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G.R.S. Form #114-B

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DATE 12/17/21

1. NAME BENOIT, Philip SERIAL No. 3258767

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B. 165th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232 - 36

CTY. NAME NUMBER

53 Sec.36. 2

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 15 Landres et St. Georges

GRAVE COMMUNE (Ardennes)

COORDINATES 35NE 285.7N 301.4E.

CONCENTRATED TO 4.26.19. 53 36 2.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232.

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross and body:

DATE OF DEATH

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

hb DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Walter M. B. BIRDSEYE
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/17/21 38 27 C

DATE GRAVE ROW Block

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

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
2014-4-23

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WORLD WAR DIV.

Correspondence on this

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Benoit, 3258767, Philip
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Co. B, 165th Inf
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: *Battlefield*

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: *Oct. 13/18*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Ardannes*

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

*S. of Sommerance Landres Rd. 10
Yds from Road. Coord. 301.5
286.2*

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? *Yes* Cross? *Yes*

Headboard? *Yes* Bottle? *Yes*

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:

ENOIT, Phillip Pvt 3258767

**15th 1918 about 11.00 A.M. Pvt
light was hit by a machine gun
and was killed immediately.
Sommerance Landres road,
10 yards from road.**

**Jones Homer H Cpl 1958011
Co B, 165th Infantry,
722-8 St Douglass Arizona.**

WNEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

F.P. Duffy, Chaplain, 165th Inf
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

REPORTED BY: *Joseph H. O'Donnell*
Chaplain 23rd Inf
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Benoit 3258767 Philip

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

Pvt

(Rank).

(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Near Landres & St George*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *H. E.*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Nov. 3rd 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Near Landres & St George*

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

1 1/2 Miles S.W. Landres & St George on east

Side of Sommerance road. 301.7-286.3

map Remonville 1/200,000

GRAVE NUMBER: *15*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross? *Yes*

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: *Yes*

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:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: *Joseph H. O'Donnell*

Chaplain 23rd Inf

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

ENOIT, Philip Pvt 3258767

15th 1918 about 11.00.A.M. Pvt right was hit by a machine gun and was killed immediately. Somerance Landres road. 10yards from road.

to: Jones Homer H Cpl I958011
Co B. 165th Infantry.
722-8 St Douglass Arizona.

Co B. I65th Infantry
42nd Division.

BENOIT, Philip Pvt 3258767

On the morning of October 15th 1918 about 11.00 A.M. Pvt Philip Benoit who was advancing on my right was hit by a machine gun bullet in the right side of the throat and was killed immediately. Buried in the South of Sommerance Landres road. Co-ordinates 301.5.-296.2, 10 yards from road.

Informant: Jones Homer H Cpl I958011
Co B. I65th Infantry.
Home: 722-8 St Douglass Arizona.

YS.

Date 3rd June 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BENOIT Philip

Number: 3258767

Rank: Unkn

Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

26th April 1919

Grave No. 15 B/A Cemetery

LANDRES ET ST. GEORGES ARDENNES

35 NE. E. 301.4 N. 285.7

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

26th April 1919

Grave No. 53 Sect. 36 Plot. 2

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

1232

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

Buried in uniform body in fair condition burial good.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

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CONFIRMED No. D. 10893

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: Lt. Grant.

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.

C.O. Group Unit

FHH

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Benoit	3	254
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	38
	ROW	2	27
	BLOCK	1	3
STATE	La	2	22
PANK	Pnt	1	2
DIVISION	42	2	42
ORGANIZATION	165	3	165
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME	Benoit	3	
Mr. Ferdinand	STATE	2	22
RESIDENCE (Other)	COUNTY	2	29
	CITY	3	177
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	3
ELIGIBILITY	Dead 5-7-29	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	dent	1	
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AUDITED

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Benoit, Philip 1232 Pvt.

December 12, 1930.

Mr. Ferdinand Benoit,
Thibodeaux, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Philip Benoit is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Benoit, Philip 1232 O

July 7, 1930

Mr. Ferdinand Benoit
Thibodeaux, La.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

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

Chockbay La
July 2a 1929

Dear sir:-

Mrs. Lillian Bennett is
dead. now it is all over
since May the 7th 1929

Greatly Oblige

Mr. Ferdinand Bennett

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 , 1929.

Benoit, Philip

Mrs. Lillian Benoit,
Thibodeaux, La.

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 Philip Benoit, Co. B, 165th Inf., 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 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



2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

See other side (over) ↓

QM 293 A-M
Benoit, Philip 1232 Pvt.

December 12, 1930.

Mr. Ferdinand Benoit,
Thibodeaux, Louisiana.

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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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Benoit, Philip

Mrs. Lillian Benoit,
Thibodeaux, La.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

Benoit (Surname) Philip (Christian name in full.) 3,258,767 (Army service number.)
Pvt (Rank and organization.) Co B 165 Inf

State your relationship to the deceased.....

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

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

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

.....
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

.....
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here).....

.....
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

July 17, 1923.

Mrs. Lillian Benoit,
Thibodeaux,
La.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that
Private Philip Benoit, Company B, 165th Infantry,
the permanent grave of
is Grave 38, Row 27, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-
sous-Montfaucon (house), France.

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, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. 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.

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

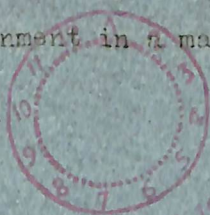
Very truly yours,

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H. J. Canner,
Assistant.



JUL 17 1923
C.L.B.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BENOIT, Philip SERIAL NUMBER 3258767

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B. 165. Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec 14 1921 From (give complete location):

Gr 53 Sec 36 Plot 2 Cem 1232

By: Group 6 Unit Section 1

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

Dec 17th 1921 Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232 Gr 38 block C row 27

By: Group reburial 3 Unit reburial 3 Nature of reburial urned casket

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

Box, uniform and burlap

Body badly decomposed features unrecognizable

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

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

Tag on body "Benoit Phillip 325867"

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do CAU.

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do N.E.

Location do

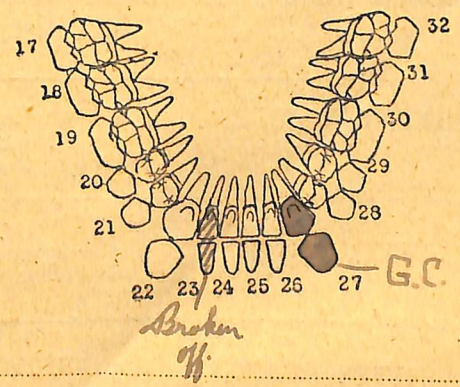
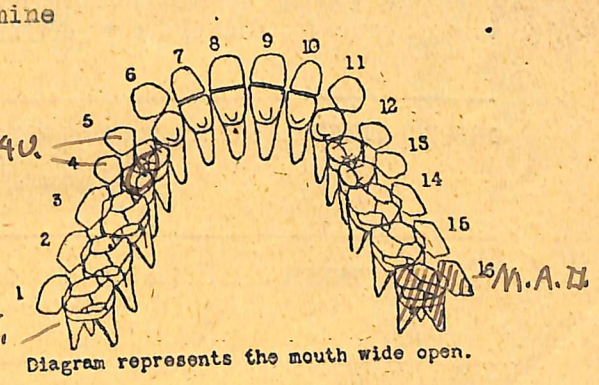
Quantity do

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

missing parts) None

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

Skull fractured



7. Disinterment supervised by C.V. Russell Approved: F.B. Daniel
C.V. Russell (Title) Capt. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault Approved: James W. Younger
A. U. Dufault (Title) Capt Q.C.

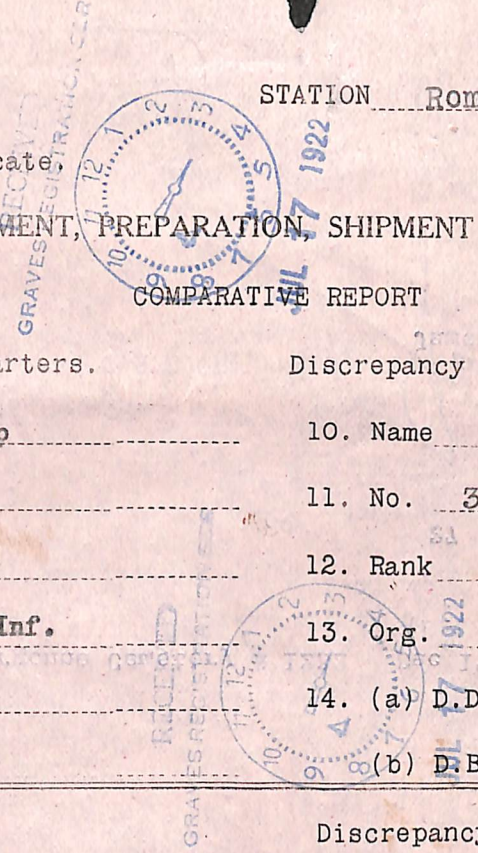
A. U. Dufault

James W. Younger, Capt Q.C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 14, 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, Philip

10. Name Benoit Phillip

2. No. 3258767

11. No. 3258767

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. B. 165th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Oct. 15th.

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 53 Sec. 36

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 2 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None.

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Monfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse.

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 - 36

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 14, 1921.

By C.V. Russell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Philip Benoit

Serial No. 3258767

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. B, 165 Inf.

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

C. J. Rasch.
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
E. J. Rasch.

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).

None.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Box, US uniform and burlap.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See Par. 10

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec. 14, 1921. By C.V. Russell

31. Casket sealed by C.V. Russell

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) C.V. Russell
C.V. Russell

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box:) Box No. **C-18923**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Philip BENOIT.** Serial No. **3258767**

Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co.B. 165th Infantry**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne Amer.Cty.1232,Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Dec. 14, 1921.** By **C.V.Russell**

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

F.B. Daniel
Signature of G.R.S. Inspector **F.B. Daniel, Captain, QMC.**

36. Remarks **None.**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Dec. 14, 1921.** d.

To point of Concentration **Morgue, Romagne.**

Convoyer **W. J. Royed.** Signature Shipping Officer *J. Gerald Cole*
(Name) **J. GERALD COLE**
Captain, C. A. C.

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 (Name)

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232** **Dec 17th 1921**
(Date)

42. Grave No. **38** Section

Block

43. ~~Block~~ **C** Row **27**

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*
James W. Younger, Capt. QMC.

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AUDITED BY

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Benoit, 3258767, Philip
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Co. ^B 5, 165th Inf.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Battlefield

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 16/18

PLACE OF BURIAL: Ardennes
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

S of Sommerance-Landres Rd. 10
Yds from Road. Coord. 301.5 -
286.2

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes
Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

F.P. Duffy, Chaplain, 165th Inf.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Benoit 3258267 *Philip*
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Priv

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Near Landrest St. George*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *W. E.*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Nov. 3rd 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Near Landrest St. George*

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

1 1/2 Kilos S.W. Landrest St. George on East side of Souverance road 301.7-2863

GRAVE NUMBER: *15*

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: *yes*

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:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: *Joseph W. O'Donnell*

Chaplain 23rd Inf

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

1 G.R.S. FORM NO. 1

2 #3258767

42582

3 NAME. [REDACTED] ENOIT PHILLIP

4 RANK X X U.S.A.

5 X

6 X BATTLE AREA CEMETERY

7 2 KILO.N.E.OF SOMMERANCE MEUSE

8 GRAVE NO. 15 PLOT A

9 CROSS

10 TAG ATTACHED TO CROSS

11 X

12 301.6 E. 286.0 N. VERDUN N.E. 35
10 yds.E.of road

13

SIGNED *Orville Hamilton*

GROUP 2

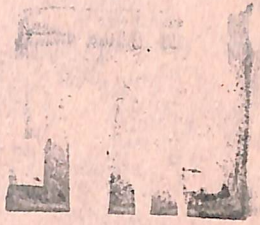
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HAMMERMILL
BOND



4-28-21
(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 36

FORM 115 Sheet No. 12

CS
(Initials)

OSP-SS
Form No. 1011.

S/2053/LML

Benoit, Philip-Deceased.

42582

WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON.

Mar 20 1919

AGO CARD
RETURNED
UNCLAIMED

Mrs. Lillian Benoit,
General Delivery,
Thibodaux, La.

Dear Madam:

The War Department desires to ascertain the wishes of the families of officers, enlisted men, and civilian employees regarding the permanent disposition of the bodies of those who have died overseas.

The original plan of the Department was to deliver the body in every case at the home address of the deceased to the person legally entitled to dispose of the remains. A desire has been expressed, however, in numerous instances to have the body remain abroad, and General Pershing is likely soon to enter into negotiations with the French and Allied Governments with the view of establishing permanent cemeteries for members of the American Expeditionary Forces. Marshal Petain in a most courteous letter has informed General Pershing that "France would be happy and proud to retain the bodies of the American victims who have fallen upon her soil."

A bill is now before Congress for the establishment of "Fields of Honor" abroad, which will insure future care by the United States Government as national cemeteries are now cared for. Burials have been made heretofore in cemeteries of the Allied nations or at or near the battle field in land set apart for this purpose as a cemetery, and religious services in accordance with the rites of the Protestant, Catholic, or Hebrew faith have been held at the grave.

In case the remains of a deceased soldier are returned to the United States they will be interred either at the former home of the deceased or at a national cemetery, according to the wishes of the one authorized to direct the disposition of the remains, and all expenses, including transportation, casket, shipping case, flag, and the preparation of the remains for shipment, will be paid by the United States. Hire of a hearse and other burial expenses incurred at the home of the deceased may be paid, on application by the relatives, by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury Department.

In order that the proper disposition of the remains may be made, and that such disposition be directed by the person entitled to do so, the War Department will recognize the right to direct the disposition of remains in the following order:

In the case of an unmarried man—

- (1) Father; (2) mother, if father is dead; (3) brother, if both parents are dead; (4) sister, if both parents are dead and there are no brothers.

In the case of a married man—

- (1) Wife; (2) parents or children and other relatives in order set forth above.

It is desired that the information indicated on the inclosed card be furnished concerning the person named thereon at the earliest practicable date. If the card is received by some one not authorized to direct the disposition to be made of the remains, please deliver this circular and the card to the person who is entitled to do so.

The Department is unable to state when it will be possible to begin the removal of the remains of the soldiers, but the information requested is being collected at this time in order that there may be no delay when the time comes for such removal.

In returning the card please use the inclosed addressed penalty envelope, which requires no postage.

Very respectfully,

P. C. HARRIS,
The Adjutant General.

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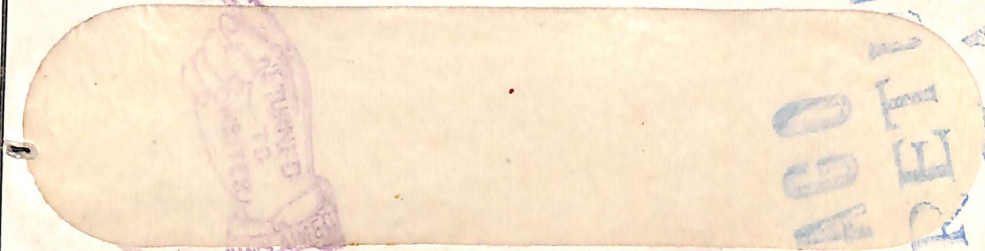
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