plot 4 Sec. F TYP. aeu  
 (b) Emerg. Address J. W. Bennett, Brother, North Auburn, Me.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases - CKR. B. J.

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

*a. g. o. - No card in file.*  
*g. R. S. - No request for disposition*  
*ARK 3/19/21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on \_\_\_\_\_, 192

*Par. # 2 Not To Be Returned*

**MAR FEB 10 1921**

*met*

**MAR 29 1921**

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.

**APR 28 1921**

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

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY NO. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_