

Benoit,

George L.

135,301

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Btry E, 102nd FA.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

no
(Yes or no.)

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

no
(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Mary A. Benoit (St Martin)

96 Southgate St Worcester Mass

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME BENOIT, George L.

RANK Pvt. SERIAL 135301

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Bty E, 102nd F.A. *26 Div.*

DATE OF DEATH *Nov. 18/18*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Mass*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED:

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....
Date Grave Row Block

Suresnes, #34
Cemetery

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV.
1 AUG 29 1918

23/306/ARK

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BENOIT 135301 GEORGE L
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

PRIVATE CO E 102 FIELD ARTILLERY
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: U.S. Base Hospital #3

CAUSE OF DEATH: Broncho Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: 19 November 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: American Cemetery

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

Monesterol-Montignac, Dordogne, France

GRAVE NUMBER: 161 (one hundred sixty one)

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mary A Martin

ADDRESS: 96 S Gate St., Worcester Mass.

RELATIONSHIP: Stepmother

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)
CAPT. WM. A. SCHWAB, Q.M.

Prayer book
1 string rosary beads
1 chain
1 tin pens

S. H. Geist
Capt MC Registrar

RECEIVED

NOV 22 1918

Wm. A. Schwab, Quartermaster
U. S.

Co. E, 102nd F.A.
26th Div

BENOIT, George L. - Pvt 135301
Home: Bx64 Quinsagauond A ve.
Shrewsbury, Mass.

Pvt. Benoit was gassed on early morning of 31 Oct. 1918, at position in Ravin du Bois des Caures-near Sainogneau N.E. of Verdun. The position was subjected to a heavy concentration of gas and shell fire Pvt Benoit was on guard Early in the attack several gas shell fell close to his station and he was affected by the fumes. He did not appear to be seriously affected and walked without assistance to 1st Aid Station. According to Memo-from Personnel Office 7 Feb. 19 Pvt Benoit died 18 days later Nov. 18 1918 at Menestival Montignac, Dordogne, and is buried in grave No 166.

Informant: LA BRANCHE, Ernest E. - Cpl. 136282
Co. E, 102nd F.A.
Home: 253 Belmont St. Worcester, Mass.

Emergency address:
Mrs. Mary E. Benoit (Mother)
20 Portland St.
Worcester, Mass.

Searcher: William P. JESSE, - 1st Lt.
102nd F.A.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 6th, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BENOIT, George L. SERIAL NUMBER 135301

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Bty. E. 102nd T. A.

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

Oct. 6th, 1921 Gr. 161, Cem. 212

By: Group 2 Unit Sec. 7

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

October 15th, 1921. Suresnes Cemetery. - Block A - Row 10 - Grave 17.

By: Group Field Operations Branch Unit _____ Nature of reburial Metal Casket and Blanket.

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

Wooden box and uniform. Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes

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

Corroded body tag, full name legible, which checks.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Indiscernable due

(b) Weigh, (estimated) to decomposition.

(c) Hair—Color Indiscernable

Quantity 11.13.1

Characteristics _____

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location _____

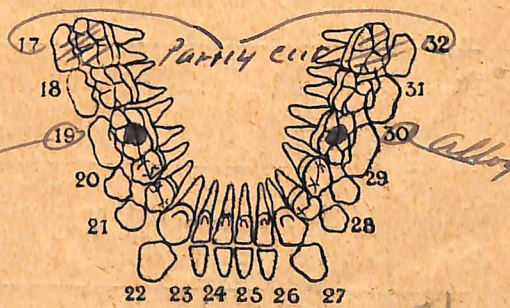
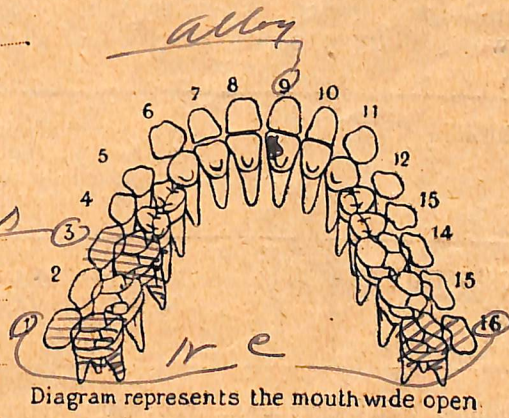
Quantity _____

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

or missing parts None

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

Indiscernable due to decomposition.



7. Disinterment Parker, Checker.

supervised by _____ Approved; O. Tillon

A. J. Harvey, Sup. Emb. O. Tillon, 1st Lt., G.M.C.

8. Reburial _____ Approved: _____

Supervised by _____ (Title) _____

R. G. RICHARDS, R. P. HARBOLD,
1st Lieut. G.M.C. Major, G.M.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

June 6, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R - #59669 - (Benoit, George L. Private.)
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.
TO: Mrs. Mary A. St. Martin, 7 Douglas St., Worcester, Mass.
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private George L. Benoit,
Battery E, 102nd Field Art.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 17 Row 10
Block A, The American Cemetery of Suresnes, Department of Seine,
France.
2. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries
to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be
marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name,
rank, organization and date of soldier's death. The headstones will
be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in
progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action
or request on the part of relatives.
3. In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were
exactd and more than willingly accorded by those performing this
sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually main-
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting
place of our heroes.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

JUN 6 1922

G.R.S.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

DATE _____

1. NAME BENOIT, George L. SERIAL No. 135301

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Bty E, 102nd P.A.

GRAVE LOCATION Menesterol-Montignac, Dordogne, France. #212.
CTY. NAME NUMBER

161

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 161 Menesterol-Montignac, (Dordogne)
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES None.

CONCENTRATED TO Nov. 19, 1918. 161
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Menesterol-Montignac, (Dordogne) 212

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR [Signature]

W. R. Nichols, Major, C.A.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/15/21 17 10 A.
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT Block

Suresnes American Cemetery #34, Suresnes (Seine).
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
S/K 3-6-22

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 6, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BENOIT, George L.
 2. No. 135301
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Bty. E. 102nd F.A.
 5. D.D. Nov. 18/18
 6. C.D. Broncho Pneumonia & Gas

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 161 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery American
 20. Dept. or County Dordogne
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. Cty. #212.

19. Commune or town Menesterol-Montignac
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 6, 1921

By A.J. HARVEY

24. Inscription on grave marker:
 Name BENOIT, George L.
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 135301
 Organization Bty. E, 102nd F.A.

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

G. S. Parker
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
G.S. PARKER.

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).

Corroded body tag. Full name legible which checks.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.

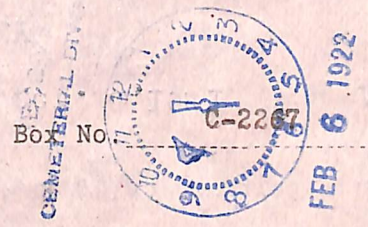
28. Nature of burial Wooden box. Uniform.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 6, 1921 By A.J. HARVEY

31. Casket sealed by A.J. HARVEY

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *A. J. Harvey*
A.J. HARVEY



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No.

32. Designation of body:

Name BENOIT, George L.

Serial No. 135301

Rank Pvt.

Organization

Bty E, 102nd F.A.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery

SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date)

Oct. 6, 1921

By

A. J. HARVEY

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

O.E. DAVIS, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 6, 1921

To point of Concentration Menesterol, Montignac.

Convoyer George H. Huggins

Signature Shipping Officer

(Name)

C.S. DENNY, 1st Lt. F.A.C.

38. Received at ~~Point of Concentration~~ Point of Concentration: Date

Paris Morgue, Oct. 10, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative

H.L. WARD, Major Q.M.C.

39. Shipped from ~~Point of Concentration~~ Point of Concentration: Date

Paris, Morgue, Oct. 15, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery No. 34, SURESNES (SEINE).

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

(Name)

H.L. WARD, Major Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

October 15th, 1921.

G.R.S. Representative

R. G. RICHARDS 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

41. Reinterred Suresnes Cemetery.

October 15th, 1921.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 17.

Section

43. ~~Rkt~~ Block A.

Row

10.

G.R.S. Representative

R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 59669

Examined
for Concentration
34 2/7/22

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BENOIT, George L. Ser. No. 135301)
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Battery E. 102nd Inf.) TYP. EML
(c) Date of death 11-18-18 of death Broncho Pneumonia & Gas) CKR. OK
(d) Cause

11. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(a) Grave No. 161 Row --- Plot --- Sect. ----) TYP. EML
(b) Emerg. Address Mary A. Martin, (Step-Mother), 96 S. Gate St., Worcester, Mass.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; **No Card**) CKR. OK

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Mary A. Benoit (b) Relationship (St. Martin) Mother

(c) Address 96 Southgate St., Worcester, Mass.

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S.

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

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

Examiner's Initials FB Date 5-3- 1920

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

confirmed request in Par. IV. item no correspondence, dated no, above, or requesting that

Examiner's Initials gob Date 5/2/ 1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows:

gvd no requests for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes M.H.S.

Examiner's Initials M.H.S. Date 5-4- 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY NO. 212 SHEET NO. 18
G.R.S. Form #115
Amended April 6, 1920.
Make Form #114 Rechecked by j...

Concentrated into P.A.C. 34

12-2-20

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 10**, 1920

Par. # II. Not to be returned. ALP. 12-7-20

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

GENERAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION

ACTION TAKEN
DEC 16 1920
RECEIVED

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Form 120 5/12/20 changes address to Mrs. Mary A. (Benoit) St. Martin (mother), 7 Douglas St., Worcester, Mass. No change in dispatcher

ec. 5/18/20

DEC 14 1920

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

C.M.

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

MAY 7 1920

Rush Answer

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.
TO: *St. Martin, 7 Douglas*
Mrs. Mary A. Benoit, (96 Southgate Street,) Worcester, Massachusetts.
SUBJECT: Remains of Private George L. Benoit.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his
body be Not returned to the United States.

Note change of address 7

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

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

*noted on Form 115-
etc. 5/15/20*

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>not married</i>		
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father	<i>dead.</i>		
Mother	<i>Mrs Mary A. (Benoit) St Martin</i>		
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	<i>none</i>		
Sisters	<i>none</i>		

Date *May 10 1920.*

Signature *Mrs Mary A. Benoit St Martin*

Address *changed to 7 Douglas.* Relationship *mother*

Note:- Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

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(OVER)

(over)

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at government expense.

The body of Private George L Bennett
which it left when it is for you do not
think I would like to go through the average
That I have went over his death for I am
great beginning to get reconciled over his
death as for his body it is just as well in the
ground there as in the United States all I can
is to continue to pay religious prayer
for him and feel that his soul be so hard
your truly mother of George L Bennett
Mary (Bennett) St. Markham

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper MUST be signed by the person who is the NEXT of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the legally appointed guardian of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
4. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BENOIT **135301** **GEORGE L**
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

PRIVATE **CO E** **102 FIELD ARTILLERY**
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **U.S. Base Hospital #3**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **Broncho Pneumonia**

DATE OF BURIAL: **19 November 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **American Cemetery**

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

Monestrol-Montignac, Dordogne, France

GRAVE NUMBER: **161 (one hundred sixty one)**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? **yes** Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? **yes**

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: **Mary A Martin**

ADDRESS: **96 S. Gate St. Worcester. Mass.**

RELATIONSHIP: **Stepmother**

REPORTED BY:

**REVIEWED
OSP SS.**

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

PT. WM. A. SCHWAB, Q.M.C.

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

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Letters
Photographs
Note book
Religious book
Prayer book
1 string rosary beads
1 chain
1 tin pen

S H Geist
Capt MC Registrar



Reference: 5909.

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

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO: Massachusetts S. & S. Inf. Bureau, Hotel Lotti, 7 Rue,
Castiglione, Paris.
SUBJECT: Private George L. Benoit, Battery B. 102nd F.A.
American E.F.

With reference to your request for information relative to the above mentioned soldier, I beg to advise that under the ruling governing the dissemination of burial information, all inquiries with reference to grave location must be made to these headquarters for reply direct. If you will, therefore, send us the name of the person making inquiry burial information will be forwarded immediately.

By direction CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut-Colonel, OMC, AEF.

in per Maurice B. Dix,
Captain, American Red Cross,
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

MBD-cb

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FROM :—

MASSACHUSETTS S. INF. BUREAU

Hotel Lotti, 7, Rue Castiglione

Paris, January 27th, 1919

SUBJECT :— Pvt. George L. BENOIT,
102nd Artillery, Battery E, 26th Div.

We have received by letter from our Home Office the following request for information :—

2/4/19

Please give details as to place of Burial and number of grave
of the above soldier, with photograph of same if possible

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Kindly acknowledge this letter to this office and transmit your reports on this man, through Washington,
by letter to :— Mass. Soldiers' & Sailors' Information Bureau, State House, Boston.

MORTON PRINCE,

Mass. Representative in France.

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OUR FILE No. 1682

To :— HOME COMMUNICATION SECTION

American Red Cross

Place de Rivoli — Paris

To: GRAVES REGISTRATION BUREAU
TOURS

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

FILE NUMBER

FROM:- A. R. C.

DATE: 2/4/19.

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BENOIT, GEORGE L. NUMBER:RANK PVT ORGANIZATION 102 ND ART. BAT. E.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	(1) BENOIT, 135301 George L. Pvt. Battery E. 102nd. F.A.
2.	Date of Death	(2) 11-18-18
3.	Cause and place of death	(3) Broncho Pneumonia-Gas.
✓ 4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) CC #331
5.	Date buried	(5) 11-19-18
✓ 6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	(6) Cty. No. 212 Grave No. 161 American Cemetery Menesterol "Vauclaire" (Dordogne)
7.	Who reported burial	
✓ 8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	(8) yes
✓ 9.	Report as to Grave Marker	(9) Headboard
10.	Report as to Identification Tags	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	
✓ 12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	(12) Notified 12-14-18
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the photograph No.?	
	N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.	F.P.W.

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OSP SS.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	Benoit, Geo L	Ben	3	25-01
BURIED	CEMETERY	34	1	6
	GRAVE	17	2	17
	ROW	10	2	10
	BLOCK	a	1	1
STATE	Mass		2	25
RANK	Priv		1	2
DIVISION	26		2	26
ORGANIZATION	102		3	102
ARM	Inf		1	3
MARITAL	No		1	2
NAME	Mrs Mary A St Martin	St. M	3	09 12-03
RESIDENCE	STATE	R.I.	2	45
	COUNTY	Providence	2	04
	CITY	Central Falls	3	004
RELATION	Mother		1	1
OTHER			1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes		1	1
NATIVITY			1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH	yes		1	1
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH	Bad		1	2
NO. OF SONS			1	RS
DATE OF TRIP	MO.		1	
	YR.		1	
ACCEPTANCE			1	
29/514/EAB	No Age 54			54 ²

AUDITED
DEC 31 1951

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Benoit, Geo. L. (Sur)

Mrs. Mary A. St. Martin,
85 Hedley Ave.,
Central Falls, R.I.

Dear Madam:

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

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


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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

2 Encls.

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

no its impossible
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Mary A. St Martin

QM 293 A-M
Benoit, George L. (Sur)

January 2, 1922.

Mrs. Mary A. St. Martin,
85 Hedley Avenue,
Central Falls, R. I.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private George L. Benoit. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to visit your son's grave next summer.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers and widows in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested you so notify this office. Should you make the trip, you are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided. ①

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Benoit, George L. Pvt. (Sur) M

June 17, 1931

Mrs. Mary A. St. Martin,
~~25 Lincoln Ave.,~~ 85 Hedley Ave.
Central Falls, R. I.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

no
Write answer here

Mrs Mary A St Martin
Sign here
changed address 85 Hedley Ave

Central Falls R I
85 Hedley Ave

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Benoit, George L. 34 M

Mrs. Mary A. St. Martin,
25 Lincoln Ave.,
Central Falls, R. I.

Dear Madam:

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

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

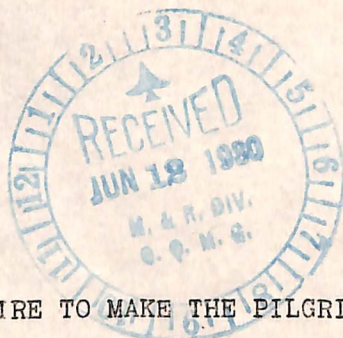
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

(Write answer here)

Mrs Mary A. St Martin
(Sign here)

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

October 8, 1929.

Benoit, George L. 34 M

Mrs. Mary A. St. Martin,
Central Falls,
Rhode Island.

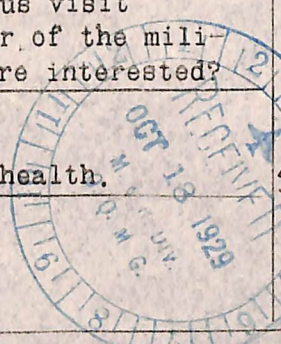
— 25 Lincoln Ave

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 54 (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) <input type="checkbox"/> Other language <i>French</i> (Specify language spoken)	



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Central Falls R.I. June 30 1929

Dear Sir,

In reply to the letter received
May 8 1929. Private George S. Benoit
Battery E Field Artillery was not married
he had his mother and was living
with her when he went to war
and always live with her until
he went across. and as his
mother it would be a nice
voyage if I was able to go
but my health will not allow
me to undertake the voyage.

I thank you the same
and hoping if I am ever
in need that the government
will help me

Yours truly

Mrs Mary A. St Martin

Letter 293 A.-C.
Benoit George S.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 8, 1929.

QM 293 A-C
IN REPLY REFER TO
Denoit, George L.

Mrs. Mary A. St. Martin,
25 Lincoln Ave.,
Central Falls, R. I.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private George L. Denoit, Battery B, 102 Field Artillery, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Benoit, Geo. L. (Sur)

Mrs. Mary A. St. Martin,
85 Hedley Ave.,
Central Falls, R.I.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Benoit, George L. (Sur)

January 2, 1932.

Mrs. Mary A. St. Martin,
85 Hedley Avenue,
Central Falls, R. I.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private George L. Benoit. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to visit your son's grave next summer.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers and widows in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested you so notify this office. Should you make the trip, you are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Benoit, George L. Pvt. (Sur) M

June 17, 1931

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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October 8 1929.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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May 8, 1929.

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IN REPLY REFER TO
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