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FULL NAME BENSON, Wilton

RANK Cpl. SERIAL 1872502

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co.C, 371st Inf. 93rd Div OK

DATE OF DEATH ~~July~~ January 25 1919

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME S.C.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. *French Croix de Guerre*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 32 19 G
Date Grave Row Block

AW 7-3

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

Robert G. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.
By *R.G.*

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AUG 31 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

23/306/ARK

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Benson	Ben	5	254
BURIED Wilton	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 32	2	32
	ROW 19	2	19
	BLOCK G	1	7
STATE	SC	2	46
RANK	Cpl	1	2
DIVISION	93	2	93
ORGANIZATION	371	3	371
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME Evans,	EVA	3	5 ¹² 241
Mrs Martha A	STATE SC	2	46
RESIDENCE Benson	COUNTY Oconee	2	37
	CITY Seneca	3	+++
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
✓ RACE	BLACK	1	2
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS			
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No	1	
29/514/PJ.	Age 63		

AUDITED

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QM 293 A-M
Benson, Wilton (MA)

October 20, 1932

Mrs. Kenneth Richardson,
% The Richardson Theatre,
Seneca, S. C.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 30th, advising that Mrs. Martha A. Benson Evans is physically unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Corporal Wilton Benson.

It is regretted that Mrs. Evans' health prevents her making a pilgrimage as it is believed she would derive comfort and solace from visiting the grave of her son.

With reference to your inquiry as to any assistance which might be rendered her due to her impoverished condition, it is suggested you communicate with the Director, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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The Richardson Theatre

Kenneth Richardson, Proprietor

Seneca, I. C.

Sept. 30, 1932

Capt. Chas. W. Dietz,
Q.M. Corps,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed letter has been handed to me for reply by Martha A. Benson Evans, who cannot write. She wishes me to tell you that she is not physically able to make trip.

The old woman is in bad shape physically and financially, and needs help. Will you advise me where to write to regarding any aid that might be available for her from the Government.

In reference to your inquiry as to her age, she states that she was born the "year after freedom".

Yours truly,

Francis R. Richardson
(Mrs. Kenneth Richardson)

Refer to V.B.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1932.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Banson, Walton (M) X

Mrs. Martha A. Benson Evans,
312 Pine St.,
Seneca, S. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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


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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? Not physically able
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) Mrs. Martha A. Benson Evans
By J. K. Richardson

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Benson, Wilton MA x

September 8, 1932.

Mrs. Martha A. Benson Evans,
312 Pine St.,
Seneca, S.C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

QM 293 A-M
Benson, Wilton Cpl (MA) N x

July 6, 1931.

SUBJECT: Compensation

TO: Director, United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

1. Enclosed is copy of letter received from Mrs. Kenneth Richardson, Seneca, S.C., written in behalf of Mrs. Martha A. Benson Evans, 312 Pine St., Seneca, S.C. It is referred to you as a matter coming within the jurisdiction of your office.

2. Mrs. Kenneth Richardson has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

Enclosure:
Letter
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QM 293 A-M
Benson, Wilton Cpl (MA) M x

July 6, 1931

Mrs. Kenneth Richardson,
P. O. Box 385,
Seneca, S. C.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of reply to questionnaire forwarded Mrs. Martha A. Benson Evans under date of June 19th, also of your letter of June 26th, written in behalf of Mrs. Evans, stating that she will not be able to make the pilgrimage to Europe to visit the grave of her son, the late Corporal Wilton Benson, on account of ill health.

It is regretted that Mrs. Evans is unable to make the trip during 1932. However, her name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage during the summer months of 1933, and she will be further communicated with relative thereto.

There is no provision of law whereby any mother or widow may be furnished a money allowance or any other compensation in lieu of the pilgrimage, in the event she is not able or does not desire to make the journey.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the United States Veterans Bureau for possible compensation Mrs. Evans may be *entitled* able to receive.

Your interest in the matter is greatly appreciated.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Richardson Theatre

Kenneth Richardson. Prop.

P. O. Box 385

Seneca, S. C.

June 26, 1931

Capt. A.D. Hughes

Q.M. Corps,

War Department,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Martha Benson I am returning the letter concerning the trip to Europe. The old woman is too feeble to make the trip.

I am writing to ask you if anything can be done to secure some kind of allowance for her. She is an illiterate negro woman who is too feeble to do much work. She receives something from War Risk insurance, about \$11.00 per month, which is her main means of support.

I would appreciate your giving either me or her any information that you have about this.

Yours truly,

Francis P. Richardson
(Mrs Kenneth Richardson)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Benson, Wilton Cpl. (M-A) M X

June 19, 1931.

Mrs. Martha A. Benson Evans,
312 Pine St.,
Seneca, S. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

No

Write answer here

Martha Benson

Sign here

By F.R.R.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Benson, Wilton 1232 M X

Mrs. Martha A. Benson Evans,
312 Pine St.,
Seneca, S. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931?

No no my health is not good
(Write answer here)

(Mrs) Martha A. Benson Evans
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Benson, Wilton 1232 M

Mrs. Martha A. Benson Evans,
312 Pine St.,
Seneca, S. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>63</u> Health <u>(63)</u>	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language <u>None</u> (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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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Benson, Wilton
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Martha ^ABenson Evans,
R. #5
Seneca, S. Car.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

Never Married

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.

*Mrs Martha Benson
Evans
312 Pine St Seneca
S.C.
Mother*

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

No. (Health Bad)

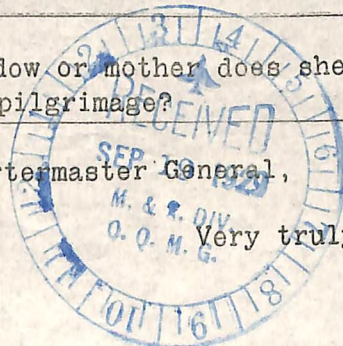
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

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Act of Congress
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Martha ^ABenson Evans,
R 5,
Seneca, S. C.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Cpl. Wilton Benson, Co. C, 361st 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,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M
Benson, Wilton (MA)

October 20, 1932

Mrs. Kenneth Richardson,
% The Richardson Theatre,
Seneca, S. C.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 30th, advising that Mrs. Martha A. Benson Evans is physically unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Corporal Wilton Benson.

It is regretted that Mrs. Evans' health prevents her making a pilgrimage as it is believed she would derive comfort and solace from visiting the grave of her son.

With reference to your inquiry as to any assistance which might be rendered her due to her impoverished condition, it is suggested you communicate with the Director, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Benson, Wilton MA x

September 8, 1932.

Mrs. Martha A. Benson Evans,
312 Pine St.,
Seneca, S.C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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Sign here

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1932.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Banson, Walton (MA) x

Mrs. Martha A. Banson Evans,
312 Pine St.,
Seneca, S. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Benson, Wilton Cpl (IA) M x

July 6, 1931

Mrs. Kenneth Richardson,
P. O. Box 385,
Seneca, S. C.

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A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the United States Veterans Bureau for possible compensation Mrs. Evans may be entitled to receive.

Your interest in the matter is greatly appreciated.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Benson, Wilton Cpl (MA) M x

July 6, 1931.

SUBJECT: Compensation

TO: Director, United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

1. Enclosed is copy of letter received from Mrs. Kenneth Richardson, Seneca, S.C., written in behalf of Mrs. Martha A. Benson Evans, 312 Pine St., Seneca, S.C. It is referred to you as a matter coming within the jurisdiction of your office.

2. Mrs. Kenneth Richardson has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

Enclosure:
Letter
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Benson, Wilton Cpl. (M-A) M

June 19, 1931.

Mrs. Martha A. Benson Evans,
312 Pine St.,
Seneca, S. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Benson, Wilton 1252 E

Mrs. Martha A. Benson Evans,
312 Pine St.,
Seneca, S. C.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Benson, Wilton 1232 M

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Dear Madam:

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

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4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Benson, Wilton
1232

September 4, 1929.

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R. #5
Seneca, S. Car.

Dear Madam:

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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?

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

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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
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Martha Benson Evans,
R 5,
Seneca, S. C.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Opl. Wilton Benson, Co. C. 351st Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Muse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Muse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

Benson

Wilton

1,872,502

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Cpl

Co C 351 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

I am his Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes.

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes 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.)

Martha Benson Seneca, N.C.

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

(Number and street or rural route.)

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(City, town, or post office.)

Seneca, N.C.

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn

582

10-20-20

Checked
R.S. 11/8/20

In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R

96513

Dec. 4, 1922.

Mrs. Martha Benson Evans
Route # 5,
Seneca, S. C.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of
the late Wilton Benson, Corporal, Company C,
371st Infantry, is Grave 32, Row 19, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, 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, 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,

MAILED

DEC 4 1922

H. J. CONNER,
Assistant.

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G.R.S.

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DATE 4/13/22

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1. NAME BENSON, Wilton SERIAL No. 1872502

RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co.C, 351st Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION French Communal Cty, Bruyeres-en-Vosges, Vosges, 582
CTY. NAME NUMBER

422

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 422 BRUYERES-en-Vosges (Vosges)

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Map EPINAL N.E.85, GRS. PLAT A-400

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.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR S.H. HUNSICKER, 1st Lt. QMC., Supervisor Area No. 4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 4/13/22 32 19 G
DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

Meuse Argonne American Cty # 1232 Romagne sous Montfaucon
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
SER 9/15/22

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan 24th 1921

1. REMAINS OF Benson Wilton SERIAL NUMBER 1869895-1872502
Early / Horace /
RANK Pvt. - 1/c - Cpl ORGANIZATION Gq. Co. 371st Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): 1-24-21 From (give complete location): Gr. # 422 in Cem. # 582

By: Group 6 Unit Section 11.

3. Reburied (date): April 13, 1922. In (give complete location): Meuse argonne Cemetery # 1232. Gr. 32, Bl. G, Row 19.

By: Group Reburial S Unit Interment

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

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Body found under cross of Donald Pons in Grave # 422. Pons body later found under another cross.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) unable to estimate
due to decomposition

(b) Weight (estimated) unable to estimate

(c) Hair—Color none discernable.

Quantity none

Characteristics none

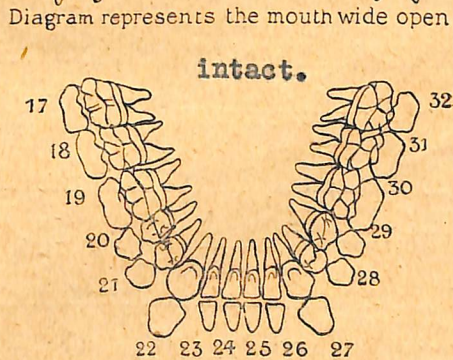
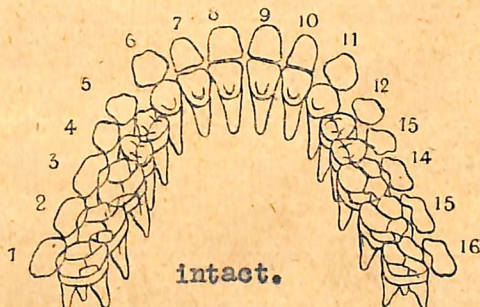
(d) Hair on face—Color none discernable.

Location none

Quantity none

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) teeth no 8 & 9 very large and protruding

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)
none discernable.



D-60380

7. Disinterment supervised by Sgt. Elza Holmes

Approved: Sgd. C. J. Blake,
1st Lt. QMG.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature]

Approved:

(Title)

A. True Copy,

W.B. Sheild, H. Joffe, 1st Lt. QMG

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

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE

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, Wilton** 10. Name
 2. No. **1872502** 11. No.
 3. Rank **Cpl.** 12. Rank
 4. Org. **Co. C, 371st Inf.** 13. Org.
 5. D.D. **Jan. 25, 1919.** 14. (a) D.D.
 6. C.D. **Grippe & Pneumonia** (b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. **422** Sec. 15. Grave No. Sec.
 8. Plot Row 16. Plot Row
 9. 17.

18. Cemetery **French Communal** 19. Commune or town **Bruyeres-en-Vosges**
 20. Dept. or County **Vosges** 21. Country **France**
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. **# 582**

23. Disinterred (Date) **1/24/21** By **Elza O. Holmes**

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Serial No.
 Rank Organization

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? **No** On body? **No**

(Sgd) **Julian B. Foster**
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

Body found under cross of Donald Pons in Grave 422. Pons later found under another cross.

27. Condition of body **Badly decomposed.**

28. Nature of burial **Body naked in pine 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 **1/24/21** By **Elza O. Holmes**

31. Casket sealed by **Elza O. Holmes**

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor **(Sgd) Elza O. Holmes**

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box) Box No. C-26868

32. Designation of body:

Name Wilton Benson Serial No. 1872502

Rank Cpl. Organization Co.C, 371st Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American Cty. #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon Meuse.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 1/24/21 By Elza O. Holmes

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 C.J. Blake, 2nd Lt., Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) 1/24/21

To point of Concentration Morgue, St. Die (Name)

Convoyer W.J. Royed Signature Shipping Officer C.J. Blake, 2nd Lt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 3/2/21

By G.R.S. Representative J.P. Glandon, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C., Commanding Railhead #3

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 4/7/21

To ~~Permanent Cemetery~~ Antwerp (Name)

Convoyer E. Bayon Signature Shipping Officer J.P. GLANDON, 1st Lt. QMC
Commanding Railhead #3

40. Received: Date April 14, 1921, ANTIWERP, BELGIUM.

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred, Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232. April 13, 1922

(Date)

42. Grave No. 32 Section

43. Plot G Row 19

G.R.S. Representative I.H. Joffe, 1st Lt. QMC.



R.P.S. memo

R. P. HARBOLD, Major QMC

Certified a true copy of exhumation data taken from G.R.S. Form #14 for IALY, Horace, #1869895, Pvt. 1/cl. Hq. Co. 371st Inf., which remains were identified as BENSON, Wilton.

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disk or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail) Body found under cross of Donald Pons in Grave 422. Pons later found under another cross.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed.

28. Nature of burial Body naked in pine 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 1/24/21 (Date.) By Elza O. Holmes

31. Casket sealed by Elza O. Holmes
Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor) Elza O. Holmes

RECEIVED (Stamp: MAY 12 1921)
SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 18098

32. Designation of body { Name Benson, Milton Serial No. 1872302
Rank Prvt 1st Cpl Organization Co C 371st Inf.

33. CONSIGNEE—Name Miss Sarah Benson RFD #3 Sandy Spring, Md.
Address Allen, S. Car. (Box & Teleg., Allen, S. C.)

34. Casket boxed and marked 1/24/21 (Date.) By Elza O. Holmes

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: C. J. Blake
2nd Lt., Q.M.C.,

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from cemetery 1/24/21 (Date.) To Morgue, St. Die. (Point of concentration.)

Convoyer M. J. Ruyel Signature Shipping Officer C. J. Blake
2nd Lt., Q.M.C.,

38. Received at point of concentration 1/24/21 (Date.)
Signature Receiving Officer J. P. Glandon
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

39. Shipped from point of concentration 7 APR 1921 (Date.)
To Antwerp (Port.) Convoyer M. J. Ruyel
J. P. Glandon
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

Signature Shipping Officer J. P. Glandon
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.
Commanding, Railhead # 3.

40. Received European port (Date.)
Signature of G. R. S. Representative

41. Shipped to (U. S. port.) On (Boat.)
Date Convoyer (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

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

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

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S. Benson Milton

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

- 1. Name BAILY, HORACE 10. Name
2. No. 1869895 1872502 11. No.
3. Rank Pvt. 1st Cpl 12. Rank
4. Org Hqs. Co., 371st Inf. 13. Org
5. D. D. 10/26/18 1-25-19 14. (a) D. D.
6. (b) D. D. Grippel Pneumonia 15. (b) D. B.

(Am 2-1)

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

- 7. Grave No. 568 Sec. 15. Grave No. 422 Sec.
8. Plot Row 16. Plot Row
9. 17.

- 18. Cemetery French Communal Cty.,
19. Commune or town Bruyeres - en - Vosges
20. Department or county Vosges
21. Country France 22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 582
23. Disinterred 1/24/21 (Date.) By Elza O. Holmes
24. Inscription Name Serial No.
on Rank Organization
grave marker
25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? No On body? No

Signature of Julian B. Foster
Julian B. Foster. Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

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

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date: Jan. 24, 1921

1. REMAINS OF Benson, Milton
BALY, Horace

SERIAL NUMBER 1869895

RANK Pvt 1/c

ORGANIZATION Hq. Co. 371st Inf.

2. Disinterred (date):

From (give complete location):

1-24-21

Grave #422 in Cem. #582

By: Group 6

Unit Section II

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

By: Group

Unit

Nature of reburial

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

Wooden box, naked

Badly decomposed

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No

On grave marker? No

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

Body found under cross of Donald Pons in Grave #422. Pons body later found under another cross. The body herein referred to is probably the body of Pvt. 1/c Horace Baly but from the information available positive assertion as to identity cannot be made.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) estimated unable to estimate

(b) Weight (estimated) due to decomposition unable to estimate

(c) Hair—Color none discernible

Quantity none

Characteristics none

(d) Hair on face—Color none discernible

Location none

Quantity none

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Teeth No. 8 & 9 very large and protruding

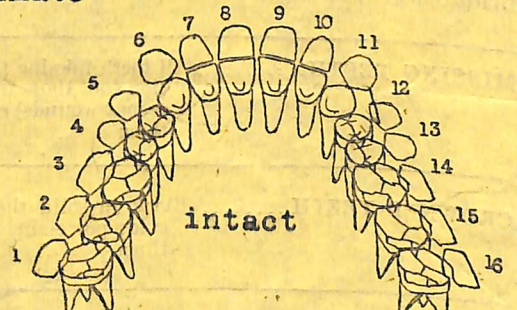
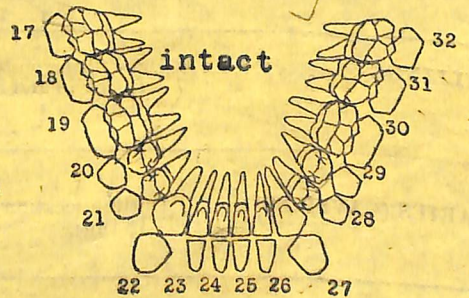


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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

none discernible

7. Disinterment supervised by

Elza O. Holmes

Approved:

C. J. Blake
(Title) 2nd Lt., G.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by

Approved:

(Title)

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Shipping from Port of Antwerp: DATE

3 AVR 1922

To Permanent Cemetery

Maise Argonne Amer Ctr 1233

(Name)

Convoyer P.G. Billheimer, Sig. Shipping Officer

[Handwritten Signature]
Jos. J. McConville,
Captain, Q.M.C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BENSON, Wilton Ser. No. 1872502
 (b) Rank Corporal Organization Co. C, 371st Infantry TYP. vbb
 (c) Date of death 1-25-19 (d) Cause of death Grippe and pneumonia CKR. H. K.

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

(a) Grave No. 618 Row 422 Plot - Sec. - TYP. vbb
 (b) Emerg. Address Sarah Benson, Sandy Spring, S. C. no relationship stated
 III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. KB

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none
 (a) Name Mirtha Benson (b) Relationship mother
 (c) Address Laneville, S. C.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. -
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials MKS Date 10-20, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials MKS Date 10-20, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes 26 st.
 Examiner's Initials 26 st. Date 10-27, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 582 SHEET No. 3

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

MB 11-17-20

checked
Feb 11/8/20

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

NOV 26 20

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on _____, 1920

letter on **NOV 13 1920**, 1920

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

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RECEIVED

NOV 26 1921

Office of the Director
Cemetery Project Section

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Investigation made by this office shows correct grave location as gr. 422, body disinterred from this grave and at present in morgue awaiting shipment to P. A. C. Km 3-21-22.

2nd Ind.

File 334 - Cty. #582.

From: O.Q.M.G., Cem.Div. - Washington, D.C. February 18, 1922. To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

1. Reference preceding indorsement from your office dated December 10, 1921, forwarding report of investigation relative to discrepancies in report of Board of Review on burials in Cemetery # 582, Bruyeres-en-Vosges, (Vosges), you are advised that the records of this office have been adjusted to show Pvt. 1/cl. Horace ~~Wily~~, # 1869895, Headquarters Company 371st Infantry date of death October 26, 1918; buried in Grave # 568, American Plot, Cty.#582; also, Corporal Wilton Benson, # 1872502, Company C, 371st Infantry, date of death January 25, 1919; disinterred from Grave # 422, Cty. #582, Bruyeres-en-Vosges, now held in the morgue at Port of Antwerp, and the records of your office should be adjusted accordingly.

2. Attention is again invited to the fact that the organization of Corporal Benson is 371st Infantry and date of death is January 25, 1919, inasmuch as letter from your office dated January 17, 1922, file 293.8 Cty. 1232, gives this soldier's organization as 351st Infantry and date of death as February 27, 1919.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

EW:GG
CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Captain, Q.M. Corps.

Inv. & Adj.

COPY

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
8, AVENUE D'ENNA.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE.

HW
HW.NWA

File No. *273.8 Reports Cty 582* PARIS, France.
July 13, 1922.

SUBJECT: G.R.S. Forms.

TO: The Quartermaster General, Munitions
Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Reference paragraph 2, letter from this office dated January 17th 1922, forwarding G.R.S. Forms covering concentration of ten bodies from French Communal Cemetery #582, Bruyeres (Vosges) into Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), there are forwarded herewith G.R.S. Forms 1-A, 114-A, 16-A and 114-B covering concentration of Cpl. Wilton BENSON, 1872502, Co. C., 371st Infantry.

FOR THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE:

R. P. Harbold
R. P. HARBOLD
Assistant.

4 Encls.

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

*Please
Rush*

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Benson, Wilton, Corporal

582 - 3

Oct. 28, 1920

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

C-168145

1872502

Co. C. 351st Inf.

Date of death - 1-25-19

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE 11/6/20

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Martha Benson Evans,

(Mother)

Address:

R.F.D. #5, Seneca, South Carolina.

NS-8438/JC

2nd Request

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

*Please
Push*

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Benson, Wilton, Cpl.

582 - 3

Nov. 3, 1920

C-168145

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

1872502

Co. C. 351st Inf.

Date of death - 1-25-19

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE

11/9/20.

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Martha Benson Evans

Mother

Address:

R.F.D. #5, Box 14, Seneca, North Carolina

96513

G.R.S. Form No. 6; Central Records Division.
Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.
SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- () Surname: BENSON
- () Number: 1872502
- () First name: Wilton
- () Rank: Corporal
- () Company: "G"
- () Organization: 371st. Infantry.
- () Date of death:
- () Cause:
- () Place:

Location of hospital:

Number : " "

Class " "

(✓) Relative: Sarah Benson

(✓) Relationship: ?

(✓) Address: Sandy Spring, S.C.

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

dated:

- () Reported to Washington:
- C.C. Nos:
- (UnderSCORE the "official" C.C.)
- () Remarks:
- () Show present status on reverse side.

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

Initials of Reporter:

Handwritten initials

FILE

96513

February 7, 1922.

Memo. to Miss Boland;

CASES OF:

BENSON 1872502 Wilton,
Cpl. Co. C, 371st Inf.
DD 1-25-19.

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FILE

EALY 1869895 Horace,
Pvt. 1/c Hdq. Co. 371st Inf.
DD 10-26-18.

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of this office

It is the decision that the UNKNOWN soldier disinterred from Gr. #422, Bruyeres-en-vosges #582, which is now being held at the Port of Antwerp are those of Cpl. Wilton Benson.

Cpl. Benson is not to be returned to United States.

Pvt. 1/c Horace Ealy has been identified as in Grave 566, Amer. Plot, Cty. #582.

The remains of Pvt. Ealy to be returned to United States.

The case of JACKSON 1872262 Lee, Pvt. Co. B, 371 st Inf., and who was returned to United States on the U.S.A.T. Wheaton April 30, 1921 is straight. Pvt. Jackson was taken from Gr. 579, French Communal Cty. #582, Bruyeres-en-Vosges, (Vosges).

Macaulay
INVESTIGATOR.

(300.4 GRS - B/R)

cty 582

ARMY DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

FILE

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MEMO FOR:
Cards Department.

1.
CASE OF:

Co. C, 351st Inf.

ORGANIZATION (Old)

Benson, Wilton

(Name)

FILE

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

ORGANIZATION (New) Co. C, 371st Inf.

FILE NO.	Date	Place	F-1A No.
SURNAME	Orig.	Qty. 582	D- 1636
SERIAL NUMBER	1st. Reb.		D-
FIRST NAME AND INITIALS	2nd Reb.		D-
RANK	3rd Reb.		D-

DATE OF DEATH
CAUSE OF DEATH

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

BY: Ethel C. Cawley

Inv. & Adj.

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By B
S/3324/LML

TRANSLATION

This is to certify that the American Soldier Wilton Benson, 371st Infantry, has been buried, under number 618, in the grave where previously was buried Lieut. Thomas Walsh, who had been removed to be re-buried in the Officers' plot, according to the wish of an American Nurse, Miss Backer.

BRUYERES, 1st DECEMBER 1921.

(signed) C. Georges
Caretaker of the
Military graves,
Communal Cty of Bruyeres.

(signed)
Alph. Hartmann
American
Caretaker.

LB/

(both present at burial of Wilton Benson).

Camille Georges

A BRUYÈRES (VOSGES)

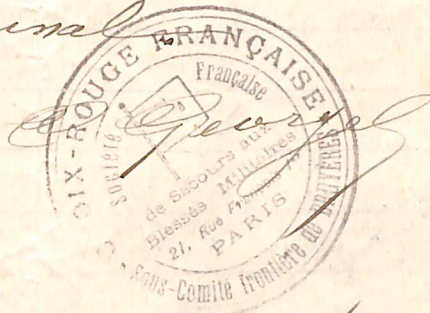
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Je soussigné certifie, ayant assisté à l'enterrement,
que le soldat américain Wilton Benson, du 371^e R. I.
a été inhumé sous le n^o 618, dans la fosse du
Lieutenant Hans Ekman, qui avait été relevé pour
être mis à part, en sa qualité d'officier, sur le
désir d'une infirmière américaine: Miss Backet.

Bruyères le 1^{er} décembre 1921.

Le conservateur des tombes militaires au
cimetière communal



Alph. Hartmann

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

Date July 21, 1921

File No. 96513

Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

a. Surname. BENSON,

f. Date of death. 1-25-19.

b. Christian name. Wilton

g. Cause of death. Grippe & Pneumonia

c. Serial number 1872502

h. Authority (C. C. No.) #467

d. Organization Co. C, 371st Inf.

i. Emergency address. Mrs. Martha Benson,
R. 3, Sandy Spring, S.C.

e. Rank. Cpl.

j. Relationship. Mother.

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Age at enlistment.

a. Strike out teeth missing:

b. Color of eyes. Brown

§ 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Upper right Upper left

c. Color of hair. Black

§ 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Lower right Lower left

d. Height. 6' 1"

e. Weight. 164# (farmer)

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)

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

By

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

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FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1128

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G.R.S. Form S-W-A-0
Information requested of A.C.O. **ADJUSTMENT MADE** Date 10/20/20.

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- a. Surname **Benson** ✓
- b. Christian name **Wilton** ✓
- c. Serial Number **1872502** ✓
- d. Organization ~~Co. C, 371st Inf.~~ **Co. C, 351 Inf.** ✓
- e. Rank **Cpl.** ✓
- f. Date of death **1/25/19** ✓
- g. Cause of death **Grippe and Pneumonia** ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#) **467**
- i. Emergency address **Miss Sarah Benson R.F.D. #3 Sandy Spring Md.**
- j. Relationship **Sister**

BODY DESCRIPTION
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

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(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

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H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,
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BY: *[Signature]*
H. J. CONNER,
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1st Lieut. OMC.

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