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G.R.S. Form #114-B

*OK OK*  
FULL NAME ~~UNKNOWN~~ *U-4603* identified as BENOIT, Ernest J.

*OK*  
RANK *Private first class* SERIAL *1895863*

*OK*  
DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *Company D, 321st Machine Gun Batt'n.*

*OK*  
DATE OF DEATH *10-13-18* *82 Div*

*Mass.*  
STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

*None*  
MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION *3-31-22* *15* *10* *G*  
Date Grave Row Block

*Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery # 1232*  
Cemetery

24/292/EYS

Lutz Wahl,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

*K.M.*  
AUG 1 1928

Name..... BENOIT, Mrs. Elizabeth L.,  
Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL AMBASSADOR  
..... BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN  
Home address..... 27 Wilding St., Fairhaven, Bristol County, Massachusetts  
Party..... I..... Group..... I..... Unit §§. REPUBLIC  
Date of arrival..... July 6-1930..... Date of departure §§. AMERICA-July 17-1930  
Relationship..... Mother  
Name of deceased..... BENOIT, Ernest J.  
Rank..... Pvt. 1 cl Organization..... Co. D, 321st M.G. Bn.  
Cemetery..... Meuse-Argonne

REMARKS

Desires quarters with Mrs. MOORE, Annie May, 34 Sherman St., New Bedford  
Bristol Co., Massachusetts.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 -- ROOM 901 --

225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

Party I  
 Number 1670

*BENOIT, ERNEST J. M.A.*

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. ELIZABETH L. BENOIT

Name of Traveler

FAIRHAVEN, BRISTOL COUNTY,

Home Address

MASS.

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

New York, to FAIRHAVEN, MASS.

*#160 \$ 2.25*

*Steamer Providence*

New York, to FAIRHAVEN, MASS.

Destination.

Via NEW ENGLAND S.S.CO. (S.S.COMMONWEALTH)

JULY 27, 1930

Date of Departure

LIMIT - AUG 23-30

	Road	Tr.NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est.Cost
<i>12 midnight</i>								
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Remarks::

*Escorted by Capt Richard & Darrell*

NAME BENOIT, MRS. ELIZABETH L.

S.S. AMERICA

JUL 25 1930

HOME FAIRHAVEN, BRISTOL COUNTY, MASS.

R.R. New England S.S. Co. *to*

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

*avg 23-30*  
*Mr. Joseph Benoit*  
*27 Wilding St.,*  
*Fairhaven, Mass.*

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VIA POSTAL

A.C. RIFEON  
MAJOR INF (DOL)

JULY 26 1950

MR JOSEPH BENOIT  
27 WILDING STREET  
FAIRHAVEN MASS

YOUR WIFE WILL ARRIVE HOME MONDAY WILL REACH NEW BEDFORD BY BOAT

COLONEL WILLIAMS

MRS ELIZABETH BENOIT PARTY "Y" HOTEL MALPINE

June 10th, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Benoit,  
27 Wilding Street,  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For the Officer in Charge:

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

Enclosures:  
2 tags

*2 Bags*

*Benoit, Ernest J.  
P.F.C.*

Gold Star Pilgrimages  
Party I, Sailing June 25, 1930

Route Going and Returning: N.E.S.S. Co.

Itinerary:

June, 23, Leave New Bedford Wharf

6:45 P.M. EST Boat

" 24, Arrive New York (Pier 14 NR)

6:00 A.M. EST Boat

Stateroom on boat, New Bedford Wharf to New York

Elapsed time, 11 hrs. 15 min.

Benoit, Mrs. Elizabeth L. I-2  
27 Wilding St., Fairhaven, Mass.  
Station-New Bedford Wharf

Party "A" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed June 25, 1930 on SS REPUBLIC. Capt. F. M. Child and Lt. G. H. Young in charge. Arrived Cherbourg 10:30 pm July 5th. Tender arrived 6.35 am July 6th, bearing Major Dalley and 8 other officers; 4 nurses and 2 civilian employees. Train left at 8.21 am. Arrived Gare des Invalides 2.15 pm. Met by Col. Ellis, members of his staff and a detail of interpreters and nurses.

July 7th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Left hotel by bus at 3 pm for Arc de Triomphe where Mrs. Ameline Reubert placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent after ceremony. Returned to hotel for dinner. Evening free.

July 8th. Left hotel 7.15 am for Montairail, Chalons s/Marne, St. Menchould and Verdun.

July 9th, 10th, 11th. Daily trips from Verdun to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.

July 12th. Left Verdun 9.15 am. Lunch at Cemetery. Left 2 pm via Charpentry, Argonne Forest, Four de Paris, Vienne-le-Chateau, Vienne-la-Ville, Somme-Bienne. Arrived Suippes 4 pm. Rest stop Hotel de Champagne. Left 4.50 pm via Jochery, St. Nilaire-le-Grand. Arrived Reims 8 pm. Dinner and sleep Hotel Bristol Crystal.

July 13th. Visit Cathedral and Reims in morning. Lunch Hotel Bristol Crystal. Left Reims 1.30 pm via Champfleury, Ay, Spornay, Dormans. Arrived Chateau Thierry 3.30 pm. Rest stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme. Left 4 pm via Le Thiolet, Montrouil-sur-Lions, La Porte-sous-Souarre. Arrived Paris 6.45 pm.

July 14th. Sightseeing trip Paris Notre Dame. Lunch at Hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at Hotel.

July 15th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Depart Versailles, Belle Cycliste-Suresnes. Dinner at hotel.

July 16th. Fontainebleau via Melun. Lunch Hotel Legris. Visit Chateau. Dinner at hotel.

July 17th. Boat train for Cherbourg 10.50 am. Arrived Cherbourg 4.15 pm. SS AMERICA sailed shortly after 8.10 pm. Capt. Child and Lt. Young in charge. Arrived New York July 26th.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Benoit

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Benoit	3	254 <sup>0</sup>
BURIED	Ernest J.		
	CEMETERY	1	1232
	GRAVE	2	15
	ROW	2	10
	BLOCK	1	9
STATE	Mass	2	25
RANK	Post 1/cl	1	2
DIVISION	82	2	82
ORGANIZATION	321	3	321
ARM	Infantry	1	2
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME	Benoit	3	254 <sup>9</sup>
RESIDENCE	Mrs. Elizabeth L.		
	STATE	2	25
	COUNTY	2	03
	CITY	3	045
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP		1	
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	157

June 25 1930

Dated

Audited  
OCT 9 1931  
MB

257.

Benoit, Ernest J.

Pvt. 1cl. Co D. 321 M. G. Bn.

Mass

~~Widow ?~~

Single

XC-103792

QM 293 A-M  
Benoit, Ernest J. - 1232 M

August 8, 1930.

Mrs. Elizabeth Benoit,  
27 Wilding Street,  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated July 25th to the Secretary of War, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS America were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been referred to me for reply.

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

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

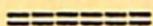
J. L. DeWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

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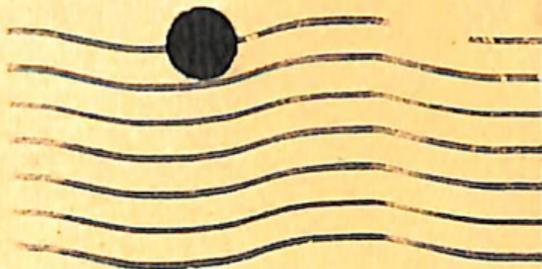
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WAR DEPARTMENT



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

NAME Benoit, Mrs. Elizabeth I

ADDRESS 27 Wilding St., Fairhaven, Mass.

DATE July 28. 1930

TO: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED  
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Elizabeth L. Benoit

STATE

MASSACHUSETTS.

*Benoit, Ernest J.*

M

NAME *Benoit, Mrs. Elizabeth L.* HOME ADDRESS *27 Wilding St., Fairhaven*

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN *Mr. Joseph Benoit Same Address*

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE *JUN 24 1930* HOTEL *PARAMOUNT* ROOM NO. *831 501-a*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *JUN 25 1930* VESSEL *S/S REPUBLIC* CABIN NO. *501-A*

DESTINATION *CHERBOURG* CEMETERY *M. A.*

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE JUL 26 1930

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NAME ..... Benoit, Mrs. Elizabeth L. HOME ADDRESS ..... 27 Wilding St., Fairhaven, Mass.

RETURN ON S. S/S AMERICA ..... HOTEL MCALPIN ROOM NO. 606

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE 7/27

ROAD ..... TRAIN ..... CAR ..... BERTH or SEAT .....

REMARKS .....

Pier 14 - Fulton St. NYC.

S.S. Providence, Room 160

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party: "I" .....

S. S. JULY 18. ....

Eastbound  
Westbound

Name BENOIT, MRS. ELIZABETH .....

Home Address .....

Name and address of nearest relative or friend .....

Religion .....

Age .....

History of present complaint:

ILL FITTING DENTAL PL.

ALKALINE ANTISEPTIC  
MOUTH WASH.

(OVER)

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

1629

Republic 6/29/30 1232

RETURN RECEIPT.

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

Elizabeth L Benoit

(Signature or name of addressee.)

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(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 6-2-30, 192

Deliver to addressee only

# Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 226712

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE



AND DATE OF DELIVERY

1930

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Washington, D. C.

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1232

RETURN RECEIPT.

Republic 6/25/30

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

Deliver to addressee only

Elizabeth G Benoit

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 6.10.30, 192

**Post Office Department**

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**Q. M. GENERAL**

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**MUNITIONS BUILDING**

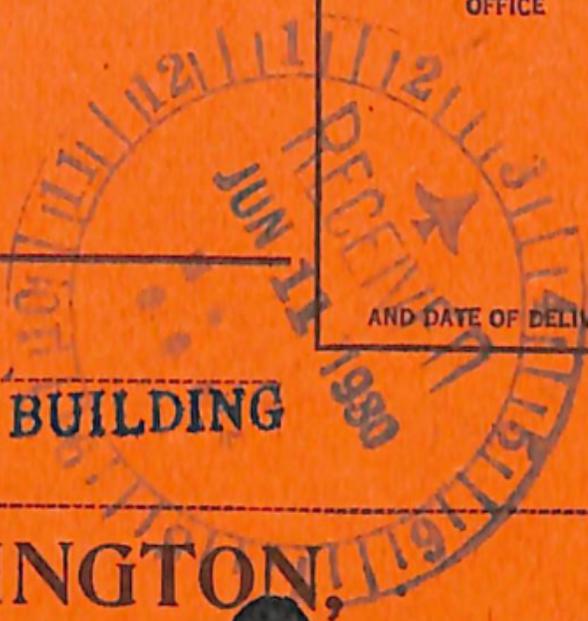
**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

**PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE, \$300.**

**POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE**

**AND DATE OF DELIVERY**



Benoit, Ernest J. - 1232

June 6, 1930.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Benoit,  
24 Wilding Street,  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. New Bedford Wharf	WESS Co.	6:45 PM (EST)	BOAT	June 23
Ar. New York (Pier 14HR)	" "	6:00 AM "	" "	" 24

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Benoit, Ernest J. 1232-M

June 6, 1930

Mrs Elizabeth L. Benoit,  
27 Wilding St.,  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. in the  
amount of \$ 538,227  
5.00, to pay for your meals and incidental  
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage  
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

✓ QM 293 A-C

May 24, 1930

Benoit, Ernest 1232 M  
Craw, Albert J. 1232-M 608  
Moore, Thomas N. 1232 W  
LaBonty, Lester J. 608 M

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Benoit,  
27 Wilding Street,  
New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Mary L. Craw, Mrs. Annie May Moore and Mrs. Coraine LaBonty when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "Republic" June 25, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris and in the same cabin aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

KL

May 24, 1930

QM 293 A-C

✓ Benoit, Ernest 1232-M  
Craw, Albert J. 1232-M  
Moore, Thomas N. 1232-W  
LaBonty, Lester J. 608-M

Mrs. Coraine LaBonty,  
74 Duncan Street,  
New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 19 relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Mary L. Craw, Mrs. Annie May Moore and Mrs. Elizabeth L. Benoit when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1939, sailing on the SS "Republic" June 25, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

KL

Mrs E. L. Benoit.  
27 Wilding St.,  
New Bedford Mass.

Quarters noted on lists and  
allot. Republic  
June 25, 1919

Quartermaster General

Cards

Dear Sir:

I would be much obliged  
to you, if you could arrange  
to have me quartered with,  
Mrs. Mary L. Crow 457 Sawyer St.,  
Mrs Annie May Moore 34 Sherman St.,  
Mrs Coraine La Bonty 74 Duncan St.,  
all of New Bedford Mass.

Thankfully Yours

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Benoit.  
27 Wilding St.,  
New Bedford Mass.

Benoit Ernest  
Craw Albert  
Moore Thomas A  
La Bonty Pauline

OK 203 A-3

Q4: Crow, Albert J. 608 N  
Moore, Thomas H. 1232 W  
Laberty, Nestor J. 608 N  
✓ Benoit, Ernest J. 1232 N

*for letter*

May 22, 1930

Mrs. Mary L. Crow,  
487 Hayer Street,  
New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Anna May Moore, Mrs. Coraine Laberty and Mrs. Elizabeth Benoit when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the Act of March 8, 1929, sailing on the SS "Republic" June 28, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be supplied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

H. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, U. S. Corps,  
Assistant.

QM 225 A-3

May 19, 1930

Crow, Albert J. 608 M  
Lalenty, Hester J. 608 M  
Denoit, Ernest J. 1222 M  
Moore, Thomas N. 1222 W

Per letter

Mrs. Annie May Moore,  
54 Sherman Street,  
New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 12 relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Mary L. Crow, Mrs. Coraine Lalenty and Mrs. Elizabeth Denoit when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "Republic" June 25, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

H. B. SHANNON,  
Captain, U. S. Corps,  
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Benoit, Ernest J. 1232-M  
Republic 6-25

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Benoit  
27 Wilding Street  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

Address

*Joseph Benoit. Hotel*  
*#27 Wilding St. Fairhaven, Mass.*

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

April 12, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
~~Benoit, Ernest~~ 1232-N

Mrs. Elizabeth I. Benoit,  
27 Wilding St.,  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Republic  
6/25/30  
1232

Benoit, Ernest J.

I Accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Benoit

(Name)

27 Wilding St., Fairhaven, Bristol Co., Mass.

(Town or City)

(State)

postmark - New Bedford



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Benoit, Ernest J. 1232 M

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Benoit,  
27 Wilding St.,  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Dear Madam:

*Sailed*  
JUN 25 1930

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>Yes.</i>	<del>(No)</del>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>Yes.</i>	<del>(No)</del>
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?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No) <i>no.</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>57</i> Health <i>Good.</i>	(Years) (Good) <del>(Poor)</del>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <del>(No)</del>	Other language <i>French.</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

RECEIVED  
OCT 25 1929  
M. & H. DIV.  
Q. M. G.

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Benoit, Ernest J.  
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mr. Joseph Benoit,  
27 Wilding St.,  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Dear Sir:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

Elizabetta L. Benoit.  
27 Wilding Street,  
Fairhaven, Mass.  
Mother, Yes.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Benoit, Ernest J.

June 23 1929.

Mr. Joseph Benoit,  
27 Wilding Street,  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private first class Ernest J. Benoit, Co.D, 521st M.G.Bn. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M  
Benoit, Ernest J. - 1232 M

August 8, 1930.

Mrs. Elizabeth Benoit,  
27 Wilding Street,  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated July 26th to the Secretary of War, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS America were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been referred to me for reply.

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

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Benoit, Ernest J. 1332-Mat will be greatly pleased June 12, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Benoit, and wife who has accepted the invitation of the  
27 Wilding Street, Government to visit the grave of her husband  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Benoit, Ernest J. - 1232

June 6, 1930.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Benoit,  
24 Wilding Street,  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. New Bedford Wharf	NESS Co.	6:45 PM (EST)	BOAT	June 23
Ar. New York (Pier 14NR)	" "	6:00 AM	" "	" 24

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

M 293 A-C  
Benoit Ernest J. 1232 -M

June 2, 1930.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Benoit,  
27 Wilding St.,  
Fairhaven, Mass

Dear Madam:

The acceptances from the mothers and widows who are to make the pilgrimage to France, sailing on the SS REPUBLIC, June 25, 1930, are far in excess of the number anticipated, and due to this fact this boat will be somewhat crowded and the accommodations will not be as satisfactory as The War Department desires to furnish. Over 300 women have accepted invitations to sail on this boat and it is desired if possible to reduce this number to around 200 by voluntary transfers of women who are booked to sail.

Much more comfortable accommodations can be furnished on the SS REPUBLIC, sailing August 30, 1930, and should you change your sailing date to August 30th, a more comfortable trip can be assured.

If you desire to change from June 25th to August 30th, please notify this office at once, in order that the necessary adjustments can be made.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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## INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

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Letter

From: O. Q. M. G.

To: Mrs. Coraine LaBonty, 74 Duncan St., New Bedford, Mass.

Relet of recent date, May 19, relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Mary L. Crq, Mrs. Annie May Moore and Mrs. Elizabeth L. Benoit when making pilgrimage.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293 LaBonty, Lester J.

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Mrs. Elizabeth L. Benoit,  
27 Wilding Street,  
New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Mary L. Crow, Mrs. Annie May Moore and Mrs. Geraine LaBonty when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "Republic" June 25, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris and in the same cabin aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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May 22, 1930

~~Gen. Miller J. 408 W  
Mrs. Brown J. 1232 W  
Capt. Taylor J. 438 W  
✓ Benoit, Ernest J. 1412 W~~

Mrs. Mary L. Green  
407 Deaver Street,  
New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Anna May Moore, Mrs. Corvina Latham and Mrs. Elizabeth Benoit when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "Republic" June 25, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin stateroom and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. S. STANLEY,  
Captain, U. S. Corps,  
Assistant.

*Copy filed under  
Each name*

QM 295 A-C  
Crow, Albert J. 608 M  
LaBonty, Nestor J. 608 M  
Benoit, Ernest J. 1232 M  
Moore, Thomas H. 1232 W

May 19, 1930

Mrs. Annie May Moore,  
34 Sherman Street,  
New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 12 relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Mary L. Crow, Mrs. Coraine LaBonty and Mrs. Elizabeth Benoit when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "Republic" June 25, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Benoit, Ernest J. 1232-M  
Republic 6-25

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Elisabeth L. Benoit  
27 Wilding Street  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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Name

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Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

~~Benoit, Mrs.~~ QM 293 A-C-II  
IN REPLY REFER TO  
Republic 6-25

May 8, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Benoit,  
27 Wilding Street,  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

April 12, 1930.

SECRET REFER TO QM 293-A-C  
12321

Benoit, Ernest

Mrs. Elizabeth I. Benoit,  
27 Wilding St.,  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Benoit, Ernest J. 1232-M

March 26, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Benoit,  
27 Wilding St.,  
Fairhaven, Mass

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Benoit, Ernest J. 1232 M

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Benoit,  
27 Wilding St.,  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Benoit, Ernest J.  
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mr. Joseph Benoit,  
27 Wilding St.,  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~June 23, 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  
Benoit, Ernest J.

June 29 1929.

Mr. Joseph Benoit,  
27 Wilding Street,  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private first class Ernest J. Benoit, Co.D, 321st M.G.Bn. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

*Mental - Arizona*

✓ QM 293 A-C  
Benett, Ernest J.  
Unidentified U-4003

1st Ind. (7/24/28 cont.).

Par. 5 cont.

Camp dental charts show no teeth crossed out. Dental information has not been obtained from the nearest of kin of this late soldier.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

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

*JPB*

*Benett, Ernest J*

*Idea as Ernest J Benoit*

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE

CROSS INDEX

QM 293 A-C

1st Ind.

Benoit, Ernest J.  
Unidentified U-4003.

War Department, O.R.M.G., Washington, July 24, 1928. - To The Chief,  
American Graves Registration Service, O.M.C., in Europe.

1. You are advised that the remains now interred in Grave #15, Row 10, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Mont-faucon, Meuse, listed as those of Unidentified U.S. Soldier U-4003, will be carried as those of the late Private, First class Ernest J. Benoit, #1,895,863, Company D, 321st Machine Gun Battalion, 82nd Division. To remain in Europe. All your records will be changed accordingly.

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ORIGINAL PAPER FILED

CROSS INDEX

QM 293 A-C

1st Ind. (7/24/28) cont.

Benoit, Ernest J.

Unidentified U-4008

Camp dental charts show no teeth crossed out. Dental information has not been requested from the nearest of kin of this late soldier.

O. Q. M. G.

July 23/1928

From: Investigation Section.

To: Cemetery Audit Section.

Cty. 1232

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery  
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, M-et-M

Gr. Sec. Pl.  
105- 28 2

Prov. reported as  
U-4003

Identified as  
Pvt 1/c Ernest J. Benoit  
1895863  
Co. D, 321st Machine  
Gun Battalion.

D/c " Remains to be  
left in Europe"

B. Kensett Vail  
Investigator.

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S. Battencourt. 1895864  
Co. D, 321st M.G. Bn.

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C. IN EUROPE  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE  
20 RUE MOLITOR

IN REPLYING  
PLEASE ADDRESS  
CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES  
REGISTRATION SERVICE

FILE NO. 293 Benoit, Ernest J.  
X-293 U-4003.

PARIS FRANCE  
September 20, 1928.

Subject: Identification of Remains.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. All records in the case of Unknown U.S. Soldier U-4003, buried in Grave 15, Row 10, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, have been changed to show: Benoit, Ernest J. Private 1st class. 1895863. Co. D, 321st Machine Gun Battalion, in compliance with instructions contained in 1st Ind. your office of July 28, 1928 (QM 293 A-C Benoit, Ernest J. Unidentified U-4003) on letter this office of January 27, 1927 (file as above).

2. It is requested that complete data with regard to inscription to be cut on marble cross over this grave be furnished this office.



*[Signature]*  
F.W. Van Dyne,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.,  
Chief.

*Referent regarding 9-13-28*  
*file*  
*SP*  
*10-5-28*

293 Benoit, Ernest J.  
X-293 U-4005.

September 20, 1928.

Subject: Identification of Remains.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. All records in the case of Unknown U.S. Soldier U-4005, buried in Grave 15, Row 10, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, have been changed to show: Benoit, Ernest J. Private 1st class. 1895863. Co. D, 321st Machine Gun Battalion, in compliance with instructions contained in 1st Ind. your office of July 26, 1928 (QM 293 A-C Benoit, Ernest J. Unidentified U-4005) on letter this office of January 27, 1927 (file as above).

2. It is requested that complete data with regard to inscription to be cut on marble cross over this grave be furnished this office.



F.W. Van Dyne,  
Colonel, Q.M.G.,  
Chief.

CF 293 A-C  
Benoit, Ernest J.

July 28, 1928.

Lieut. Col. H. C. Culbreath, Inf. Res.,  
607 Magnolia Avenue,  
Tampa, Florida.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 25th, 1928, The Quartermaster General desires you be advised that the investigation regarding the grave location of the late Private, first class Ernest J. Benoit, Company D, 321st Machine Gun Battalion, 32nd Division has been concluded. The body of this late soldier has been identified in Grave 15, Row 10, Block G, Meuse-Arronne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

The records of this office show the mother of the late Private first class Enos S. Bettencourt, to be Mrs. Maria Das Doras du C de Jesus, Terreiros Mandas, San Jorge, Azores Islands. The return of the copies of letters transmitted with letter from this office dated January 27th, 1928, is not desired.

Very truly yours,

✓ x 293 Bettencourt, Enos S.

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

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*JMB*

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QM 293 A-C  
Benoit, Ernest J.

July 26, 1928

Subject: Identification.

To: The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.

1. You are advised that the remains listed as Unidentified U.S. Soldier U-4003, now interred in Grave 15, Row 10, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, have been identified as being those of the late Private, first class Ernest J. Benoit, 1895863, Company D, 321st Machine Gun Battalion, 82nd Division.

2. The remains of this soldier and those of the late Private, first class Enos S. Bottencourt were recovered from the same shell hole along the St. Juvin-Sommerance road.

3. The father of the late Private, first class Benoit has this date been advised of the identification.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

*JCM*  
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Q. M. G. M. & P. DIV.

QM 293 A-C  
Benoit, Ernest J.

July 26, 1928

Mr. Joseph Benoit,  
27 Wilding Street,  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you be advised that the remains of your son, the late Private, first class Ernest J. Benoit, 1895863, Company D, 321st Machine Gun Battalion, 82nd Division, have been identified in Grave 15, Row 10, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

The Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery is one of those in Europe to be maintained by this Government. Each grave will be marked with a white marble headstone, inscribed with the name, rank, organization, division, date of death of the soldier, and the state from which he came.

The remains of your late son and those of the late Private, first class Enos S. Betts, Company D, 321st Machine Gun Battalion were recovered from the same shell hole along the St. Juvin-Sommerance road.

Enclosed find card giving the location of your son's grave in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.

Very truly yours,

1 Encl.  
card.

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Benoit, Ernest J.  
Unidentified U-4003

1st Ind. (7/24/28 cont.).

Par. 5 cont.

Camp dental charts show no teeth crossed out. Dental information has not been obtained from the nearest of kin of this late soldier.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

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

*exc 2*

Noted by *Elaine M. Clark*  
Date *7-24-28* *LLD*

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QM 295 A-C

1st Ind.

Benoit, Ernest J.  
Unidentified U-4003.

War Department, O.C.M.C., Washington, July 26, 1928. - To The Chief,  
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293 Benoit, Ernest J.  
X-293 Bettencourt, Enos S.  
X-293 Unknown U-4003.

January 27, 1927.

Subject: Investigation.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. Grave Location Blank for Pvt. 1/cl. Ernest J. Benoit, 1895863, Co. D, 321st M.G.Bn., reporting place of burial as  $\frac{1}{2}$  Kilo N.W. of Sommerance, bears on back a statement signed by Harry C. Culhuth, Capt., Inf., U.S.A., that this soldier was killed in same shell hole with Pvt. 1/cl. Bettencourt, 1895864, Enos S.

2. Form 16-A Dec. 28, 1921, for Pvt. Enos S. Bettencourt, Co. D, 321st M.G.Bn., shows tag found on body gave serial number only "1895863", which number was assigned Pvt. Benoit. Form 16-A Aug. 24, 1921 for U-4003 shows tag found on body read "Steinberg, A., USNA, 1924272", and record indicates Pvt. Steinberg as discharged and in the United States.

3. It would seem the remains buried as Pvt. Bettencourt are those of Pvt. Benoit, and U-4003 those of Pvt. Bettencourt, and it is suggested a check of dental information and body descriptions of these two named late soldiers, none being of record here, may result in the identification of this Unknown.



F.W. Van Dyne,  
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,  
Chief.

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GRAVE

July 23/1928

From: Investigation Section.

To: Cemetery Audit Section.

Cty. 1232

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery  
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, M-et-M

Gr. Sec. Pl.  
103- 28 2

Prev. reported as  
U-4003

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S. Bettencourt. 1895864  
Co. D, 321st M.C. Bn.

200 mg  
 1. NAME Benoit, Ernest J. DATE Mch 31st, 1922.  
~~UNKNOWN U-4003~~ SERIAL No. 1895863  
 10/8/27 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. D, 321 M. G. Bn.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Romagne-s-Montfaucon, Meuse #1232, Sec. 28

CTY. NAME NUMBER  
103 Sec. 28 2

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 2 St Juvin (Ardennes).  
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 35NW 284.7N 299.0E.

CONCENTRATED TO 4.4.29. 103 28 2.  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY Meuse Argonne 1232. CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross.

F 1  
 SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. B. BIRDSEYE  
1st Lt., Q. M. Corps, U. S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Mch 31st, 1922 15 Block G. 10.  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty # 1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY  
 YB, LV, 3-25-23.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Aug. 24th 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

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Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

*10/18/27*

1. Name Benoit, Ernest J.  
~~UNKNOWN U-4003~~  
 2. No. 1895863  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co. D, 321 M.G. Bn.  
 5. D.D. 10-12-18  
 6. C.D. R.I.A.

10. Name (Tag on body reads) Steinberg, A  
USNA 1924272,  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 103 Sec. 28  
 8. Plot 2 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232, Dec. 28

19. Commune or town Romagne-s-Montfaucon  
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) August 24th 1921

By D. Sachman

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name none  
 Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

Tag on body reads Steinberg, A. USNA 1924272, embossed strip with body reads Steinberg, Abo, 1924272, Co. A. 325th Inf.

27. Condition of body body decomposed skeleton disarticulated.

28. Nature of burial In blanket in French wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? no

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Aug. 24th 1921 By D. Sachman.

31. Casket sealed by D. Sachman.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

D. Sachman.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-21356

32. Designation of body:

Name UNKNOWN U-4003 Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_



33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) August 24th 1921 By D. Bachman

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 \_\_\_\_\_

35. I hereby certify that the entries made under items 14b 17 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 34 35 36 have been secured from Forms 16-A executed at the time of disinterment and that it is impracticable to obtain signatures of the Sup. Enb. Inspector and checkers owing to the absence of that Personnel from this Station.

*I. H. Joffe*  
I. H. JOFFE,  
1st. Lt. QMC.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Aug. 24th 1921

To point of Concentration Meuse-Argonne Cemetery # 1232  
(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 \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)  
Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

41. Reinterred Meuse-Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Mar. 31, 1922  
(Date)

42. Grave No. 15 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. ~~Plot~~ Block 6 Row 10

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

*I. H. Joffe*  
I. H. JOFFE, 1st. Lt. QMC.

Jt.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-21356

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Signature of G.R.S. Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

J. S. Robinson, 1st. Lt. GAC.

Remarks none

Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Aug. 24th 1921

To point of Concentration Morges Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232.  
(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 \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

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

I. H. Joffe, 1st. Lt. QMG.

Jt.



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

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

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on **MAY 20 1921**, 1920

*Sec 28 Par # 4 Unknown dead (45)*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADJUSTMENT RECORD-** Audit Department amended records to show that ABE STEINBERG recorded as buried in Grave 103, Plot 2, Sec. 28, was discharged and that grave contains the body of an UNKNOWN SOLDIER. 4-26-21 - Form 115 covering ABE STEINBERG was cancelled and filed. 5-20-21 - Letter of Transmittal - Europe advised that Grave 103, Plot 2 Sec. 28 contains body of an UNKNOWN SOLDIER who was previously reported as ABE STEINBERG. Per Authority Audit Department. D.B. 7-23-21

*B.J. 7-23-21*

*8/29/21 Europe advised of above adjustment  
now Unknown Soldier 8/29/21 W.G.*

August 29, 1921.

FILE NO. 1232 Section 28 Reg. Br., Cem. Div.  
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).  
TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.  
SUBJECT: Supplementary advice on Argonne American Cemetery, #1232 Section 28,  
Romagne-sous-Montfaucou, Meuse, France.

1. Reference paragraph 4, office letter of May 20th, 1921 (File No. 1232 Section 28 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.), the records of this office, concerning the remains buried in Grave #103, Plot 2, Section 28, have been amended to read as indicated below, instead of Abe Steinberg, as previously reported.

Cable  
Ref. No.

177. Unknown Soldier, (Previously reported, Steinberg, 1924272, Abe, Pvt., Co. A, 328th Inf.) Grave #103, Plot 2, Section 28.

2. It is requested that the records of your office be revised accordingly.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps.

OSPS  
C & C Dept.

April 14, 1921.

REVISED REPORT ON CTY.#1232 (Sec.28)

Section 28 - Reported 3-28-21 with - - - - -  
4-12-21 Steinberg, 1924272, Abe. W/C  
Case - now reported discharged-Grave  
marked "Unknown"

Section 28 reads this date - - - - -

<u>BURIALS</u>			<u>B.C.</u>	
<u>W.C.</u>		Unk.	<u>Con.Uncon.</u>	
Con.	Uncon.		Con.	Uncon.
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203	0	3	2	0

**COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA**

See Form 115 att 4/12/22

UNKNOWN SOLDIER

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

*Benoit, Ernest J* 1895863  
~~UNKNOWN SOLDIER~~  
 Prv. rptd. ~~STEINBERG, 1924272, Abo, Pvt., Co. A, 528th Inf.~~ } TYP. **b**  
 (a) Name  
 (b) Rank *Pvt. 1cl* Organization *Co. A 321 M4 Bn.*  
 (c) Date of death *10-13-18* (d) Cause of death *K.I.A.* } *JB*

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

(a) Grave No. **103** Row **-** Plot **2** Sec. **28** TYP. **b**

(b) Emerg. Address *Joseph Benoit - 27 wilding St. father Fairhaven Mass*

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases *father Fairhaven Mass* CKR. *JB*

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on *B.J. 7-23-21* letter of transmittal on **MAY 20 1921**, 192

*Sec 28 Par. # 4, unknown dead (H.A.S.)*

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>8/29/21 Europe advised of above adjustment now unknown file 8/29/21/1119</i>

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

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_

Place Romagne 1232.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date August 24th 1921.

1. REMAINS OF ~~Unknown U. S. Soldier No U-4003~~ *Bennett, Ernest J.* SERIAL NUMBER *1895 863*

RANK *Pol.* ORGANIZATION *Co. D, 321 M.G. Bu*

2. Disinterred (date): August 24th 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 103 Plot 2, Row 2, Section 28, Cem. 1232.

*exc  
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By: Group *3* Unit *Field Section 3.*

3. Reburied (date): Mich 31, 1922 In (give complete location): Meuse Argonne Cemetery Gr. 15, Block G. Row 10.

By: Group *Reburial S* Unit *S* Nature of reburial *lined casket.*

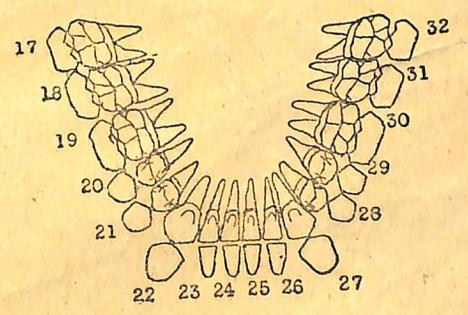
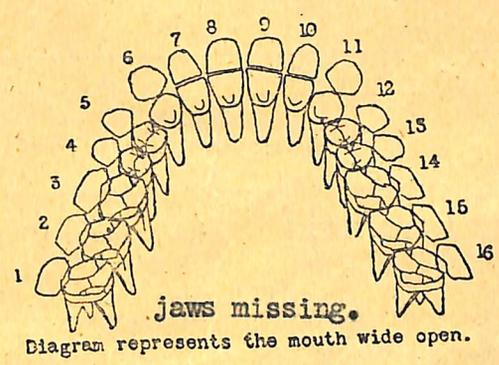
4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
in blanket in French wooden box, badly decomposed skeleton disarticulated.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
Former reburial record attached. Tag on body reads, Steinberg, A. USNA 1924272 embossed strip with body reads Steinberg Abe 1924272 Pvt. Co. A. 326th Inf Grave 103, Section 29, Plot 2, Cem 1232.

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

- (a) Height (actual measurement) *Imp to det.*
- (b) Weight (estimated) *Imp to det.*
- (c) Hair—Color *none*  
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) *Imp to det.*



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) *Skull very thick forehead very low and receding, the right radius, right ulna, right collar bone and shoulder blade the only bones not shattered or broken. Body filled with large pieces of schrapnell.*

*31049*

7. Disinterment supervised by *Sgd. D. Bachman.* Approved: *Sgd. J. S. Robinson*  
*1st. Lt. CAC.*  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by *W. B. Sheild* Approved: *I. H. Joffe*  
*1st. Lt. CMC*  
*M. B. BIRDSEYE, 1st. Lt. (Title) jt.*

A TRUE COPY

DR. C. W. SHURTLEFF  
DENTIST  
1017 ACUSHNET AVE.,  
NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

K. J. Harrington

Lt. Col. Q. M. C.

Dear Sir:

I find in my records from June second to June eighteenth 1927 I did work for Ernest J. Benoit of 27 Wilding St. Fairhaven Mass.

One four tooth bridge, two gold crowns, two porcelain teeth, one two tooth bridge, one gold crown, one porcelain tooth, one silver filling.

I cannot find my chart for 1917 and therefore am unable to locate exact position of work; if I can help in any way I will be at your service.

Very truly yours,

*Dr. C. W. Shurtleff*

R.L./C.W.S.

Oct. 28, 1927.

IDENTIFICATION OPINION OPINION

CASE OF Benoit, Ernest J. 1895863 Co. D 321st M.G.Bn. KIA 10/12/18

GRAVE Grave 103 Sec. 28, Pl. 2 Cty 1232

DECISION Remains recovered from above grave ARE THOSE of Pvt. Ernest J. Benoit-1895863- Co. D 321st M.G. Bn.

DENTAL CHARTS AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS

CAMP	LOCAL BOARD	FROM RELATIVES	OF BODY	A.D.
1;2;3;4 Br.			Jaws missing	
14 out	OK			
17 out				
18;19;20 brd				
30 out				
HEIGHT 5ft 2 inch.			Impossible to determine	
WEIGHT			" " "	
HAIR Black			" " "	
SHOE SIZE 5E				
REMARKS				

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body see reverse side.

Found on Marker

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Skull very thick, forehead very low and receding. right radius, right ulna, right collar bone, and shoulder blade the only bones not shattered or broken  
BDY FILLED WITH LARGE PIECES OF SHRAPNEL.

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Original burial of body

Original burial of man

Over

E. Kensett Vail  
 E. Kensett Vail

Investigator

Concur:

L. W. Schest

APPROVED:

Officer in Charge.

GLB. Killed  $\frac{1}{2}$  kilo N.W. of Somerance instantly killed by enemy shrapnel shell. att. note ... Chaplain in charge of burial party verbally reported at the time that body was in Somerance Cty. Personal inspection made by Company Commander showed that there was no grave marked for this soldier. Soldier was killed in same shell hole with Pvt 1/c Bettercourt- 1895864, Enos S. and it is the opinion of the Company Commander that body was not ~~removed~~ removed from shell hole because of severe mutilation, but is unmarked in the same grave with Pvt. Bettercourt. on the right of Somerance-St. Juvin road,  $\frac{1}{2}$  kilo N.W. of Somerance. Pvt. Bettercourt grave is marked with cross in the customary manner.

signed Harry C. Culbreath.

RCSR. On the night of October 12, our Co. took up position along the road between Somerance and St. Juvin. Pvt. Benoit was with the Hqs. Section of the Co. which was dug in about  $\frac{1}{2}$  kilo west of Somerance/ Upon arriving in our position gw immediately began to dig holes for protection against flying shrapnel. Pvt. Benoit and his buddy Bettencourt dug holes near each other and both were sleeping as they were fatigued by 6 days of continuous work in the lines. About noon the Germans began shelling and a high explosive shell hit near his hole killing him and his buddy instantly.

Remains reburied in 1919 into Grave 103- Sec. 28 were reported as being those of A Steinberg, 1924272 Co. A 326th Inf.

16 reports no tag on body.

16-A of 2/9/21 lists no tag on body, one on ~~grave marker~~ stake.

16-A of 8/24/21 lists tag on body, none on G.M.

Abe Steinberg is or rather was very much alive in 1921 as he replied to our inquiry as follows.

In reply to above I wish to say that I had not entrusted my identification tags to anybody. I discovered the loss of it when I lay wounded in the hospital in France. I regret very much that I am unable to furnish information relative to the identification of the person in whose possession my tag was found. signed Abe Steinberg.

~~Chaplain in signing the GLB for the remains carried~~

Chaplain Gagnon's name is affixed to both the GLB for Bettercourt and Steinberg, tho he did not make the burials, nor could he find out who did so. see letter of 3/1/27

Sgt. Umberger who was informant at the time of the R.C. inquiry, reports in letter of 3/5/27 that

Benoit was small, about 5' 5 inc. had a fairly low receding forehead. AGO 5' 2

Bettencourt was well built 5'8" about and had a number of gold teeth. 5' 8"

Therefore the investigator is of the opinion that the remains formerly carried as those of Abe Steinberg, now carried as U 4003 - exhumed in 1929 from Grave #2 Isol St. Juvin Ard. 29 9. 284.7 and reb. into grave 103-28-1232 Are in reality those of Pvt. Ernest Benoit, Co. D 321 M.G. Bn. ~~and that the tag found on the remains exhumed from~~

D/C shows request for Remain in Europe.

*E. Kensett Vail*  
E. Kensett Vail

Investigator.

*Ernest Benoit  
1895864*

*See sk.*

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

~~Unknown~~ 4/9/21. MF.  
Benoit, Ernest J

Name: SPINBERG, A.

Number: 1895863  
1924272

Rank: ~~Unknown~~ Pol.

Organization: Unkn

les. D 321 M. G. 13.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

4th. April, 1919

Grave #2 ISOLATED ST. JUVIN, ARDENNES

Map 35 N.W. E 299. N 284.7

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

4th. April, 1919

Grave #103 Section #28 Plot #2

Amer. B.A. Cty. #1232 ROMAGNE, MEUSE

Map 35 N.E. E 308.16 N 284.87

1232

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

Burial very poor. Body wrapped in blanket. Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No

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

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CO-RECORDED No. 10380

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: 2nd Lt. Howlett

R. H. ROSENTHAL  
2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.  
C.O. Group Unit

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date February 9, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF ABE STEINBERG, *Bevort, Ernest* SERIAL NUMBER 1924272, 1895863

RANK Evt., ORGANIZATION Co.A., 328th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): February 8, 1921. From (give complete location): Grave #103, section 28, plot 2, Argonne American Cemetery #1232.

By: Group Area #1. Unit AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

3. Reburied (date): February 8, 1921. In (give complete location): Grave #103, section 28, plot 2, Argonne American Cemetery #1232.

By: Group Area #1, Unit Regulation Nature of reburial Regulation

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: A regulation cross marked this grave and read "ABE STEINBERG, PVT, CO.A, 328 INF, No. 103" and aluminum strip on back of cross read "STEINBERG, ABE 1924272, Pvt., Co.A, 328th Inf, Gr.103, sec. 28, pt. 2, Cem. 1232." Body was buried in a pine box in uniform. Body badly decomposed.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: One identification tag was found on stake over head of box which read "STEINBERG, A. USNA" the other side read "1924272". All of face and jaws missing - No hair on skull.

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 None found.

Quantity " "

Characteristics " "

(d) Hair on face—Color " "

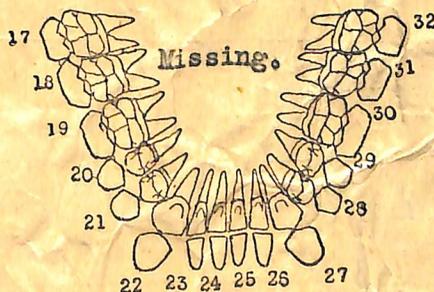
Location " "

Quantity " "

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



Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Upper and lower jaws missing. Skull fractured. Only a few bones found which are fractured and comminuted. All of lower legs and feet missing.

Body examined by Major H. C. Bierbower, M. C.

7. Disinterment supervised by H. C. BIERBOWER, Major, Q.M.C.

Approved: L. O. MATHEWS, Major, Q.M.C. (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W. E. SHIPP, Capt., Cav.

Approved: L. O. MATHEWS, Major, Q.M.C. (Title)

Place Romagne, 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date August 24th, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF *Benoit, Ernest J*  
~~Unknown U.S. Soldier, No. U-4003~~ SERIAL NUMBER 1895863

RANK *Pol.* ORGANIZATION *Co. D, 321 Inf. B.*

2. Disinterred (date): August 24th, 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 103 Plot 2, Row 2, Section 28, Cem. 1232.

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19/8/21*

By: Group 3 Unit Field Section 3.

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

By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial \_\_\_\_\_

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

In blanket in French wooden box, badly decomposed skeleton disarticulated

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

*discharged*

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

Former reburial record attached. Tag on body reads Steinberg A. U.S.N.A. 1924272 embossed strip with body reads Steinberg Abe, 1924272 Pvt. Co. A, 328th Inf. Grave 103 Section 28 plot 2, Cem. 1232

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp to det.

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity None

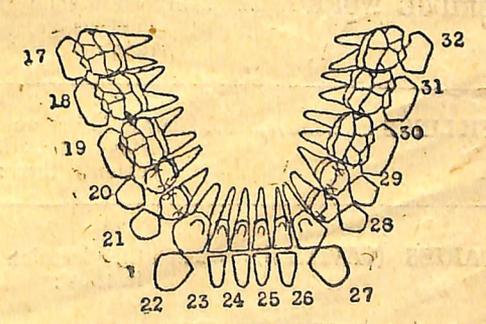
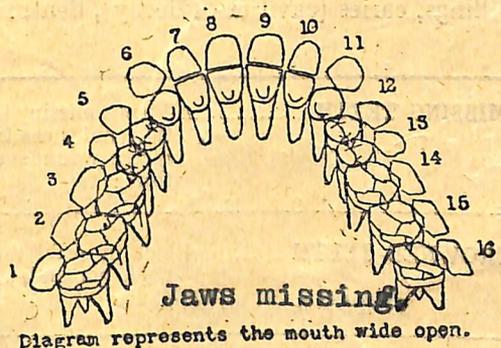
Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Imp to det.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Skull very thick, forehead very low and receding, the right radius, right ulna, right collar bone and shoulder blade the only bones not shattered or broken. Body filled with large pieces of shrapnell.

7. Disinterment supervised by *D. Bachman* Approved: *J. S. Robinson*  
(Title) 1st. Lt. C.A.C.

8. Reburial supervised by \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

Place Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date August 24th 1921.

1. REMAINS OF ~~Unknown U. S. Soldier No U-4003~~ *Benoit, Ernest J.* SERIAL NUMBER *1895863*

RANK *Sgt* ORGANIZATION *Co. D 321 Inf Div. 1st Div.*

2. Disinterred (date) : August 24th 1921 From (give complete location) : Grave 103, Plot 2, Row 2, Section 28, Cem. 1232.

*SKD  
198/27*

By : Group *3* Unit *Field Section 5.*

3. Reburied (date) : Feb 31, 1922 In (give complete location) : Meuse Argonne Cemetery Gr. 15, Block G, Row 10.

By : Group *Reburial S* Unit *lined casket.* Nature of reburial

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

*in blanket in French wooden box, badly decomposed skeleton disarticulated.*

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
*Former reburial record attached. Tag on body reads, Steinberg, A. USNA 1924272*  
*embossed strip with body reads Steinberg Abe 1924272 Pvt. Co. A. 326th Inf*  
*Grave 103, Section 29, Plot 2, Cem 1232.*

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) *Imp to det.*

(b) Weight (estimated) *Imp to det.*

(c) Hair—Color *none*

Quantity *none*

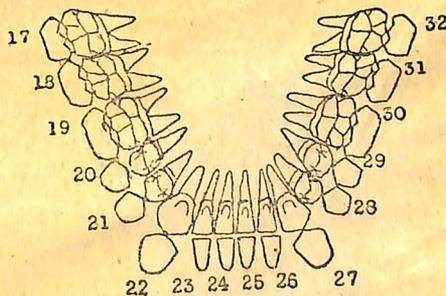
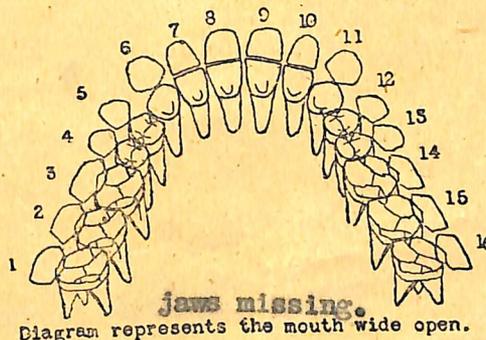
Characteristics *none*

(d) Hair on face—Color *none*

Location *none*

Quantity *none*

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Approved : *Sgt. J. S. Robinson*  
(Title) *1st Lt. CAC.*

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Approved : *I. H. Joffe*  
(Title) *1st Lt. CAC*

QM 293 A-G

June 4, 1928

Benoit, Ernest J. Pvt 1/c Co. D, 321 M.G. Bn.  
Bettencourt, Enos B. Pvt 1/c Co. D, 321 M.G. Bn.

Mr. Abe Steinberg,  
481 Communipaw Avenue.  
Jersey City, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

To aid in the investigation being conducted in the effort to locate the bodies of those U.S. Soldiers killed overseas, who are yet without grave location, it will be appreciated if you will advise if during October 1918 you acted as company runner up to the time you were wounded.

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

Very truly yours,

1 Encl.  
envelope.

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

\* made for each case.

W.C.M. & R.D.V.

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DISPATCHED

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- Miss Stummel*  
*Explanation for letter - 2/14/48*
1. Goodall and Benoit took refuge in a shell-hole.
  2. Bettencourt came with a message to Goodall that Capt. Culbraith wanted him.
  3. Goodall went to the Capt. and Bettencourt took his place in the hole.
  4. A shell struck the hole and killed both Bettencourt and Benoit.
  5. Bettencourt has had a confirmed burial since 1918-- however Benoit has been buried as GRAVE UNLOCATED?
  6. With Bettencourt has been reported since 1918 as buried in the second grave Abe Steinberg.
  7. Abe Steinberg, was wounded, at first reported killed, however he had been evacuated to a hospital, from where he was returned to the U.S. and later honorably discharged.
  8. Capt. Culbraith in his recent letter advises he had been told that a Jewish boy from the 328th Inf. had taken refuge in the same hole with Bettencourt and Benoit, and was killed with them.
  9. Goodall advises that a runner from another company had taken refuge in the same hole and had been killed at the same time.

Hence the inquire of 6/4/1928 to Steinberg-- if a company runner.

Abe Steinberg was formerly a member of 328th Infantry.

from the name would think he was of Jewish Faith.

The records of the AGO do not show if a runner-- ( in all probability only a temporary position hence not listed on rolls and rosters.

E. Kensett Vail  
Investigator.

Jan. 21, 1928

Case of Pvt 1/c Ernest J. Benoit, Co. D 321 M.G.Bn. Grave unlocated.

Pvt 1/c Enos S. Bettencourt-Co. D 321 M.G.Bn. Gr. 12, Row 40, Bl. F, 1232  
Unidentified U-4003 Grave 15, Row 10, Block G, Cty 1232.

1. Letter to E.E. Bettencourt, 522 East 57 Street, Portland, Oregon.

The Q.M.G. desires that you be advised that an investigation is being conducted in an effort to locate the grave of Pfc. Ernest J. Benoit, Company D, 321 Machine Gun Battalion, a former friend of your late cousin Private 1st class Enos S. Bettencourt, Company D, 321 Machine Gun Battalion, these two soldiers were in the <sup>shell</sup> hole when killed by the same shell. The remains of the two soldiers were recovered from the hole, and those of Pvt 1/c Bettencourt identified and are now buried in grave 12, row 40 block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. To aid in this investigation it will be appreciated if you will advise if you recall or can obtain any information as to dental work done for your cousin, such as crowns, bridges, fillings and extractions. etc. If forehead was low or receding,

2. Letter to Harry C. Culbreath-formerly Captain Co. D 321 M.G.Bn- 607 Magnolia Ave. Tampa, Florida

Robert M. Goodell, Glen Iris Park, Birmingham, Ala- formerly 1st Lt.

The Q.M.G. desires that you be advised that an investigation is being conducted in an effort to locate the grave of Pvt 1/c Ernest J. Benoit-1395863- Company D, 321 Machine Gun Battalion. To aid in this investigation it will be appreciated if you will advise if you recall ~~whether Pfc. Benoit had a low receding forehead~~ if Pvc Benoit or Bettencourt had a low receding forehead. If either had gold crowns or bridges.

For your information there was recovered from isolated grave- see sketch attached- an Unidentified U.S. Soldier - skull thick, forehead low and receding, both jaws missing, face shattered, nearly all bones broken or shattered, body filled with large pieces of shrapnel, these remains were carried as those of Pvt. A. Steinbert- ~~21x~~ 1924272- this soldier however has been honorably discharged, soldier was taken to hospital and while there missed his tag.

The father of Pvt 1/c Benoit advises that forehead was not low nor receding- enclosed find

- 1-copy of sketch showing grave location of burial
- 2-copy of memo to which your name is signed attached to Burail rep
- 3-copy of letter from Herbert Umberger.
- 4-copy of extracted taken from letter written to Rev. A. Gagnon
- 5-copy of Rev. Arthur Gagnon's reply to same.

3. Letter to Abe Steinberg- 358 Pacific Ave., Jersey City, N.J.

The Q.M.G. desires that you be ~~advised that~~ advised that an investigation is being conducted in an effort to identify the body ~~for~~ buried Oct. 26, 1918 about 500 yds on right side of road leaving Sommerance for St. Javin, Ardennes. ~~to~~ which your tag was affixed to the grave marker. In reply to our letter of March 23, 1921 you advise you missed the tags while in the hospital, in France, will you advise ~~him~~ about the date you entered the hospital and the engagement you were wounded- that is near what place. Did you know Ernest J. Benoit of Company D 321 M.G. Bn. or Enos S. Bettencourt, of the same company who were killed by the same shell in the location in which the above remains were located.

E. Kensett Vail

*E. Kensett Vail*

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Bathhouse  
and W 4003  
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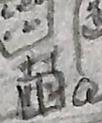


200 yds



100 yds  
Woods

300 yds



100 yds  
B\*

Sommerau

HILL

2 hills

Pivot Road to Sommerau

Route National

W

Sketch 37

12 Isolated Grass

To Hillsville

Plot A-B on edge of  
dirt road.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Benoit, Ernest J., 1895863  
Pvt 1/c., Co. D, 321st M.G.Bn.

October 10, 1927

Mr. Joseph Benoit,  
27 Wilding Street,  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Dear Sir;

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that an investigation is being conducted in an endeavor to locate the grave of your son, the late Private 1st class Ernest J. Benoit-1895863-Company D, 321st Machine Gun Battalion, killed in action October 12, 1918. To assist in this investigation, it will be appreciated if you will advise if you recall-

- (a) Son having a low receding forehead ?
- (b) Any dental work done for your son, such as crowns, bridges, fillings or extraction, (If the dentist doing the work can furnish this office with a chart of work done it will be of assistance) ?

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

Very truly yours,

  
K. J. HAMPTON  
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.



Dear Sir,

In answer to above letter I wish to say that my son Ernest J. Benoit did have a low receding forehead.

Yours truly Joseph Benoit.  
27 Wilding St.  
Fairhaven, Mass.

QM 293 A-C

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K.J.HAMPTON  
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.



*200*  
*W. J. Hampton*



Letter Sent to:

Mr. Joseph Benoit,  
27 Wilding St.  
Fairhaven, Mass.

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No City no.  
Mr 309-819.0-13-21

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May 25, 1928.

Lt. Colonel K. J. Hampton, Q. M. C.,  
Assistant Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

QM 293 A-C. Benoit, Ernest J. Pvt 1/c  
Co. d. 321 MGBh. Bettencourt, Enos S.  
Pvt 1/c Co. D. 321 MGBh.

Your letter of January 27th, above subject, was received in due time. I did not reply immediately, but followed the file to Lt. R. M. Goodall, Birmingham, Alabama, seeking his confirmation of my opinion. I now develop that Lt. Goodall wrote you on March 15, 1928.

I am of the opinion that report made by Reverend A. Gagnon, dated March 1, 1927, to the effect that the body of Private Bettencourt was identified and subsequently buried at the Sommerance Cemetery. At the time these men were killed, I was advised that a Jewish soldier of the 328th Infantry had been killed in the same hole with Benoit and Bettencourt. Reports were made through channels, and I personally attempted to locate the grave of Bettencourt who was my Orderly. The Chaplain in charge of the burial details at the Sommerance Cemetery advised that Bettencourt's body was so badly mutilated that it was not taken from the shell hole located on the Sommerance St. Juvin road, as shown by drawing sent me. It is possible that he confused the two names in telling me that Benoit's body had been transferred to the cemetery and that Bettencourt's body was left in the shell hole.

In response to your questions, I beg to advise that Private Benoit had a low, receding forehead and an unusual amount of gold fillings and crowns. I do not remember any gold bridges. The shape of his head and general contour of his body would indicate a thick skull. It is my opinion that the remains of the unidentified soldier described by you are none other than those of Private Benoit.

Private Bettencourt had a head different in formation from that of Benoit -- high forehead, not receding and more on the Grecian type. He had fairly good teeth, only a few fillings and, as I recall, no gold crowns or bridges.

I am keeping for my files the copies that you sent me, but should you desire them returned please advise at once and I will forward to you promptly.

Please be kind enough to let me know the result of your findings and the name and address of Bettencourt's mother or nearest relative.

Yours very truly,

*H. C. Culbreath*  
H. C. Culbreath  
*Lt Col Inf RC*  
*607 Magnolia Ave*

HCC-g



QM 293 A-C

January 27, 1928.

Benoit, Ernest J. Pvt 1/c Co. D. 321 MGBn.  
Bettencourt, Enoch S. Pvt 1/c Co. D. 321 MGBn.

Mr. Harry C. Culbreath,  
607 Magnolia Ave.,  
Tampa, Florida.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be advised that an investigation is being conducted in an effort to locate the grave of Private, first class Ernest J. Benoit, #1895863, Company D, 321st Machine Gun Battalion.

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Inclosed find copies of sketch showing Grave Location of burial, memorandum to which your name is signed attached to Burial Report, letter from Mr. Umberger, extract from letter to Rev. A. Gagnon, and Rev. Gagnon's reply to same. For your reply, you may use the inclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

K. J. HAMPTON,  
Lt. Col. Q.M.C.  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C

Benoit, Ernest J. Pvt 1/c Co. D. 321 MGBn.

Bettencourt, Enos S. Pvt 1/c Co. D. 321 MGBn.

War Department,  
Office of the Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Lt. Col. K. J. Hampton, Q.M.C.

Dear Sir:

Private Benoit and I were in the hole marked 1-2 when Private Bettencourt ran up to tell me Captain Culbreath wanted to see me. So I exchanged places with him and ran down the road to Captain Culbreath.

Just as I was returning, a German shell made a direct hit on my hole and when I ran to the spot there was only an unrecognizable mass of feet, hands and one head.

One of my men claimed an infantry runner had jumped into the hole also, but we could not tell how many had been there beyond being certain that both Privates Benoit and Bettencourt were killed there.

We went forward a few minutes later and I had no further opportunity to investigate. However, I feel <sup>sure</sup> that if only two bodies were found one of them must have been Benoit as there was no positive eye witness that any one else was in the hole with these two men.

My impression would be that Benoit's forehead was a low receding one. I am also of the impression that he must have been buried in the same hole with Private Bettencourt as the bodies were too severely mutilated to be buried separately.

Yours truly,

*R.M. Goodall*

Robert M. Goodall.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Benoit, Ernest J. Pvt 1/c Co. D. 321 MGBn.  
Bettencourt, Enos S. Pvt 1/c Co. D. 321 MGBn.

January 27, 1928.

Mr. Robert M. Goodell,  
Glen Iris Park,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

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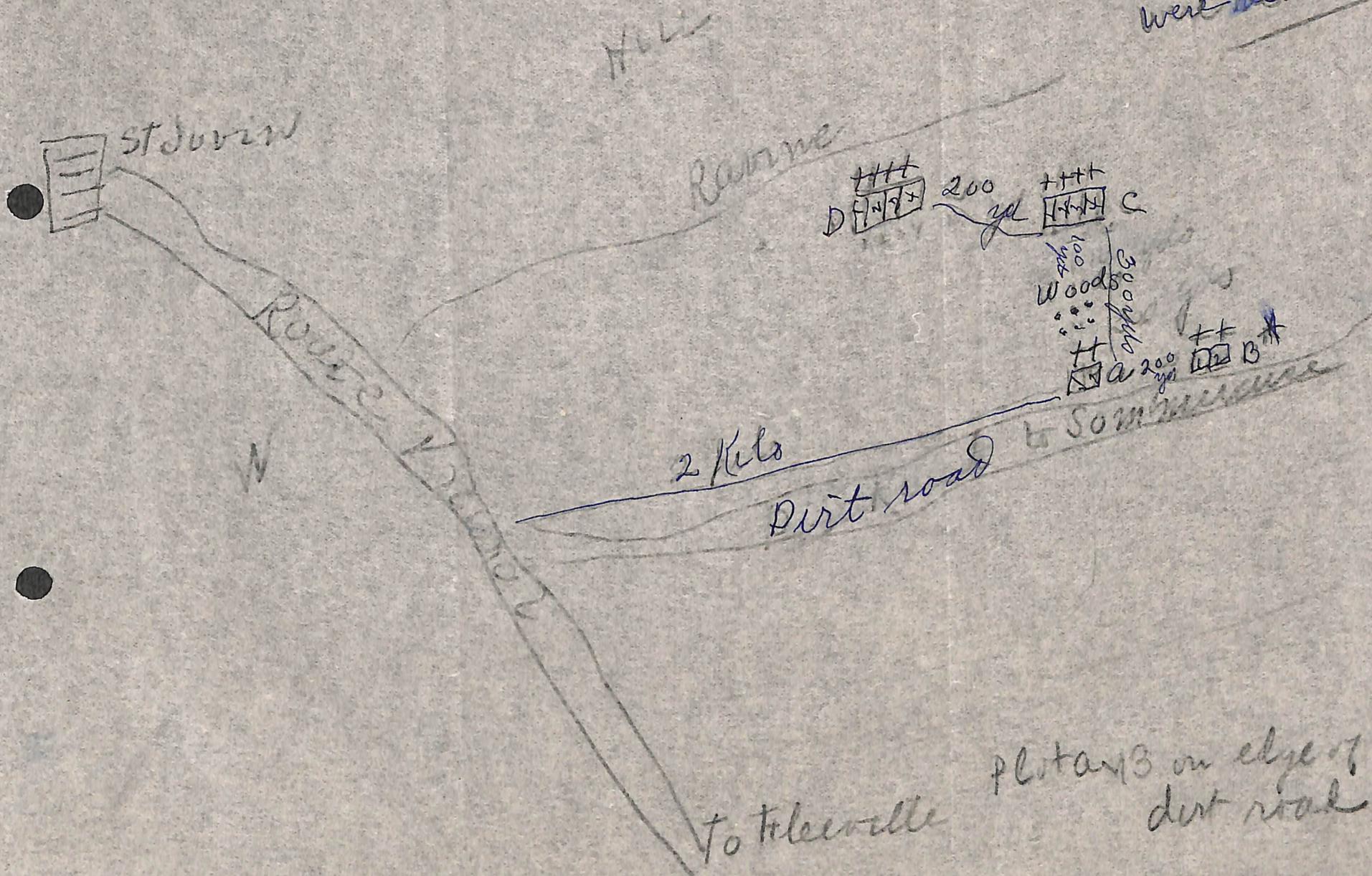
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Hills

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Route

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200 yds

Woods

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200 yds

D

C

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To Televille

plot a B on edge of dirt road

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BENOIT: 1895863 Ernest J.  
Pvt 1/c Co. D 321 MG Battalion

Place of death.  $\frac{1}{2}$  kilo N.W. of Sommerance  
instantly killed by  
enemy shrapnell shell.

Chaplain in charge of burial party verbally reported at the time that body was in Sommerance Cemetery.

Personal inspection made by Company Commander showed that there was no grave marked for this soldier.

Soldier was killed in same shell hole with Private 1cl Bettencourt, 1895864, Enos S., and it is the opinion of the Company Commander that body was not removed from shell hole because of severe mutilation. but is unmarked in the same grave with Pvt. Bettencourt, on the right of Sommerance-St. Juvin road,  $\frac{1}{2}$  kilo N.W. of Sommerance.

Pvt. Bettencourt's grave is marked with cross in the customary manner.

signed

Harry C. Culbreath  
Capt. Inf. U.S.A.

C O P Y

504 Howard Street  
East Pittsburgh, Pa.  
March 5, 1927

QM 293 A-C

(Benoit, Ernest J., Pvt 1cl., #1895863  
(Bettercourt, Enos S., Pvt 1cl., # 1895864

Lt. Col. K.J.Hampton, Q.M.C.

Dear Sir;

Pvt 1cl Benoit as I remember him was of small stature that is he was short a about five feet five inches tall and of fair build. He had a fairly low receding forehead and a fairly slender face. The picture of the company before it sailed is at my home in Crestline, Ohio and with it I could probably give you a better description of him. The address that I last had of his parents was 27 Wildings St., Fairhaven, Mass. and they may be able to supply you a picture of him.

Pvt 1cl Bettercourt was a well built man of about five feet eight inches tall and had a straight forehead and I believe that he had quite a number of gold teeth but as to their location I am unable to say. His Service Record should show the location of the gold teeth.

The shell that killed these two men also killed an Infantry Pvt. who was coming up the road and as he heard the shell coming ducked into a hole side of the one that was occupied by Benoit and Bettercourt and this man was pretty well shot up. I do not however remember what he looked like. I heard later that Pvts. Benoit and Bettercourt were buried in the burial ground located in Somerance.

Mr. Henry C. Gulbreath then Captain of the Company who lives at 607 Magnolia Ave., Tampa, Florida may be able to give you some information on these two men as Pvt. Benoit was his orderly.

Mr. Robert M. Goodell, Glen Iris Park, Birmingham, Ala. a First Lieutenant of the Company was also a witness of the death of these two men and may be able to give you some information.

Hoping this information will aid you in identifying these men, I remain

Very truly yours

/s/ Herbert C. Umberger.

Copy of extract from letter to Rev. A Gagnon

Feb. 23, 1927

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Grave location reports for Private, First class, Bettencourt and Private A. Steinberg are enclosed, also a copy of sketch showing the relative position of these graves/ Serial No 1924272 was assigned to Abe Steinberg, Company A, 328th Infantry, honorably discharged. This soldier was wounded and at hospital, and does not know what became of his tag, as he discovered the loss while he lay in hospital.

It is requested that you advise whether or not your records show if the tag listed as attached to marker was found on the body, or if not, where it was found. Also, please advise whether the notation made by Capt. Culbreath is based on verbal information given by you, if so, what your records show as to the grave location of Private Benoit.

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/ s/ K.J.Hampton  
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

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QI 293 A-C

January 27, 1928.

Benoit, Ernest J. Pvt 1/c Co. D. 321 MGBn.  
Bettencourt, Enos S. Pvt 1/c Co. D. 321 MGBn.

Mr. Robert M. Goodell,  
Glen Iris Park,  
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Dear Sir:

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Case of

Pvt 1/c Ernest J. Benoit- 1895863- Co. D 321st M.G.Bn. KIA 10/13/18  
Pvt 1/c Enos S. Bettencourt-1895864 Co. D 321st M.G.Bn. KIA 10/13/18

Letter to

Herbert C. Umberger  
Crestline, Ohio.

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that an investigation is being conducted in endeavor to locate the remains of the late Pvt 1/c Ernest J. Benoit- 1895863- Co. D, 321st M.G.Bn. There is on file a Red Cross Searchers report in which your name is given as informant to the effect

"On the night of October 12th our Company took up position along the road between Sommerance and St. Juvin. Pvt Benoit was with the Headquarters Section of the company which was dug in about one-half mile west of Sommerance. Upon arriving in our position we immediately began to dig holes for protection against flying shrapnel. Pvt Benoit and his buddy Bettencourt dug holes near each other and both were sleeping as they were fatigued by six days of continuous work in the lines. About noon the Germans began shelling and a high explosive shell lit near his hole killing him and his buddy instantly. "

Can you recall if either

Pvt 1/c Benoit or Bettencourt had a low receding forehead?  
Had gold and porcelain crowns & bridges on the upper and lower right jaws.

Any information you can give relative to death and burial of this soldier will be appreciated. etc.

For your information serial 1924272- was assigned to Abe Steinberg, Co. A 328th Inf. ~~honorably discharged~~ honorably discharged. This soldier was ~~sent~~ <sup>wounded</sup> Sept. 16, 1918 and at this time (that is Oct. 1918) was at hospital.

It is requested if your records show as to where the tag listed as attached to marker was found, if found on the body.

Also if the notation made by Capt. Culbeth is based <sup>on your</sup> verbal information given by you, if so what do your records show as to the grave location of Pvt. Benoit.

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E. Kessett Vail  
Investigator.

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wounded and at hospital, he does not know what became of his tag\*, as he discovered the loss while <sup>he</sup> lay wounded at hospital.

Feb. 19, 1927

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Case of

Pvt 1/c Ernest J. Benoit- 1895863; Enos S. Bettencourt 1895864

To;

Arthur P.J. Gagnon<sup>n</sup> - formerly chaplain 328th Inf. 82nd Div. 341 Summer St.,  
New Bedford, Mass. *advised*

The Q.M.G. desires you to be informed that an investigation is being conducted in endeavor to locate the grave of Pvt 1/c Ernest J. Benoit- 1895863- Co. D, 321st Machine Gun. Battalion, killed in action Oct. 13, 1918.

*This soldier and his buddy Pvt 1/c Enos S. Bettencourt are said, when the company took position and dug in along the road between Sommerance and St. Juvin, to have dug holes near each other and gone to sleep, being fatigued from continuous labors- a German high explosive shell hit near and killed both. This*  
October 12, 1918.

There has been located no report of burial for Pvt 1/c Benoit- however on or rather attached to the unaccomplished form is the following notation

"Chaplain in charge of burial party verbally reported at the time that body was in Sommerance Cemetery. Personal inspection made by Company Commander showed that there was no grave marked for this soldier.

Soldier was killed in same shell hole with Pvt 1.c Bettencourt, 1895864, Enos S., and it is the opinion of the Company Commander that body was not recovered from shell hole because of severe mutilation, but is unmarked in the same grave with Pvt Bettencourt on the right of Sommerance-St. Juvin road,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile N.W. of Sommerance. Pvt. Bettencourt's grave is marked with cross in the customary manner.

signed Harry C. Culbeth, Capt. Inf. U.S.A. *an*

The Grave location report for Pvt 1/c Bettencourt is as per enclosed ~~copy~~ there is also enclosed ~~copy~~ of grave location blank for Pvt A Steinberg, also a copy of sketch showing relative position of these graves - For your information serial 1924272- was assigned to Abe Steinberg, Co. A 328th Inf. ~~honorably discharged~~ honorably discharged. This soldier was ~~sent~~ Sept. 16, 1918 and at this time (that is Oct. 1918) was at hospital.

*Wounded and*  
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Investigator.

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Ernest J. Benoit 1895863  
Enos S. Bettencourt 1895864

1. Sgt. states Benoit and Bettencourt had dug holes near each other 10/12/18
2. High Explosive shell struck near and killed both.
3. GLB for Benoit not accomplished. notation however states both Benoit and Bettencourt were in the same shell, but no grave located for Benoit, Chap. in charge of burial detail verbally reported that he was buried in Sommerance.
4. Sketch 37, plot b shows two graves near dirt road from Somerance to St. Juvin-- A. Steinberg, and E.S. Bettencourt.
5. A Steinberg was in hospital at this time, having been gased in Sept. 1918.
6. Tag was found on the grave marker.
7. GLB for both Steinberg and Bettencourt list burial 10/26/18 about 500 yds on right side of road leaving Somerance for St. Juvin, Both list no tag on body, one on grave marker.
8. Sketch 37 shows 12 isolated graves.
  - A- 2 graves
  - B- 2 graves
  - C- 4 graves
  - D- 4 graves.A & B on on the edge of the road.  
C and D are about 300 meters from these graves.

Both bodies that listed as Steinberg( now U 4003, and that listed as Bettencourt were exhumed in 1919 and removed to Cty 1232, Sec. 28

during

When bodies were exhumed ~~for~~ concentration activities- it was found tag on remains listed as BETTENCOURT-- was blank as to name-- but bore the serial 1 8 9 5 8 6 3 Head shattered. Gold & por cr. \_ Brd.

Remains listed as U 4003- formerly carried as A. Steinberg- was badly shattered both jaws missing. Very thick skull, low receding forehead.

L. Hensett Vail  
Investigator.

504 Howard Street,  
East Pittsburg, Pa.  
March 5, 1927.

QM 293 A-C

(Benoit, Ernest J., Pvt. 1cl 1895863  
(Bettencourt, Enos S. Pvt. 1cl 1895864

Lt. Col. K. J. Hampton, Q.M.C.

Dear Sir:

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Hoping this information will aid you in indentifying these men, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*Herbert C. Umberger.*

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(Benoit, Ernest J., Pvt. 1cl 1895863  
(Bettencourt, Enos B. Pvt. 1cl 1895864

February 23, 1927

Mr. Herbert C. Unberger,  
Crestline, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that an investigation is being conducted to locate the remains of the late Private, First Class, Ernest J. Benoit, #1895863, Company D, 321st Machine Gun Battalion. There is on file, a Red Cross Searcher's report in which your name is given as informant, which reads as follows:

"On the night of October 12th our Company took up position along the road between Sommerance and St. Juvin. Private Benoit was with the Headquarters Section of the company which was dug in about one half kilo. west of Sommerance. Upon arriving in our position we immediately began to dig holes for protection against flying shrapnel. Pvt. Benoit and his buddy Bettencourt dug holes near each other and both were sleeping as they were fatigued by six days of continuous work in the lines. About noon the Germans began shelling and a high explosive shell lit near his hole killing him and his buddy instantly."

Can you recall if either Private, first class, Benoit or Private Bettencourt had a low receding forehead, also, if Private, first class, Bettencourt had gold and porcelain crowns and bridges on the upper and lower right jaws?

Any other information you can give relative to the death and burial of this soldier will be appreciated. Kindly reply as soon as possible, using the enclosed official envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

K. J. HAMPTON,  
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

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January 27, 1928.

Benoit, Ernest J. Pvt 1/c Co. D. 321 MGBn.  
Bettencourt, Enos S. Pvt 1/c Co. D. 321 MGBn

Mr. Abe Steinberg,  
358 Pacific Ave.,  
Jersey City, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be advised that an investigation is being conducted in an effort to identify the body buried October 26, 1918 about 500 yards on right side of road leaving Sommerance for St. Juvin, Ardennes to which your tag was affixed to the grave marker.

In reply to our letter of March 23, 1921 you advised you missed the tags while in a hospital in France. Will you advise about the date you entered the hospital and the engagement in which you were wounded, that is, near what place? Did you know Ernest J. Benoit of Company D, 321st Machine Gun Battalion or Enos S. Bettencourt of the same Company who were killed by the same shell in the location in which the above remains were located.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated. For your reply, you may use the inclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

1 Incl.  
Envelope.

K.J. HAMPTON,  
Lt. Col. Q.M.C.  
Assistant.



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Abe Steinberg

No record of wounds -

Reported killed in action sometime  
in Oct. 1918 but this report was  
erroneous as soldier was in  
hospital at that time - cause of  
hospitalization - gas rec'd Sept 16,

1918

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Serial 1525863  
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1918

March 1-27

From: REV. Arthur Gagnon, 1359 Acushnet Ave. New Bedford, Mass.  
To: K. J. Hampton, Lt. Col., Q.M.C. Assistant  
Subject: Benoit, Ernest L. Pvt. Ic1. #1895863, Co. D, 321 M.G.Bn.

Dear Sir:

I fully remember body of private Bettencourt which I identified and in the same hole another body so mutilated that I could not identify him. Those two bodies were so mutilated that they could not be brought to the cemetery in the village in Sommerance.

Going there the next day I found that those two men had been buried at the place where they had been killed.

I inquired to near-by soldiers who had buried those two men; no one could tell me. I also inquired if any one knew who that unidentified men, killed and buried with Bettencourt, could be. Several told me that it must be Steinberg. How did I get the tag No. I924272? I do not recall

As I had identified Bettencourt I felt responsible and under obligation to make a report although I had not buried them.

Later, I was asked where the body of Ernest Benoit was. I may have said that the body was in the cemetery in Sommerance, for the following reason. I had been obliged to leave Sommerance for a whole day and on returning was told that an unidentified man had been buried in my cemetery in Sommerance. So I may have deduced that this unidentified body must be that of Ernest Benoit.

Conclusion;

I am stongly inclined to believe that it was Ernest Benoit buried in the same shell hole with Bettencourt.

Respectfully,

Rev. A Gagnon

*Rev. A. Gagnon*

P.S. Recall being told that Benoit and Bettencourt were great friends.



MAR-4 1927



QM 293 A-C.

Benoit, Ernest L., Pvt. 1cl,  
#1895863, Co. D, 321 M.G. Bn.

February 23, 1927.

Mr. Arthur P. J. Gagnon,  
341 Sumner Street,  
New Bedford, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be advised that an investigation is being conducted in an endeavor to locate the grave of the late Private, First Class, Ernest J. Benoit, #1895863, Company D, 321st Machine Gun Battalion, killed in action, October 13, 1918.

When the company took position and dug in along the road between Sommerance and St. Juvin, October 12, 1918, this soldier and his buddy, Private, first class, Enos S. Bettencourt, are said to have dug holes near each other and were sleeping, when a german high explosive shell hit near and killed both of them.

No report of burial for Private, First class, Benoit, has been located, however, attached to the unaccomplished burial report form is the following notation:

"Chaplain in charge of burial party verbally reported at the time that body was in Sommerance Cemetery. Personal inspection made by Company Commander showed that there was no grave marked for this soldier. Soldier was killed in same shell hole with Private, First Class Bettencourt, Enos S. #1895864, and it is the opinion of the Company Commander that the body was not recovered from shell hole because of severe mutilation, but is unmarked in the same grave with Private Bettencourt on the right of Sommerance-St. Juvin road,  $\frac{1}{2}$  kilo. N.W. of Sommerance. Private Bettencourt's grave is marked with cross in the customary manner. Signed - Harry C. Culbeth, Capt., Infantry, U.S.A."

Grave location reports for Private, first class, Bettencourt and Private A. Steinberg are enclosed, also a copy of sketch showing relative position of these graves. Serial No. 1924272 was assigned to Abe Steinberg, Company A, 328th Infantry, honorably discharged. This soldier was wounded and at hospital, and does not know what became of his tag, as he discovered the loss while he lay in hospital.

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Very truly yours,

DKV

K. J. HAMPTON,  
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.,  
Assistant

4 Encl.  
1-c/ GLB Bettencourt  
2-c/ GLB Steinberg  
3-envelope  
4- c/ sketch



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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

~~Benoit, Ernest J~~  
LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

~~Steinberg, 1924272 A~~  
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Discharged soldier 1895865  
Capt. Co. D 321st Inf Bu  
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: near Sommerance

CAUSE OF DEATH:

1918/27  
DATE OF BURIAL: 26 October 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: About 500 yds, on right

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

side of road leaving Sommerance  
for St. Juvin, Depart. of Ardennes

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Yes Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? Yes

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

Sommerance (Ardennes)  
359.C  
16300  
M. 284  
NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Lt. Arthur Gagnon Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)



Communal List No. 1324-342  
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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

*Benoit, Ernest J. 1895863*

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~~*Steinberg 1924272 L.*~~

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

*Pvt. Co. D, 321 M. I. Bn.*

*excl. 10/5/27*

(Rank). (Organization).

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DATE OF BURIAL: *26 October 1918*

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Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? *Yes*

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NEAREST RELATIVE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY:

*Lt. Arthur Gannon Chaplain*

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

1. G. R. S. Form No. 1. *Ernest J. Bennett* Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. *4272*

3. ~~STEINBERG~~ Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials *Ernest J.*

4. *PVT.* Rank *321* Company *1st* Regt. or Corps *1st Div*

5. *X* Date of Death Cause, if known *ISOLATED*

6. *X* Date of Burial Cemetery

7. *SOMMERANCE* Town or Commune (in block letters) *ARDENNES* Department

8. *1* Grave No. *(B) SKETCH 37* Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

*OMME. St. Juvin (Ardennes)*  
*(C-250) SIIT. 35NW. 29985*  
*N. 284-8*

12. *VERDUN NW 35-*  
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

*284-8N-299-7E*

13. *RB*  
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed *Herbert Maeder*

Group *4* Unit *306* G. R. S.

41713  
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BENOIT 1895863 Ernest J.

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

Pvt. 1/c Co. D. 321st MG Battalion

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:  $\frac{1}{2}$  Kilo N.W. of Sommerance

CAUSE OF DEATH: instantly killed by  
enemy shrapnel shell

DATE OF BURIAL:

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here?

NEAREST RELATIVE: Joseph Benoit

ADDRESS: 27, Wilding St., Fairhaven,  
Conn.

RELATIONSHIP: Father

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain in charge of Burial party verbally reported at the time that body was in Sommerance Cemetary. Personal inspection made by Company Commander showed that there was no grave marked for this soldier.

Soldier was killed in same shell hole with Private lcl Bettencourt, 1895864, Enos S., and it is the opinion of the Company Commander that body was not removed from shell hole because of severe mutilation, but is unmarked in the same grave with Pvt. Bettencourt, on the right of Sommerance-StJuvain road,  $\frac{1}{2}$  kilo N.W. of Sommerance

Pvt. Bettencourt's grave is marked with cross in the customary manner.

Harry C. Culbert  
Capt. Inf. U.S.A.

41716

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.  
TO : C.O., Co. "D", 321st MG Battalion  
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis  
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Co D. 321st Machine Gun Bn.  
82nd Division

BENOIT, Pvt I/c Ernest J. I895863  
Home: 27 Wilding St,  
Fairhaven, Mass.

On the night of October 12th our Company took up position along the road between Sommerance and St Juvin. Pvt Benoit was with the Headquarters Section of the company which was dug in about one half kilo west of Sommerance. Upon arriving in our position we immediately began to dig holes for protection against flying shrapnel. Pvt Benoit and his buddy Bennencourt dug holes near each other and both were sleeping as they were fatigued by six days of continuous work in the lines. About noon the Germans began shelling and a high explosive shell lit near his hole killing him and his buddy instantly.

Informant; Umberger, sgt Herbert C.  
I895849, Sgt Co D. 321st MGBn  
Crestline, Ohio.

Emergency address;  
Joseph Benoit,  
27 Wilding St,  
Fairhaven, Mass.

Signed; R.M. Goodall, 1st Lt, U.S.A.  
Co D. 321st M.G.Bn

S/A

Ernest J. Bennett 1895863  
Enos S. Bettencourt 1895864

1. Sgt. states Bennett and Bettencourt had dug holes near each other 10/12/18
2. High Explosive shell struck near and killed both.
3. GLB for Bennett not accomplished. notation however states both Bennett and Bettencourt were in the same shell, but no grave located for Bennett, Chap. in charge of burial detail verbally reported that he was buried in Somerance.
4. Sketch 37, plot b shows two graves near dirt road from Somerance to St. Juvin-- A. Steinberg, and E.S. Bettencourt.
5. A Steinberg was in hospital at this time, having been gassed in Sept. 1918.
6. Tag was found on the grave marker.
7. GLB for both Steinberg and Bettencourt list burial 10/26/18 about 500 yds. on right side of road leaving Somerance for St. Juvin, Both list no tag on body, one on grave marker.
8. Sketch 37 shows 12 isolated graves.
  - A- 2 graves
  - B- 2 graves
  - C- 4 graves
  - D- 4 graves.A & B on on the edge of the road.  
C and D are about 300 meters from these graves.

Both bodies that listed as Steinberg( now U 4003, and that listed as Bettencourt were exhumed in 1919 and removed to Cty 1232, Dec. 28

during

When bodies were exhumed for concentration activities- it was found tag on remains listed as BETTENCOURT-- was blank as to name-- but bore the serial 1895863  
Head shattered. Gold & per cr. -- Brd.

Remains listed as U 4003- formerly carried as A. Steinberg- was badly shattered both jaws missing. Very thick skull, low receding forehead.

D. Consett Vail  
Investigator.

1st Ind.

LOM/gtp

Officer-in-charge, Operations, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon August 31, 1921.  
To: Chief, AGRS, Q.M.C., in Europe, Paris.



*W. E. Clowry*  
L. O. MATHEWS,  
Major, Q.M.C.

*An*

RECORDED, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
FILE NO. 293.8 Cem # 1232

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293.8 Cem. 1232.

2nd Ind.

*HW/nwa.*

Hqrs., American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. Sept. 8, 1921. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Forwarded inviting attention to basic communication and to 1st indorsement hereon.

2. Identification Tag of Abe STEINBERG, 1924272, Pvt. Co. A., 328th Infantry is forwarded herewith for such disposition as you deem advisable.

*H. F. Rethiers*  
H. F. RETHIERS  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Chief.

2 Encls.

*Identified as Benoit  
Pvt. Ernest J  
1895863  
Co. D 321 9th Div  
sent 10/8/27  
file with papers of*

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. Q. M. G.  
File # 293.8 # 49023

*Steinberg, etc*

293.8 Com. 1232.

2nd Ind.

HW/nwa.

Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. Sept. 6,  
1921. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Forwarded inviting attention to basic communication and to  
1st indorsement hereon.

2. Identification Tag of Abe STEINBERG, 1924272, Pvt. Co. A.,  
328th Infantry is forwarded herewith for such disposition as you deem  
advisable.

G. V. S. Quackenbush

2 Encls.

H. F. ESTHERS  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Chief.



August 29, 1921.

FILE NO. 1232 Section 28 Reg. Br., Cem. Div.

FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cometerial Division).

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

SUBJECT: Supplementary advice on Argonne American Cemetery, #1232 Section 28, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

1. Reference paragraph 4, office letter of May 20th, 1921 (File No. 1232 Section 28 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.), the records of this office, concerning the remains buried in Grave #103, Plot 2, Section 28, have been amended to read as indicated below, instead of Abe Steinberg, as previously reported.

Cable  
Ref. No.

177. Unknown Soldier, (Previously reported, Steinberg, 1924272, Abe, Pvt., Co. A, 328th Inf.) Grave #103, Plot 2, Section 28.

2. It is requested that the records of your office be revised accordingly.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

AUG 31 1921

CHARLES J. WYNNIE,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps.

*JWB*

OSPS  
C & C Dept.

Overseas Proj. Sec.  
Cometerial Division.

*Identified as Bennett  
Pvt. Bennett J. Bennett  
1895 1863  
Co D, 321 Inf Bu  
SAC 10/8/21*

COPY FOR DM FILES

August 24, 1921.

From: Officer-in-charge, Unknowns.  
To: Officer-in-charge, Operations, Romagne.  
Subject: Unknown U. S. Soldier, No. U. 4003-Formerly Abe STEINBERG, 1924272.

1. On August 24, 1921, the remains under grave marker of Unknown U. S. Soldier, No. U. 4003, were disinterred from grave 103, section 28, plot 2, cemetery 1232, and an identification tag was found with body which reads, "Steinberg Abe, 1924272, U.S.N.A."

2. Records on file at this office show that grave marker marking this grave had formerly inscription, "Abe Steinberg, Pvt. Co. A 328th Inf." There is no Form #1 covering original concentration in this cemetery on file at this office.

(a) On February 9, 1921 remains were exhumed by Major H. C. Bierbower, M. C.. Herewith extract from Form 16-A of this exhumation, "A regulation cross marked this grave and read "ABE STEINBERG, Pvt. Co. A 328th Inf, and aluminum strip on back of cross read, "STEINBERG, ABE 1924272, Pvt. Co. A 328th Inf., Gr. 103 sec. 28, pt. 2, cem. 1232. Body was buried in a pine box in uniform. Body baldy decomposed. No tag on body. One identification tag on grave marker. One identification tag was found on stake over head of box which read, "STEINBERG A. USNA," the other side read "1924272". All of face and jaws missing - No hair on skull. Upper and lower jaws missing. Skull fractured. Only a few bones found which are fractured and comminuted. All of lower legs and feet missing."

(b) On authority 4th Ind. Chief AGRS, Paris, dated August 21, 1921, inscription on grave marker was changed to read, "Unknown U. S. Soldier, No. U. 4003, as Private Steinberg was alive, discharge from the Army and in the United States.

3. Form 16-A, in triplicate, together with identification tag, attached hereto, for which request receipt be acknowledged.

GFS/gtp

*George J. Mann*  
GEORGE J. MANN,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

*Identified as  
Pt. Ernest J. Bennett  
1895 865  
Co. 2, 321 Inf. Div  
rec'd 10/8/27*

*file with papers  
of Ernest  
Bennett*

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
8, AVENUE D' IENA, PARIS

August 5, 1921

File No. *Alpha files*

From: Chief,

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

Subject: Acknowledgment of Correspondence.

Receipt this date is acknowledged of the following  
correspondence from your office:

~~Letter~~ )

dated: July 12, 1921

3rd Indorsement )

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div. - #49023 (Steinberg, Abe.)

Subject: Adjustment of records

Name: Unknown American Soldier

DMK.

FILE

*H.F.R.*  
H. F. RETHERS,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.

3rd Ind.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. - #49023 - (STEINBERG, Abe.)  
From: C. Q. M. G., Cemeterial Division, July 12, 1921 -To: Chief,  
American Graves Registration Service, C. M. G. in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena,  
Paris, France.

1. Returned. The records of this office have been adjusted  
to show an,

UNKNOWN AMERICAN SOLDIER,  
Buried in Grave #103, Section #28, Plot #2, Argonne  
American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse),

and the records of your office should be adjusted accordingly.

By authority of the Quartermaster General :

Inv & Adj

BG

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, C. M. Corps.

*JTW*  
FVW

MAILED  
JUL 13 1921

C. Q. M. G.

*Identified as  
Pot. Ernest J. Benoit  
1895 863  
Co D 321 9th Div*

1st Ind.

File No. 293.8 Gen. Div. - #49023 - (STEINBERG, Abe).  
From: G. Q. M. G., Cemeterial Division, July 11, 1921 - To: Chief, American  
Graves Registration Service, G. M. C. in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris,  
France.

1. Returned. Attention is invited to 3rd Indorsement from  
this office of even date -- File #49023, (Steinberg, Abe).

By authority of the Quartermaster General :

Inv & Adj

BG

CHARLES J. WYTHE,  
Captain, U. S. Corps.

FVW

FILE

MAILED  
JUL 13 1921  
G.R.S.

Identified as  
Pot. Ernest J. Bennett  
1895463  
eod 321 mg Ba  
10/8/27  
file with

, June 15th, 1921.

293 Steinberg, Abe.

From : Chief,  
To : Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.  
Subject : 1st follow-up letter.

You are advised that to date no reply has been received to 2nd indorsement of this office, dated February 15th, 1921, file No. 293 Steinberg, Abe, on letter from this office, to Supervisor, Area #1, dated February 4th, 1921, subject : Case of Pvt. Abe Steinberg.

EDGAR A. FRY  
H.F. RETHERS,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.

MH,

*Indentified as Benoit  
Pvt. Ernest J. Benoit  
1895 863  
Co D 321 Reg Bu  
EW 10/27  
file with*

293. Steinberg, Abe

2nd Ind.

HV/kva

Hqrs. American G.R.S. Q.M.C. in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. February 15th, 1921. To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Forwarded inviting attention to basic communication, 1st indorsement hereon, and copy of letter from Jewish Welfare Board attached hereto.

2. It is requested that these Headquarters be advised correct marking for cross over grave 103, Sec. 28, Plot 2, Cemetery #1232, ROMAGNE-sous-MONTEFANCON, (Meuse), in order that the records of these Headquarters and inscription on the cross may be corrected accordingly.

1 Encl.

H. F. ROTHERS  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Chief.

*file with Ernest J. Beunt  
1895863  
co 2 321 Aug 1921  
RVL 10/8/27*

C O P Y

1st Ind.

Supervisor, Area #1, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 10 February, 1921.  
To: Chief, AGRS, QMC, in E., 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris.

1. Returned. In compliance with paragraph 2 of basic letter, grave 103, Section 28, Plot 2, Cemetery 1232, was opened and body exhumed.

2. Attention is invited to the fact that an identification tag was found in this grave on which was stamped "Steinberg, A., U.S.N.A." with serial number #1924272, on back of tag. Also that both jaws were missing and that only a few bones were found in this grave. There is no means of identifying this body. It is not known where the identification tag came from originally unless it was found on a field grave marker or with the body.

3. Paragraph 3 is complied with.

(Signed) L. O. MATHEWS,  
Major, QMC.

C O P Y

*Identified as  
Pvt. Ernest J. Berritt  
1895. 863. My Bar  
Co D 321  
S.M. 1/8/21*

H E A D Q U A R T E R S  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q. M. C. IN EUROPE  
8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris.

February 4, 1921.

293. Steinberg, A. B. E.

FROM: Chief.  
TO: Supervisor, Area #1, ROMAGNE-SOUS-MONTFAUCON, (Meuse).  
SUBJECT: Case of Pvt. Abe Steinberg.

1. Attached herewith is copy of letter received by the Representative of the Jewish Welfare Board concerning case of Abe STEINBERG, 1924272, Pvt. Co. A, 328th Infantry, carried on the records of these Headquarters as buried in Grave 103, Section 28, Plot 2, Cemetery 1232, ROMAGNE-SOUS-MONTFAUCON, (Meuse).

2. In view of the fact that above mentioned soldier is now reported to be alive, you are directed to exhume body buried in Grave 103, Section 28, Plot 2, Cemetery 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) for the purpose of establishing identity of body buried therein.

3. You are further directed to submit G. R. S. Forms #16-A covering disinterment and reburial when completed.

4. Reply by indorsement hereon with the least practicable delay.

By direction :

(Signed) Wm. H. L.

EDGAR A FRY,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Chief, Operations Division.

HW/nwa  
1 Encl.

C O P Y

*Identified as  
Pvt Ernest J Beirwal  
1895863  
CO D 321 Reg Bn.  
rkt  
10/8/21*

Miss Sheriff:

The File No. on Steinberg was previously cancelled to Alph. Files,  
Cty. Audit Rept. was made and L.I. Cards made, etc.

ECC

*Files Rept. ( # 6 new cancelled )*

File Number 49023

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 12-16-20

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME: ~~Steinberg, Alie~~

Serial Number

RANK: ~~Priv.~~

ORGANIZATION: Co. A - 828th Inf

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	No. - # 1924272
2.	Date of death.	(2) 10/8-25/18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) K/a.
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	(4) 306
5.	Date buried.	(5) 10-26-18
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave 2-A, Isolated, C-250, Comm. of St. Jurin, Ardennes.
7.	Who reported burial?	(7) Reburied 4-4-19
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	(8) Grave 103, Sec. 28, Plot 2, Argonne Amer. Cty. # 1292, Romagne-aux-Montfaucon, Meuse.
9.	Report as to grave marker.	(9) a. no b. yes
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) Jussie Steinberg (mother) Fischer Davaidea, Russia
11.	Complete emergency address?	(11) 1-28-19
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	(12) 1-19-20-107
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	(13) D-36545
14.	What is the photograph number?	
15.	Inquiry made by.	

Identified as  
 Ernest J. Bennett  
 Co. D 32 Inf 12th  
 ex 7/21/18

RELEASED BY INFORMATION CONTROL DEPARTMENT.

..... X Confirmed.

..... Unconfirmed.

M.M.E.  
RIK

N. B.—All proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

FILE UNDER NO.

*Unknown.*

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

*Qty # 1232, Sec 28, Plot  
2. Gr # 103.  
Original burial  
gr # 2 St. Jervin, Ardennes,  
3570.W*

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO.

*Also see Case of Stenberg,  
Alice, Alpha Index - rec 9/29/21*

*Identified  
as  
Ernest J. Bennett  
321  
rec  
7/21/25  
M 7*

*4/9/21*

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

WRAPPER ENDORSEMENT

Chief, Graves Registration Service, Hdqrs., S.O.S., A.P.O. 717, American E.F.  
April 16, 1919. C.O., Company "D", 321st M.G. Btn., American E.F.

1. Attached hereto find G.R.S. Form 12 and Graves Location Blank, as mentioned below, received at this office unsigned. Same are of no value to the records of this office without signature, and you are therefore requested to comply with the request on the Grave Location Blank. If you are unable to furnish any of the information asked for, you will so state on the Grave Location Blank over your signature.

2. Request that you expedite the return of these forms to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, Hdqrs., S.O.S., American E.F., A.P.O. 717.

BENOIT, 1895863, Ernest J.

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

WAT/KO'B.

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*Benoit*

*Ernest J.*

File Number 41716

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date July 26, 1921.

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME: Benoit, Ernest

Serial Number

RANK:

ORGANIZATION: 321st M. G. Co. 82nd Div.

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	(1) Yes except, Benoit, Ernest J. <u>Company D,</u> 321st Machine Gun Bn.
2.	Date of death.	(2) 10-13-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) K/A
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	(4) 299
5.	Date buried.	(5) No record.
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) " "
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) No record. (a) " " (b) " "
11.	Complete emergency address?	(11) Joseph Benoit (Father) 27 Wilding St., Fairhaven, Mass.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	(12) No record.
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 number?	(14) No record.
15.	Inquiry made by.	RELEASED BY INFORMATION CONTROL DEPARTMENT.

N. B.—All proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

..... Confirmed.

.....  ..... Unconfirmed.

*Smith*