

Benson (Surname.)      Rolla (Christian name in full.)      105,856 (Army serial number.)

Pvt (Rank and organization.)      Co D 2nd MG Bn

State your relationship to the deceased Father,

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? No,

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

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

Don't desire it,

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

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

(Sign here) Robert Benson

Ava,      Illinois.

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

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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OSP SS.

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1. NAME BENSON, Rolla DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 SERIAL No. 105856  
 RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co.D 2nd MG B  
 & DIVISION 1st Division  
 GRAVE LOCATION Amer.Mil.Cty. Mesves, Nievre 86  
 CTY. NAME NUMBER

230  
 GRAVE ROW PLOT  
 2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 230 Mesves (Nièvre)  
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES \_\_\_\_\_

CONCENTRATED TO Not of record  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

October 21, 1918.  
 DATE OF DEATH  
Illinois.  
 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME  
none shown.  
 MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED  
 SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W.H. Quastman  
 W. H. QUASTERMAN, CAPT. F. A., Supervisor Area N°. 4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION June 27, 1922 18 12 Block A  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
 Robert C. Davis,  
 Major General,  
 The Adjutant General.  
 By roc  
St. Mihiel American No. 1233, Thisucourt  
 CEMETERY

AUDITED BY MAY 12 1925  
 MAY 9 1925  
 G. R. SHANNON  
 G. O. M. C.

Rec'd World War Div.  
 MAY 9 1925

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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## LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

..... Benson, Rolla ..... (no number) .....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

..... Pvt., Co. D, 2nd M. G. Bn. .....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: U.S. Army Base Hospital #67,  
Mesves Hospital Center  
Nievro.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Aerogenic Capsulatus .....

DATE OF BURIAL: Thigh right "S" 14 (L) - Not result of  
own misconduct,  
21st October, 1918.

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

..... Mesves, Nievro, France. .....

GRAVE NUMBER: Temporary.

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? To Cross.

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

..... Ava, Illinois. .....

NEAREST RELATIVE: No Record

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY: Vincent M. Beede

Chaplain A. R. C.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COILS	CODE
NAME	Benson	3	25-40
	Rolla		
BURIED	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
	GRAVE 18	2	18
	PCW 12	2	12
	BLOCK A	1	1
STATE	Ill	2	13
RANK	Pvt	1	
DIVISION	1	2	01
ORGANIZATION	2	3	002
ARM	Infantry	1	2
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME	Benson	3	
	Robert Lee		
RESIDENCE	STATE Ill	2	13
	COLONY Benson	2	3
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	head	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE			
ENGLISH			
ATTENDANT			
HEALTH			
NO. OF SONS			
DATE OF	MO.		
TRIP	YR.		
ACCEPTANCE			

**AUDITED**

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Benson, Rolla 1233 F

July 7, 1930

Mr. Robert L. Benson  
Ava, Illinois

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.

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1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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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:

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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

July 30, 1929.

**Benson, Rolla**

**Mr. Robert Lee Benson,  
Ava, Ill.**

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 Rolla Benson, Co. D, 2nd M. G. Bn., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.**

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

*No*

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. 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.

*None*

4. Does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

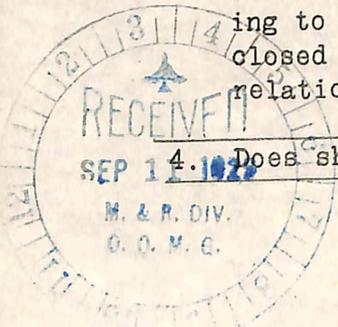
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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

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Act of Congress  
Envelope



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

May 27, 1929.

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Mr. Robert Benson,  
Chester,  
Ill.

Father:  
Mr. Robert Lee Benson  
Ava, Ill.

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".

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Benson, Rolla 1233 F

July 7, 1930

Mr. Robert L. Benson  
Ava, Illinois

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.

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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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO Benson, R. L. <sup>QM 297 A-C</sup>  
1233.

Sept. 4, 1929

Mr. Robert Lee Benson,  
Ava, Ill.

Dear Sir;

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated <sup>July 30, 1929</sup> ~~July 30, 1929~~ <sup>making inquiry</sup> 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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 30, 1929.

**Benson, Rolla**

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Ava, Ill.**

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The records of this office show that you are the father of the late

**Private Rolla Benson, Co. D, 2nd M. G. Bn., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Bourthe-et-Moselle, France.**

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?
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4. Does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Benson, Rolla

May 27 1929.

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Chester,  
Ill.

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The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Rolla Benson, Co. D, 2nd M. C. Bn., whose remains are now interred in the St. Michel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Mourthe-et-Monelle, 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.

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IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293 A-C~~  
BENSON, Rolla Pvt.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

February 14, 1924

Mr. Robert Benson,  
Chester,  
Illinois.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. 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.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

R. L. FOSTER  
Assistant.

1-Incl.  
Record card.

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c/o A.J. Newbauer,

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Brooklyn,

N.Y.



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Soldier's  Overseas  
Grave

Name ..... Rolla Benson, .....

Rank ..... Private .....

Organization Company D, 2nd Machine Gun Battalion .....

Grave No. .... 18 ..... Row .... 12 ..... Block .... A .....

Cemetery ..... St. Mihiel American Cemetery .....

Location ..... Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France .....

QM 293 A-C

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Record card.

Assistant.  
R. L. FOSTER

MFK  
7DL



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 7, 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 BENSON, Rolla  
 2. No. 105856  
 3. Rank Pvt  
 4. Org. Co.D 2nd MG Bn  
 5. D.D. 10-21-18  
 6. C.D. D.O.W.

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 230 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. None

18. Cemetery Amer.Mil.

19. Commune or town Mesves

20. Dept. or County Nievre

21. Country France

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

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23. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 7, 1921

By T F Greene

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BENSON, Rolla  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 105856  
 Organization Co. D. 2nd MG. Bn.  
Gr. No. 230

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

J. C. Abhabel  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
J C Abhabel.

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).

No effects found, form 16a accomplished. Tag on body entirely corroded. Bodies on either side previously exhumed, no discrepancies.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial In uniform and wooden box.

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 Dec. 7, 1921 By T F Greene

31. Casket sealed by T F Greene

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

T F Greene  
 MMB T F Greene

ADMITTED BY  
gal 12/11/23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 23949

32. Designation of body:

Name Rolla Benson Serial No. 105856

Rank Pvt Organization Co. D 2nd MG Bn

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. #1233 Thiaucourt, M-et-M

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 7, 1921 By T F Greene

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 *D E Lowry*  
D E Lowry, 1st Lieut. QMC

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 7, 1921

To point of Concentration Nevers, Nievre, France  
(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer Capt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 22 DEC 1921

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel (1233) Thiaucourt M et M  
(Name)

Convoyer Raymond L Hall Signature Shipping Officer *W R Buckley*  
W R Buckley, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date 26 ~~27~~ DEC 1921

G.R.S. Representative *F B Daniel, Capt. 2 MC*

41. Reinterred \_\_\_\_\_

42. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) June 27, 1922. Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot 18 Row \_\_\_\_\_

XXXX Block A. 12

G.R.S. Representative *A T Dewey*  
A. T. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.

Mesves, Nievre, France

Place

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec. 7, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BENSON, Rolla SERIAL NUMBER 105856
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. D. 2nd MG. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec. 7, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. No. 230
American Cemetery, No. 86 Mesves, Nievre, France

By: Group 2 Unit 4

3. Reburied (date): June 27, 1922. In (give complete location): Gr. 18; Bk. A, Row 12.

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

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Wooden box and uniform. body badly decomposed recognition impossible.

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 entirely corroded, bodies on either side previously exhumed. no discrepancies, No effects found.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) none

(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) Unable to determine

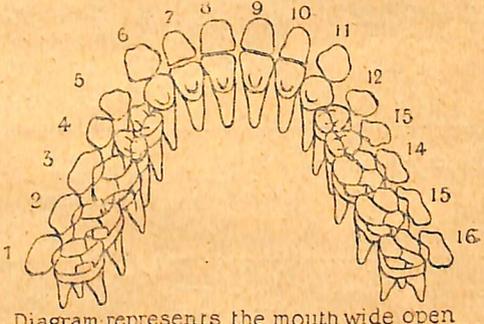
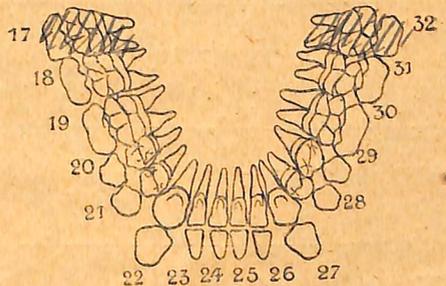


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Upper jaw, even and regular
None visible. NG. 17, 32

7. Disinterment supervised by T. F. Greene Approved: D. E. Lowry
T F Greene jca (Title) 1st Lieut. QMC. jsk

8. Reburial supervised by H. L. Kramer Approved: A. B. Dewey
H. L. Kramer (Title) 1st Lt. QMC.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

Form 115  
att 4/13/22  
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I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BENSON, Rolla Ser. No. 105856 } TYP .....

(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D. 2nd M.G. Bn. } .....

(c) Date of death 10-21-18 Cause of death DWRIA } .....

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

(a) Grave No. .... Row ..... Plot ..... Sect. .... TYP lo

(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Robert Benson (Father), Ava, Illinois

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

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

A.G.O. Card no date

Robert Benson (Father)

Wishes body to remain in Europe

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192)  
(Letter of transmittal on 8/14 1920)

Par. 2. Not to be returned.

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. Dec. 9, 1920. 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. FEB 21 1921 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 86 SHEET NO. 45

P.R.S. FORM 115-A  
August, 1920

FORM 115-A COMPLETED  
HOBOKEN Dec. 23, 1920

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 43664

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*22/24/22*  
*Exhumed*  
*Concentration*  
*7233*  
*St. Mihail*  
*att 4/13/22*

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1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BENSON, Rolla Ser. No. 105856 )  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D. 2nd. M.G. Bn. ) TYP. EML  
(c) Date of death 10-21-18 of death DWRIA ) CKR. 8/8  
(d) Cause )

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

(a) Grave No. 230 Row --- Plot --- Sect. --- ) TYP. EML  
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Robert Benson (father), Ava, Illinois.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases: No Card ) CKR. E.L.

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Robert Benson (b) Relationship Father  
(c) Address Ava, Ill.  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No.  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at yes  
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S. ---

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

Examiner's Initials ATH Date 5-21- 1920

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

dated ---, confirmed request in Par. IV. item ---, above, or requesting that

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials JOB Date 5/21/ 1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes - MHS

Examiner's Initials MHS Date 5/22/ 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY NO. 86

SHEET NO. 85

G.R.S. Form #115

Amended April 6, 1920.

FORM 115 A COMPLETED

Make Form #114

H-12-15-A

Rechecked  
MEX 12-30

*Remains 4-7-21 GEN*

RECEIVED

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 Trade \_\_\_\_\_, 1920 FEB 21 1921

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_

Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

1920

CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by-

( cable on \_\_\_\_\_ 1920  
( letter on 8/14 1920

Par. # 2. Not to be returned. (Mach)

AP. 12-6-20

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE

ACTION TAKEN

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

**CONCENTRATE**  
**per Office Memo 11**

SEP 1 1921

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

2-21-21

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Jan. 18, 1921 - P.M. Ava Ill. advises father  
Mr. Robert Benson removed to Menard, Ill. - (4-1-22-21-8.)

Letter from father, <sup>dated Jan. 20, '21</sup> Menard, Ill, requests remains  
be buried in France, BR. (H) 1-26-21

1-18-21 Letter from Postmaster, Ava, Illinois, advising that  
Robert Benson, father, moved to Menard, Ill. and that our com-  
munication to him has been forwarded to ~~that office~~ Postmaster  
of that town. 1-23-21

Let 2-1-21 fr. Robert Benson, Father Menard Ill  
Requesting remains remain in France <sup>in his first routing place.</sup> with 7/12/21

Soldier has no wife or children - (4-2-11-21-8)

2/16/21 Hoboken advises father his  
wish will be complied with. 4-7-21 JEN

Let. 7/5/21 - Eng advises father body is interned in a camp  
Amer. City. Body may be removed to a port French City by see  
sending the enclosed release. If desired body may remain  
to a port Amer. City. with 9/12/21

436 B4

# GRAVE LOCATION BLAN

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Benson, Rolla (no number)  
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Pvt., Co. D, 2nd E. G. Bn.  
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: U.S. Army Base Hospital #67, Meves Hospital Center, Nièvre.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Aerobones Capsulatus infection following GSW

DATE OF BURIAL: Thigh right "S" (L) - Not result of own misconduct. 21st October, 1918.

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

Meves, Nièvre, France.

GRAVE NUMBER: Temporary.

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? To Cross.

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

Ava, Illinois.

NEAREST RELATIVE: No Record

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: [Signature]

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

OSP REG

Inquiry Branch

See ind. on letter  
of 1-27-21

post card

6-23-21

H. C.

File O.S.P.  
MH 7/12/21

July 5th, 1921.

293.8 Com. #45664 (Benson, Hollis, Private)

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cometarial Division)

Mr. Robert Benson, Chenoa, Illinois.

FILE

Disposition of remains.

1. The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of your son, Private Hollis Benson, Company D, 2nd Machine Gun Battalion, remain permanently interred in the American cemetery at Leves, Department of Mexico. This cemetery is temporary and must be abandoned at some future date. At that time the body of your son will be transferred to the nearest permanent French cemetery provided you execute and return the enclosed Release, relieving this Government of the future maintenance of the grave. If you prefer that this Government maintain the grave of this soldier, his body will ultimately be transferred to one of the permanent American cemeteries in France. In this connection your attention is invited to paragraph 49 of the enclosed Cometerial Division Bulletin No. 10-4-7.

2. It is requested that you immediately advise this office as to your final wishes in the matter of the disposition of this body. If no request to the contrary is received within a reasonable length of time, the body must necessarily be transferred to a permanent American cemetery.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

encl.

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CHARLES J. WYNN,  
Captain, Q. M. C. Jew

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JUL - 5 1921

C.R.S.

FORWARD TO O.S.P.

JUL 6 1921

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-section

Noted on F. No. 115  
MH 7/12/21  
copy filed in O.S.P.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

February 17, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch.  
(BENSON, Rolla)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G., Overseas  
Project Sub-section, Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records-Cemetery #86.  
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 1319.

1. The records pertaining to the following case are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

45 ✓ Benson, Rolla Private, Serial Number  
105856, Company D, 2nd M. G. Bn.

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

By:

*F. C. Pallas*

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

1 Incl.

*R 2/21/21 K*

February 16th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Com. Div. Cor. Br.  
(Benson, Rolla)The Postmaster,  
Ava, Illinois.

Sir:-

Receipt of your letter of January 16th, 1921, conveying information relative to the present address of Mr. Robert Benson, father of the late Rolla Benson, Private, Serial Number 105856, Co. D., 2nd M.C. Bn., is acknowledged with thanks.

Your assistance in this connection is greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:-

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

BY:-

*mf*  
J. F. BUTLER,  
1st Lieut., Infantry.

mc/rkj.

M. O. P. D.

FEB 19 1921



February 16th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Com. Div. Cor. Br.  
(Benson, Polla)

Mr. Robert Benson,  
Chester, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of your communication of recent date, relative to the disposition of the remains of the late Polla Benson, Private, Serial Number 105856, Co. D., 2nd Machine Gun Battalion, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your request, the remains of the late soldier will be left in France, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. You are assured that the grave will be well cared for and maintained as a fitting memorial to the sacrifice made by your son.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:-

P. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, O. M. Corps.  
Officer in Charge.

BY:-

J. F. BUTLER,  
1st Lieut., Infantry

MC/rkj.

Ma. O.P.D.  
FEB 19 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,  
Pier #2, Hoboken, New Jersey.

January 27, 1921.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.  
( BENSON, Rolla. )

Mr. Robert Benson,  
Menard, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of your letter of January 20th, relative to the disposition of remains of your son, the late Rolla Benson, Serial No. 105856, Private, Co. B. 2nd M. G. Battalion, is hereby acknowledged.

Kindly inform this office without delay, whether or not the late soldier is survived by a widow or children, and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

If the deceased soldier is not so survived, your wishes will be complied with and the body left in France, in a permanent American Cemetery, under the constant care and supervision of our Government.

An early reply, will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

*J. F. Butler*  
J. F. BUTLER,  
1st Lieutenant, Infantry.

Chester, Ill. 2/1/21/

Dear Sirs:- In the matter of my son, Rolla Benson, Serial No. 105856 Private, Co. B. 2nd M. G. Battalion, I desire that the body remain in France in his first resting place, feeling that his grave will be looked after where he now lies. Thanking you for the above information I am as ever,

*Robert Benson*  
----- Father of Rolla Benson. H

P.S. The above Soldier referred to has no wife or children.



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
 CEMETERY DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,  
 Pier 42, Hoboken, New Jersey.

January 27, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.  
 ( BENSON, Rolla. )

Mr. Robert Benson,  
 Monard, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of your letter of January 20th, relative to the disposition of remains of your son, the late Rolla Benson, Serial No. 105856, Private, Co. B, 2nd U. S. Battalion, is hereby acknowledged.

Kindly inform this office without delay, whether or not the late soldier is survived by a widow or children, and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

If the deceased soldier is not so survived, your wishes will be complied with and the body left in France, in a permanent American Cemetery, under the constant care and supervision of our Government.

An early reply, will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. V. SHANNON,  
 Captain, U. S. Corps,  
 Officer in Charge.

BY:

J. P. BUTLER,  
 1st Lieutenant, Infantry.

HR:HM



United States Postoffice

AVA, ILLINOIS

F. W. MEISENHEIMER

Postmaster

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Ava, Ill. Jan. 18 1921

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R. E. Shannon, Capt. etc.  
Hoboken, N. J.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 14th. inst. I wish to inform you that Mr. Robert Benson, father of the late Rolla Benson, removed to Menard, Ill. some time ago and his mail has been forwarded to that office.

I have forwarded your communication to the postmaster at Menard, Ill. who doubtless will secure the information desired.

Yours truly,

*F. W. Meisenheimer, P.M.*

NOTED ON FORM  
1-22-21

*Notes on 1/18*  
*H-24-21*  
*P.W.*

United States Postoffice

AVA, ILLINOIS

F. W. MEISENHEIMER

Postmaster

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Ava, Ill. . . . . 18 1921.

86-45

Postmaster,  
Menard, Ill.

ca  
Inclosed find communication sent to me for information but since the party wanted has moved to Menard as a guard I am forwarding the letter to you and you will please obtain the desired information and forward same to R. S. Shannon, Captain, Quartermaster Corps, Pier 2, Hoboken, N.J.

*F. W. Meisenheimer,  
Postmaster*

S-1-3121

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C.  
 Pier 2, Hoboken, New Jersey.

January 14, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.  
 (BENSON, Rolla )

Postmaster,  
 Ava, Illinois.

Sir:-

This office has been unable to secure a reply to communications addressed to Mr. Robert Benson, your city, father of the late Rolla Benson, Private, Serial Number 105856, Co. D. 2nd M.G. Battalion.

It is, therefore, requested that you communicate with Mr. Benson, and inform this office whether or not the late soldier is survived by widow or children, and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

If the deceased soldier is not survived by any of the above, it is necessary that you obtain from the father, a signed statement, of his wishes, as to the disposition of the body, stating whether he wishes it left in France in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to him, at Government expense, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

R. E. SHANNON,  
 Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
 Officer in charge.

By: *J. F. Butler*  
 J. F. BUTLER,  
 1st Lieut. Infantry.

*Edward Ill.*

*I desire that his remains be buried in France. Jan 20-1921 Robert Brown*



*noted on Form 114  
 1-26-21. R.R.*

S-1-21-21

WAR DEPARTMENT  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C.  
Pier 2, Hoboken, New Jersey.

January 14, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Com. Div. Cor. Br.  
(BENSON, Rolla )

Postmaster,  
Ava, Illinois.

Sir:-

This office has been unable to secure a reply to communications addressed to Mr. Robert Benson, your city, father of the late Rolla Benson, Private, Serial Number 105856, Co. D. 2nd M.G. Battalion.

It is therefore requested that you communicate with Mr. Benson, and inform this office whether or not the late soldier is survived by widow or children, and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

If the deceased soldier is not survived by any of the above, it is necessary that you obtain from the father, a signed statement, of his wishes, as to the disposition of the body, stating whether he wishes it left in France in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to him at Government expense, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in charge.

By:

J. F. BUTLER,  
1st Lieut. Infantry.

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Mailed-O.F.D.  
JAN 15 1921

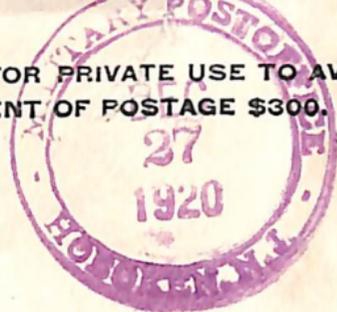
WAR DEPARTMENT

Graves Registration Service

Hoboken, N. J.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

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



RETURN TO WRITER

Forwarded

RETURN TO WRITER

~~Guard~~

Mr. Robert Benson,  
~~Illinois~~

*Add not known*

~~*[Handwritten signature]*~~

~~*[Handwritten signature]*~~

WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q. M. C.  
Room 350, Pier 2, Hoboken, N. J.

December 24, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor. Branch.  
(BENSON, Rolla)

Mr. Robert Benson,  
Ava, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

In order that the records of this office may be complete in the matter of final disposition of remains of the late Private Rolla Benson, Serial Number 105856, Company D, 2nd Machine Gun Battalion, it is necessary that you advise whether the deceased is survived by a widow or children, giving the names and addresses.

The above information is necessary due to the fact that instructions for the disposition of remains can be issued by this office only upon properly executed authority of the legal next of kin.

If the deceased is not survived by the above mentioned persons, it is requested that you state definitely if you wish the body of the late soldier left in France for burial in a National Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

The Department desires to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

*J. E. Butler*  
J. E. BUTLER,  
1st Lieutenant, Infantry.

*Unclaimed*

S-1/10/21

December 24, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Com. Div., Cor. Branch.  
(BENSON, Rolla)

Mr. Robert Benson,  
Ava, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

In order that the records of this office may be complete in the matter of final disposition of remains of the late Private Rolla Benson, Serial Number 105656, Company D, 2nd Machine Gun Battalion, it is necessary that you advise whether the deceased is survived by a widow or children, giving the names and addresses.

The above information is necessary due to the fact that instructions for the disposition of remains can be issued by this office only upon properly executed authority of the legal next of kin.

If the deceased is not survived by the above mentioned persons, it is requested that you state definitely if you wish the body of the late soldier left in France for burial in a National Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

The Department desires to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

FF/TLM

*J. F. Butler*

J. F. BUTLER,  
1st Lieutenant, Infantry.

*JF*

Mailed - O. P. D.  
DEC 27 1920

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

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

TO: Mr. Robert Benson, Ava, Ill.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Rolla Benson, Co. D., 2nd, M.G. Bn., (105856)

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body remain in France.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

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

Date

Signature

Address

Relationship

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

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

JOR

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

TO: Mr. Robert Benson, A.M., Illinois.

JUN 7 - 1920

SUBJECT: Pvt. Rolla Benson

Remains of \_\_\_\_\_

The records of this office show that you have requested that his  
not returned to U. S.

body be \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

PCN

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
Sisters			

RECEIVED  
INQ. BRANCH  
JUN 24 1921  
METEORIAL  
Q.M.G.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

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

(OVER)