

G.R.S. Form #114 B

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DATE

1. NAME BENNETT, William C. SERIAL No. 1307791

RANK Cpl ORGANIZATION Co.E 117th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION British Mil.Cty. Tincourt-Boucly, Somme #51-A

CTY. NAME NUMBER

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GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Gr. 17, Row A, Plot 8, Tincourt Somme

(Form 1-A dated Mar. 4, 1919) GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 13 S.W. E.163.1 N.359.4

CONCENTRATED TO Dec. 27, 1920 8 A 8

(Form 16-A dated 12/27/20 signed E.W.Austin, Major, FA) DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Tincourt (Somme) 51-A

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Form 16-A, dated 12/27/20, shows disinterred from Grave 24, corss 17, row A, plot 8, cem. 51-A. Tag buried with body. Left leg amputated above knee. No other means of identification.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None of record.

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 8, 1918 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ~~Tinrent~~ North Carolina

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W. R. BUCKLEY, Captain, QMC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION October 10, 1922 6 Block C

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Somme American Cemetery #636, Bony Aisne

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WORLD WAR DIV.

CEMETERY  
MAR 24 1928

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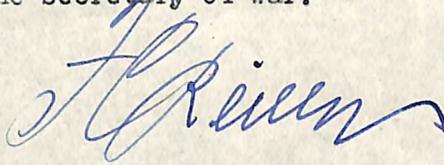
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War Department, A.G.O., March 29, 1928. To The Quartermaster General, United States Army, Washington, D.C.

The records of this office show that William C. Bennett, Army serial number 1,307,791, entered the service from North Carolina.

By order of the Secretary of War:



Adjutant General.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bennett</i>	<i>BEN</i>	3	<del>25</del> 4
<i>wm c</i>	CEMETERY <i>636</i>	1	5
BURIED	GRAVE <i>6</i>	2	06
	ROW <i>6</i>	2	06
	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	3
STATE	<i>NC</i>	2	38
RANK	<i>Cpl</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>30</i>	2	30
ORGANIZATION	<i>117</i>	3	117
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARTIAL	<i>Remarried</i>	1	3
NAME <i>Martin, Mrs</i>	<i>MAR</i>	3	<sup>0</sup> 3 1 <sup>0</sup> 8
<i>Millie</i>	STATE <i>NC</i>	2	38
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Avery</i>	2	06
	CITY <i>Newland</i>	3	+++
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Poor</i>	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
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ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	
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Bennett, Wm.C. (son)

WASHINGTON,

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# RETURN RECEIPT

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

*Mrs Marie Martin*

(Signature or name of addressee)

*JOS Martin*

(Signature of addressee's agent)

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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IN REPLY  
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

Bennett, William C. (Som)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

January 6, 1933

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland, N. C.

Dear Madam:

During the past three years, numerous communications have been forwarded you relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

Under the law, 1933 is the last year you may make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, and it is imperative that this office have an expression from you as to whether or not you desire to take advantage of the opportunity afforded you.

It is requested therefore you answer the following inquiry, sign your name, and return this letter to this office.

*unable able to make the trip*

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE IN 1933?

*No.*

(Yes) or (No)

*ms Millie Martin*

Sign here

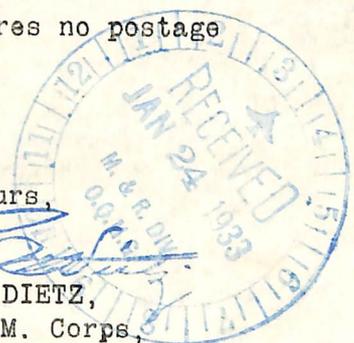
A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*Chas. W. Dietz*

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



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QM 293 A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT

Bennett, William C Som

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Millie Martin  
Newland N C

October 13, 1932.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space \_\_\_\_\_, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here \_\_\_\_\_. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bennett, William C.      Son    M

January 12, 1932

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Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland, N. C.

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, William C. (Som) M:

October 2, 1931.

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland, N. C.

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>58</i> Health: <i>Invalid</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>	
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>none</i>	

*Mrs. Millie Martin*  
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bennett, William C. (Son)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Bennett, William C. Cpl. (Scm) M

June 15, 1931

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland, N. C.

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

QML 293A-M

William C. Bennett (Son) Newland, N.C.  
Avery County  
5/29-1931

in reply of enquiry of May 9-1931  
beg to advise that was married in or about the  
year of 1915 and while he was in the U.S. Camps  
at Greenville S.C. in 1917 his wife married an  
other man which leaves no widow surviving  
him at his death hope this will clear up the  
situation as to this widow business

Very resp yours

Mrs Milla Martin



CM 293 A-M  
Bennett, William C. (Som) M

May 9, 1931.

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland,  
North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bennett, William C. 636-M

May 28, 1930.

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

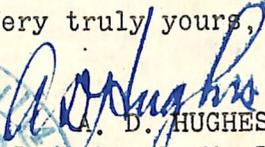
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

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

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

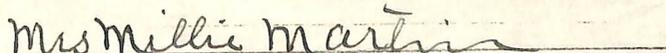
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? no  
(Write answer here)

  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bennett, William C 636 -M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland,  
North Carolina.

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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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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) <input type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>56</u> (Years)	Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Good) <input type="checkbox"/> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes) <input type="checkbox"/> (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,



*John 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, William C.  
636

August 27, 1929.

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland, N. C.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 15, 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.

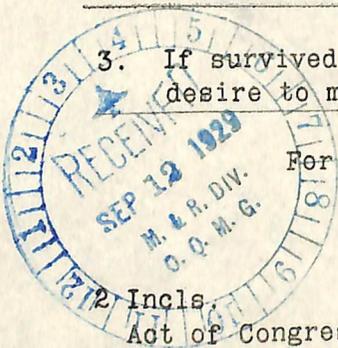
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

*Mrs Millie Martin*  
*mother*  
*Newland NC*  
*yes*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bennett, William C.

May 15 1929.

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland,  
N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Corporal William C. Bennett, Company E, 117th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bennett, William C. Som

September 7, 1932.

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland,  
N.C.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, 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 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
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

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Bennett, William C. (Scm)

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bennett, William C.

Som M

January 12, 1932

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Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bennett, William C. (Son) M

October 2, 1931.

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Howland, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Bennett, William C. Cpl. (Som) M

June 15, 1931

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland, N. C.

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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Q. M. CORPS

QM 293 A-M  
Bennett, William C. (Som) M.

May 9, 1931.

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland,  
North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
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, William G. 636-1~~

May 28, 1930.

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland, N. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bonnett, William C 636 -M

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland,  
North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bennett, William C.  
636

August 27, 1929.

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland, N. C.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 15, 1929, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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

Bennett, William C.

May 15 1929.

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland,  
H. C.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Corporal William C. Bennett, Company E, 117th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Boxy, Aiano, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Bennett, William G.

1,307,791

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Cpl

Co E 117 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased. *mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *yes*  
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? *yes*  
(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs. Missie Martin*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

.QM 293 A-C

January 3, 1927.

**BENNETT, William C. - Corporal**

**Mrs. Millie Martin,  
Newland, North Carolina.**

**Dear Madam:**

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 overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity 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 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.

**F. H. POPE,  
Colonel, Q.M.G.  
Assistant.**



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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 51-A

File-35976

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Bennett, William C. Ser. No. 1307791 TYP. JDB  
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. E. 117th Inf. JMC  
 Cause of death DWRIA LM

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

(a) Grave No. 17 Row A Plot 8 Sect. --- TYP. JDB  
*24 (and Rpt. 4/22/21 DB)*  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Millie Martin (Mother) Maben, W. Va.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases no card CKR JEW

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

*A G.O card - Mrs Millie Martin (mother) RR #1  
 Roan Mt Tenn. requests return of sons remains  
 burial to be in a National Cemetery 11/10/20 acn*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192  
 (letter of transmittal on 8-30-1920)  
 Par. 1. To be returned EGS

**OCT 13 1920**

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
<i>129 Dec. 6</i>	<i>Mrs. Millie Martin Guardian of child.</i>	<i>Remain in Europe</i>	<i>12/10/20 Europe advised by pro cable #174 not to return body. HBC</i>

*Letter 1-7-21 from Europe states returns cancelled  
 as per cable, 2-5-21 G.C.*

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

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

CEMETERY NO. 51-A

SHEET NO. 11

*14 10-12-20*

Form #120 sent to Hoboken - 10-18-20 LEB

OCT 19 1920

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name BENNETT, William E.
2. No. 1307791
3. Rank Cpl.
4. Org Co. E, 117th Inf.
5. D. D. 10/8/18
6. C. D. DWRIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 17
8. Plot 0
9. Row A

15. Grave No.
16. Plot
17. Row

18. Cemetery British Military Cty.
19. Commune or town Tincourt-Boucly
20. Department or county Somme
21. Country France
22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 51-A
23. Disinterred (Date.) By
24. Inscription on grave marker Name, Rank, Organization, Serial No.
25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? On body?

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

PREPARATION

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

RECEIVED.

27. Condition of body.....

JAN 12 1921

28. Nature of burial.....

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

CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT BUD-DES.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket..... (Date.) By.....

31. Casket sealed by.....

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. ....

32. Designation of body { Name **BENNETT, William E.** Serial No. **1307791**  
Rank **Cpl.** Organization **Co. E, 117th Inf.**

33. CONSIGNEE—Name **Quartermaster General, Graves Registration Service,**  
Address **Hoboken, N. J. (National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.)**

34. Casket boxed and marked..... (Date.) By.....

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.....

36. Remarks.....

37. Shipped from cemetery..... (Date.) To..... (Point of concentration.)

Convoyer..... Signature Shipping Officer.....

38. Received at point of concentration..... (Date.)

Signature Receiving Officer.....

39. Shipped from point of concentration..... (Date.)

To..... (Port.) Convoyer.....

Signature Shipping Officer.....

40. Received European port..... (Date.)

Signature of G. R. S. Representative.....

41. Shipped to..... (U. S. port.) On..... (Boat.)

Date..... Convoyer..... (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received..... (Date.) By G. R. S. Representative..... (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination..... (Date.) { B/L or Express Order No. ....

Convoyer..... { Shipping Officer.....

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #35976  
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I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BENNETT, William E. Ser. No. 1307791  
(b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. E. 117th Inf.  
(c) Date of death 10/8/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA  
TYP. JDB  
CKR. g.m.c.

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

(a) Grave No. 17 Row A Plot 8 Sec. -- TYP. JDB  
24 (Aud. Rpt 4/22/21 803.)  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Millie Martin (Mother) Mabon, W. Va.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. g.m.c.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Mrs. Millie Martin (b) Relationship Mother  
(c) Address R. R. #1, Rann Mt., Tenn.  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at Yes  
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. OK att

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials JDB Date 8/25/, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials JDB Date 8/25/, 1920.

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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes att

Examiner's Initials att Date 8-26-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 51-A SHEET No. 11

Received 4/14/21 EP

RECEIVED.

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made 8-26-1920.

Typed by als, Checked by 8-26-1920.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS DEPARTMENT

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on 1920, letter on 8/31, 1920

Car. #1. To be returned. (EES)

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be <b>FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. 1-12-21/ml</b> Body to be shipped to 1/3/21 Hoboken advises Mother body will remain in France in accordance with her request. 4/14/21 E.P.	12/10/20 Europe advised by proposed cable #174 Do. not to return body. 1/14/21

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 9-7-20 Letter to Europe corrects name to read "Bennett, William C." EES 9-16-20 Form #120 from mother changes ship-king instructions. Wished body to remain in Europe, 10/20/20 B.C.S.  
10/27/20 Ltr. to Mother if deceased is survived by widow or children, or father.  
11/1/20 - letter from mother states deceased was divorced from wife, and has one child Gertrude Bennett in mother's custody. (11-4-20-SS)  
11/8/20 - letter to mother for documentary evidence of guardianship of minor child - 11-10-20-SS  
Over seas advised by pro cable - 12-10-20 - that body remain in France  
Records held in Hoboken tell evidence of gen of child is secured

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 19, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BENNETT, William C.  
 2. No. 1307791  
 3. Rank Cpl.  
 4. Org. Co.E 117th Inf.  
 5. D.D. 10-8-18  
 6. C.D. D.O.W. r.i.a.

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 8 Sec. one  
 8. Plot 8 Row A  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery British Mil. Cty.  
 20. Dept. or County Somme  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #51-A

19. Commune or town Tincourt-Boucly  
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 19, 1921

By H.T. Geiler

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William C. Bennett  
 Rank Cpl.

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization Co.E. 117th. Inf.

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

Henry Hoffmann  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
Henry Hoffmann

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).  
**This body previously reburied by Field Section. Tag found attached to blanket. Bottle record and strips agree with form 114-A. Disc on body reads: "William Bennett, 1307791, Cpl. Co. E. 117th. Inf. U.S.A."**

27. Condition of body Badly disarticulated. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box. Burlap.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 19, 1921 By H.T. Geiler

31. Casket sealed by H.T. Geiler

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H.T. Geiler

AUDITED BY  
for 1-2-22

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-12179

32. Designation of body:

Name BENNETT, William C. Serial No. 1307791

Rank Cpl Organization Co.E 117th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Somme Amer.Cty. Bony,Aisne 636

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 19, 1921 By H.T.Geiler

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.P. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 19, 1921

To point of Concentration Roisel, Somme

Convoyer Frank Atwell Signature Shipping Officer J.P. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 19, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative Hubert W. Beyette, Capt. QMC

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 19, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery No. 636, Bony, Aisne

Convoyer Frank Atwell Signature Shipping Officer H.W. Beyette, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date Oct 19, 1921

G.R.S. Representative W.C. Moore

41. Reinterred Oct. 10, 1922

42. Grave No. 7 Section

43. EX 61 Block C Row 6

G.R.S. Representative D.E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC

Place Tincourt-Boucly (Somme)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 19, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BENNETT, William C. SERIAL NUMBER 1307791

RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. E, 117 Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 19, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr. 8, Pl. 8, Row A, Brit. Mil. Cem. 51-A, Tincourt-Boucly.

By: Group 3 Unit F.S. 8

3. Reburied (date): 10/10/22 In (give complete location): Gr. 7 Row 6 Block C, Cem. 636, Bony (Aisne)

By: Group Reburial Unit Reg. Casket, Shipping Case. Nature of reburial

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

Wooden box, burlap. Body badly disarticulated. Features unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

Body previously reburied by Field Section; tag found attached to blanket. Bottle record and strips agree with form 114-A.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

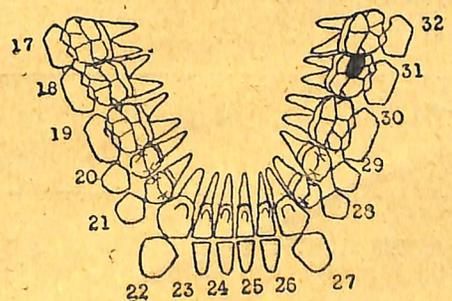
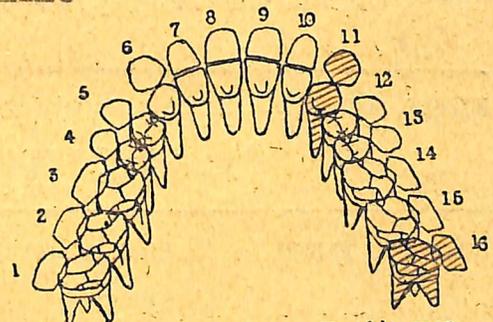
Location

Quantity

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None discernible.

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) (11&16 MAD, 31 SF)

Both legs shattered below knee.



7. Disinterment supervised by H.T. Geiler

Henry Hoffman, Checker.

Approved: J. Powers

(Title) J. Powers, 1st Lt., QMC

8. Reburial supervised by B.A. Bradford

Approved: D.E. Lowry

(Title) D.E. Lowry, 1st Lt., QMC.

**REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL**

Date 12/27/20

1. REMAINS OF William C. Bennett SERIAL NUMBER 1307791

RANK Cpl ORGANIZATION Co. E. 117th Inf

2. Disinterred (date): From (give complete location):

12/27/20 Grave 24, corss 17, row A, plot 8, cem 51-a

By: Group 4 Unit Section 7

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

12/27/20 Grave 8, row a, plot 8, cem 51-a

By: Group 4 Unit Section 7 Nature of reburial Burlap Pine box

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

BURLAP BADLY DECOMPOSED

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

None

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None (Teeth 1 & 6 missing)

Quantity None

Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

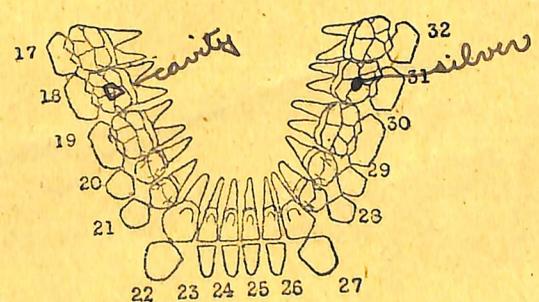
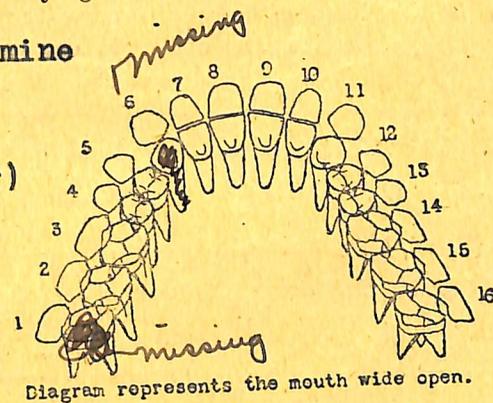
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or

missing parts) Left leg amputated above knee

Teeth 18 cavity, 31 silver

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

Impossible to determine



7. Disinterment supervised by A. E. Dewey Approved: [Signature]

2nd Lieut. A. E. DEWEY, QMC. (Title) Major

8. Reburial supervised by A. E. Dewey Approved: [Signature]

(Title) Major

D-3028

Registration Cards. Sec. "F"  
File. No. 35976  
February 1919

18 FEB 1919

MEMO FOR : G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

SUBJECT : Information required for G R S.

I. Items checked are to be completed :

- ( ) Surname : Bennett.
- ( ) Number : 1307791
- ( ) First name : William. *C.*
- ( ) Rank : Cpl.
- ( ) Company : E.
- ( ) Organization : 117th Inf.
- ( ) Date of death : Oct. 8 1918
- ( ) Cause :
- ( ) Place :

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Location of hospital :

- Number » »
- Class » »
- (✓) Relative : Millie Martin *OK*
- (✓) Relationship : Mother
- (✓) Address : Maben, West Virginia

- ( ) Authority :
- Cablegram No :
- Telegram from :

dated : November 12, 1918

- ( ) Reported to Washington :
- C.C. Nos : 291

( Underscore the "official" C.C. )

- (✓) Remarks :

Burial notification was sent to this address and returned, advise correct address.

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

Initials of reporter :

*Photo sent & not returned*

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

December 14 1921

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

.CASE OF:

~~Co. E. 117th Inf.~~  
ORGANIZATION (Old)~~BENNETT 1307791 William C., Cpl.~~  
(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st. Reb.	12/27/20	51-A	D- 30281
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

BY: Miss LannonCard.  
(Department)5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card;

By A.B.  
S/3324/LML

G. R. S. Form A  
Information request G. O.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

File No. \_\_\_\_\_ Registration. \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4/5/21

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

a. Surname. Bennett *OK*  
William C. *Be. OK*

b. Christian name. \_\_\_\_\_

c. Serial number. 1,307,791

d. Organization. Co E, 117th Infantry

e. Rank. Corp. *OK*

f. Date of death. 10 - -18 *Oct 8/18.*

g. Cause of death. K/A *W. v. i. a.*

h. Authority (C. C. No.) 291

i. Emergency address. Mrs. Wm. Martin  
*miellie Martin*

j. Relationship. Mother *Newland N.C.*

**BODY DESCRIPTION.**

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

a. Age at enlistment. 23 yrs.

b. Color of eyes. Brown

c. Color of hair. dark

d. Height. 5 ft 9 in.

e. Weight. 131 lbs.

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: *some 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.

Walter M. Bennett, (Brother)  
Co E, 117th Infantry  
Discharged 4/15/19  
Please do not confuse these  
two men.

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U. S. A., *4-6-21*

By

*H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
1st Lt. *Captain, Q. M. C.*

HJ Sheriff,  
Invst.

Rec'd World War Div.  
APR 6 1921

Rec'd S & S Div., A.G.O.

APR 6 1921

January 3, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cor.Br., Gen.Div.  
(Bennett, William C.)

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
R.R. #1,  
Rosa Mountain, Tenn.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt of Shipping Inquiry Form returned to this office October 20th, 1920 is hereby acknowledged.

Your request, to have the body of your late son, Corporal William C. Bennett, Company B, 117th Infantry, Serial Number 1307791, left in France in a permanent American Cemetery will be complied with, and you are assured that the Government at all times will fittingly and tenderly maintain the graves of our American soldier dead buried in France. An appropriate headstone, when selected, will mark the graves of our soldier dead buried in these National Cemeteries.

The Department wishes to convey its assurance of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 4/14/21 *EO*

R. B. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

*M.M.M.*

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant. *FP*

*Guachard*  
*12/7*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
Hoboken, N.J.

O.S.P. records retained in  
Hoboken - for name of beneficiary  
from War Risk Ins.Bureau.

Dec. 6th, 1920.

From: Graves Registration Service Officer, Hoboken, N.J.  
To: Cemeterial Division (Overseas Project Sub-Section)  
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Name BENNETT, William C. Ser.No. 1307791  
Rank Corporal Organization Co.E, 117th Infantry  
Cemetery No. 51-A Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 11

Request shown below dated October 20th  
~~NOV 11~~ 1920. is latest in this case:

<u>Name of Relative</u>	<u>Return</u>	<u>Remain</u>	<u>Special</u>
Widow <u>(was divorced from above)</u> <u>and remarried in</u>		<u>in</u>	
Children <u>1918 in January.</u>		<u>FRANCE</u>	
Guardian <u>Gertrude Bennett - P.O. Newland, N./Carolina-c/o J.B.Martin.</u> <u>(in custody of deceased soldier's mother)</u>			
step-Father <u>J.B. Martin - (same address as mother)</u>			
Mother <u>Mrs. Millie Martin - Newland, North Carolina.</u>			
Brother _____			
Sister _____			
Others _____			

Body to ~~be interred~~ for interment in: a permanent American cty.  
in Europe.

R.E. Shannon,  
GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER,  
Capt., Quartermaster Corps.

BY: *Ec*

Cable \_\_\_\_\_  
Letter 12/10/20 1920 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched 12/10/20 1920.  
*1083C*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
Hoboken, N.J.

~~O.S.P. records retained in  
Hoboken - for name of beneficiary  
from War Risk Ins. Bureau.~~

Dec. 6th, 1920.

From: Graves Registration Service Officer, Hoboken, N.J.  
To: Cemeterial Division (Overseas Project Sub-Section)  
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Name BENNETT, William G. Ser. No. 1307791  
Rank Corporal Organization Co. B, 117th Infantry  
Cemetery No. 51-A Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 11

Request shown below dated October 20th  
~~November, 1920.~~ is latest in this case:

Name of Relative	Return	Remain	Special
Widow <u>(was divorced from above)</u> <u>and remarried in</u> <u>1918 in January.</u>		<u>in</u> <u>FRANCE</u>	
Children <u>Gertrude Bennett - P.O. Newland, N. Carolina - c/o J.B. Martin.</u> <u>(in custody of deceased soldier's mother)</u>			
Guardian <u>J.B. Martin - (same address as mother)</u>			
stop- Father <u>Mrs. Millie Martin - Newland, North Carolina.</u>			
Mother			
Brother			
Sister			
Others			

Body to be shipped to, or for interment in: a permanent American city.  
R.E. Shannon, in Europe.

Asst. Quartermaster Corps.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER,

BY: EC

DEC 6 1920

Cable Letter Dec 10 1920 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched 1920.

*Copy*

HOBOKEN, N.J.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

BENNETT, William C.

Cpl.

51-A - 11

12/4/20.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

1307791

Co. E, 117th Inf. D/D. 10-8-18.

*Original sent to Hoboken 12-21-20*

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

*Adjustment Made*

*DEC 29 1920*

*File No. 35976*

DATE 12/18/20.

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Milie Martin.

Mother.

Address

Roan Mountain, Tenn.

S-709/MB

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C 87396

*Heard*  
*Rush*

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

HOBOKEN, N.J.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

BENNETT, William C.

Corporal

51-A 11

12/4/20

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

DATE OF DEATH

1307791

Co.E, 117th Infantry

10/8/18

(CAUSE OF DEATH-DWRIA)

*Copy sent in  
Jan 8 1921*

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE 12/18/20

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Millie Martin

Mother

Address

Roan Mountain Tenn.

*Rush*  
*65*

8709/118

*(old address)*

HOBOKEN, N.J.

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

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

BENNETT, William G.

Corporal

51-A 11

12/4/20

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

DATE OF DEATH

1307791

Co.E, 117th Infantry

10/8/18

(CAUSE OF DEATH-DWRIA)

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Suspense*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
 Cemeterial Division, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
 Room 350, Pier #2, Hoboken, N. J.

November 8, 1920.

File 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch,  
 (Bennett, William C.)

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
 Newland, No. Car.

Dear Madam:-

This office acknowledges receipt of your communication dated November 1, 1920, relative to the remains of your son, the late Corporal William C. Bennett, Serial No. 1307791, Co. "E", 117th Infantry.

You are requested to furnish this office documentary evidence of the custody of Gertrude Bennett, minor child of the late soldier, and upon receipt of same, your wish to have the remains of the late soldier left in France will be complied with.

An early reply from you, using the enclosed envelope which requires no postage, will be appreciated.

R. E. SHANNON,  
 Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
 Officer in Charge

By:

*rw* CLAY S. WORICK,  
 Captain, A.G.D.

ff/rw

*Suspend*  
*Nov. 25-1920*  
*noted on 11-10-20*  
 Mailed-O.P.D.  
 NOV 9 1920

51-11  
Newland N.C. November 1st 1920

File No. 293.8 Cox. Br. Com. Div. 61A-11

you requested that - I inform you  
whether the late corporal William  
B. Bennett Co. E. 117 Inf. my son  
is survived by a Widow or Children  
he is not survived by a widow  
he was married though his wife obtained  
a Divorce and married January 2nd  
1918, before he was killed Oct. 8th 1918  
there is a child which she says is  
his child which was born  
several months after he left her  
the child's name Gertrude Bennett  
P.O. Newland N.C. of J.B. Martin  
the child is in my custody

mrs. Millie Martin  
P.S. the late C. Bennett is survived  
by a Step Father, J.B. Martin of  
Newland N.C.

October 23rd, 1920.

51-A - 11

File No. 293,3 Cor.Br. Gen.Div.  
(Bennett, William, E.)

Mrs. Millie Martin,  
R.F. #1,  
Roan Mt., Tenn.

Dear Madam:-

It is requested that you inform this office without delay whether the late Corporal Wm. E. Bennett, Co. E. 117th Inf. Serial No. 1307791 is survived by a widow or children, and if so, kindly furnish name and address of each, also if survived by a father.

Your early reply, using the enclosed penalty envelope which requires no postage, will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:-

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps.  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

*M.M.M.*

CLAY S. WORICK,  
CAPTAIN, A.G.D.

EG/Ham

*Suspended  
Nov 8*

Mailed - C.P.D.  
*AL*  
OCT 25 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

als

*Rush Answer*

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

TO: Mrs. Millie Martin, R.R.#1, Roan Mt., Tenn.

SUBJECT: Remains of Cpl. William E. Bennett, Ser. No. 1307791, Co. E, 117th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be returned to U.S.  
and interred in National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

*Remain in Europe*

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. A.

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 these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

*12/10/20 Overseas advised by proposed  
call #174 not to return body (Linx). 1/14/21*

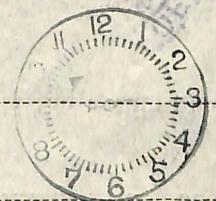


Date *10*

Signature

Address

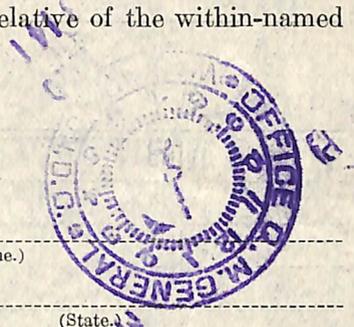
Relationship



IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

....., 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Mother (Relationship.) and nearest living relative 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~~ ..... (Name.)  
..... (R. R. station.) ..... (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.

Signature my millie martin

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.**

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative 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 living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

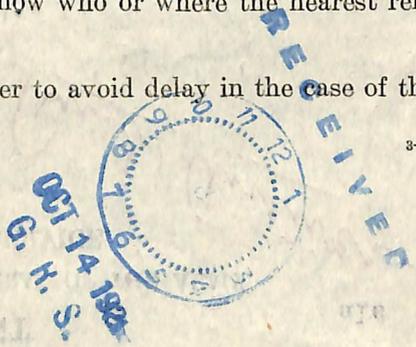
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

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

7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative 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.



1. G. P. S. Form No. 1. **35976** Hq. G. R. File

2. Soldier's No. **1309781 1307791**

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

4. **Corp 117 Inf.**  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. **58 O.C.S. D.O.W.**  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. **10/10/18 Tincort.**  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. **11 counting other way is 17**  
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.

**JIA**

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed **J. J. [Signature]**

Group **302** Unit **302** G. R. S.

2600  
to  
3600



Classification

Adjustment

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
REGISTRATION SECTION

File # 35976

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files

Date 8/31/20

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORP.	ADD. DATA		CORP.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name	X		Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		
Rank			Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablgram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files 9-3-20-EW

O.K. Organization Files \_\_\_\_\_

O.K. State Files \_\_\_\_\_

	Cemetery Audit Department
X	Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By Ethel C. Cawley

3 Cards attached.

Investigation and Adjustment Dept.  
Investigation Unit

FROM: O. Q. M. G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1131

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

35976

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

Date August 26, 1920

File No. 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** *OK. William E*
- b. Christian name **William E.**
- c. Serial number **1307791** *6/17*
- d. Organization **Co. E, 117th Inf.** *6/17*
- e. Rank **Cpl.** *6/17*
- f. Date of death **10-8-18** *6/17*
- g. Cause of death **DWRIA** *6/17*
- h. Authority (C.C.#) **291** *6/17*
- i. Emergency address **Mrs. Millie Martin, Mabon, West Virginia.** *6/17*
- j. Relationship **Mother.** *6/17*

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age at 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

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

Return to  
Mr. Dorsch.

BY:

*H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

*Donnelly*  
*Enl. Per. Serv. 7.5*  
*8-30-20*

**SPECIAL**

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date **8.27.20**

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BENNETT W. #1309791

Cpl. 117th Inf U.S.A.

10/8/18

BURIED TINCOURT NEW BRIT CEM

CMME TINCOURT BOUCLY

SHT 62c J.23 b.4.7.

P1 8 Row A

Gr 11

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Bennett. Wm. #1307791

Cpl. 117/Inf.Bn. U.S.

DD. 8.10.18

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W. W. Bennett

W.

#1309791

Cpl. 117th Inf U.S.

10/8/18

Buried Tincourt New Brit Cem

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Gr 11

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

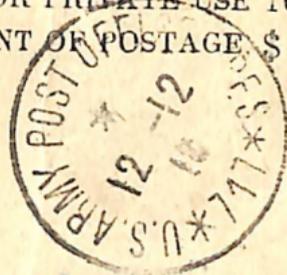
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Mrs. Millie Martin,

Maben, W. Va.

Handwritten numbers: 456, 1725976, and a diagonal slash.



2nd Lieut., Q.M. Corps, U.S.A.