

G.R.S. Form #114 B

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FEB 11 1926

DATE

1. NAME Bentley, Richard E. SERIAL No. 1215694

RANK Cpl ORGANIZATION Co. I. 108th Inf & DIVISION 27th

GRAVE LOCATION Brit. Mil. Cty. St. Souplet (Nord) 642

CTY. NAME NUMBER

13 1 A

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 12, Row 1, Plot A, St. Souplet Nord

Form 1-A dated Feb. 11, 1919 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 13 NE E. 198.9 N. 370.1

CONCENTRATED TO Feb. 1, 1921. 13 1 A

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Brit. Mil. Cty. St. Souplet (Nord) 642

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Form 16-A, dated Feb. 1, 1921, signed E. W. Austin, Major, FA., gives no tag buried with body. Corporal chevrons on sleeve. Collar ornaments U. S. A. G. 108-I Inf.

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 17, '18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME New York

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

LOUIS R. DICE, Major, CAC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/13/22 8 21 Block D

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

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FEB 11 1926

WORLD WAR DIV.

Somme American Cemetery #636, Bony, Aisne.

CEMETERY

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AUDITED BY

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



Co. L. 108th Inf.  
27th Division

BENTLEY, Richard E. - Cpl. 1215694  
Home: Horseheads, N.Y.

"We were advancing to the right of Banderbilt Farm on the 10,  
of October 1918 at about 5:00 A.M. When a piece of shrapnel struck a  
phosphorus smoke bomb that Bentley was carrying tied to his mask gas  
igniting it and setting his clothes and body on fire. It was impossi-  
ble to put out the blaze out, and he burned to death in about twenty  
minutes.

Informant: Helsing, Charles A. - Cpl. 1215793.  
Co. L. 108th Inf.  
Home: 356 West Sixth St. Elmira, N.Y.  
February 10/18.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb 1, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BENTLEY, Richard E SERIAL NUMBER 1215694  
 RANK Cpl ORGANIZATION Co. L. 108th Inf

2. Disinterred (date) : Feb 1, 1921 From (give complete location) : Gr. 12. Row 1. Plot A  
 By : Group 4 Unit Sect 7

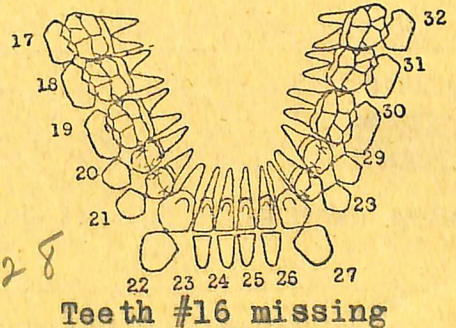
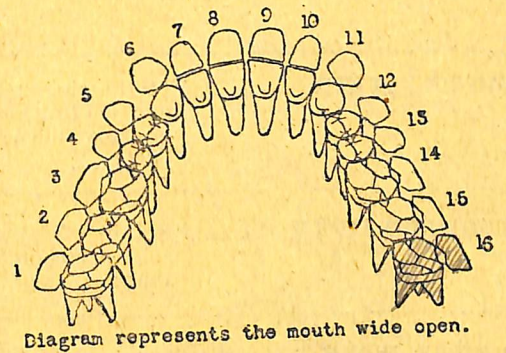
3. Reburied (date) : Feb 1, 1921 In (give complete location) : Gr. 13, Row 1, Plot A  
 By : Group 4 Unit Sect 7 Nature of reburial Blanket & wooden box

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Buried in burlap and O.D. uniform.  
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 :  
Corporal chevrons on sleeve. Collar ornaments U. S. N. G. 108-L-Inf

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

- (a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to deter
- (b) Weight (estimated) Do
- (c) Hair—Color Imp to deter  
 Quantity Large  
 Characteristics straight
- (d) Hair on face—Color None  
 Location do  
 Quantity do



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- (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Imp to deter
- (f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Imp to deter.

7. Disinterment supervised by E. P. DOYLE Approved : E. W. AUSTIN  
CAPT. Q. M. C. (Title) MAJOR. F. A.  
 8. Reburial supervised by E. P. DOYLE Approved : \_\_\_\_\_  
CAPT. Q. M. C. (Title) \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A**

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".  
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

**MISSING TEETH**.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:



**CROWNED TEETH**.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



**BRIDGE WORK**.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:



**FILLINGS**.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



**CARIES (CAVITIES)**.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:

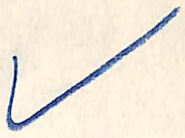


**DENTURES (PLATES)**.....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bentley, Richard E.</i>	<i>Ben</i>	3	254
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>636</i>	1	5
	GRAVE <i>8</i>	2	08
	ROW <i>21</i>	2	21
	BLOCK <i>D</i>	1	4
STATE	<i>N. Y.</i>	2	37
RANK	<i>Cpl.</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>27th</i>	2	27
ORGANIZATION	<i>108th</i>	3	108
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Mrs Wm G Bentley</i> <i>(Emma H.)</i>	<i>Ben</i>	3	254
RESIDENCE	STATE <i>N. Y.</i>	2	37
	COUNTY <i>Clemson</i>	2	08
	CITY <i>Horseheads</i>	3	XXX
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	
29/514/EAB	<i>Age</i>		

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Bentley, Richard E. (Som)

Mrs. William G. Bentley,  
Route 1,  
Horseheads, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

No  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs W G Bentley

QM 293 A-M  
Bentley, Richard E. (Son)

December 24, 1931.

Mrs. William G. Bentley,  
Route #1,  
Horseheads, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bentley, Richard E. Clp. (Som) M

June 15, 1931

Mrs. William Bentley,  
Route #1,  
Horseheads, N. Y.

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.

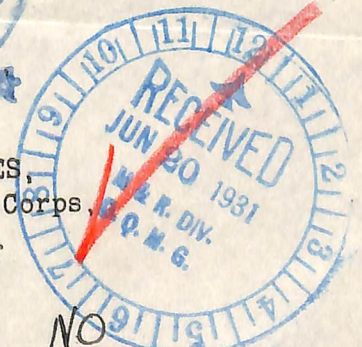
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? NO

Write answer here

*Emma H. Bentley*  
*(Mrs. William Bentley)*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Bentley, Richard E. 636 M

Mrs. William Bentley,  
Route #1,  
Horseheads, N.Y.

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.

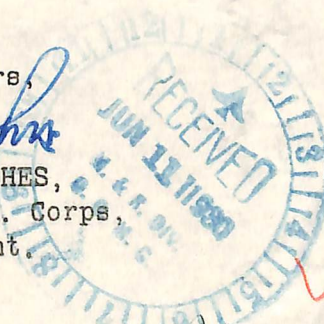
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.



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

(Write answer here)

*Mrs. William Bentley*  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929. ✓

Bentley, Richard E 636 -M

Mrs. William Bentley,  
Route 1,  
Horseheads, N. Y.

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) X
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) X
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) 69 1/2	Health (Good) X (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) X	(No) X
Other language (Specify language spoken)		

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

Horseheads - May 18

Dear Sir

My son Corporal  
Richard E. Bentley was  
not married. He lived  
here on the farm where  
he was born all his life  
'til he enlisted. Then he  
left us and never came  
back

Respy.

Mrs W. G. Bentley  
Horseheads N.Y.  
Route 1

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293~~ A-C

Bentley, Richard E.

May 15 1929.

Mrs. William Bentley,  
Horseheads,  
New York.

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 Corporal Richard E. Bentley, Company L, 108th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, 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,

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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-M

July 12, 1932

Bentley, Richard E. (Son)

Mrs. William G. Bentley,  
Route 1,  
Horseheads, N.Y.

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.

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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?

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(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Bentley, Anthony J. (Sur)

Mrs. Josephine Bentley,  
3527 E. 65th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

QM 293 A-M  
Bentley, Richard E. (Son)

December 24, 1931.

Mrs. William G. Bentley,  
Route #1,  
Horseheads, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Bentley, Richard W. Clp. (Som) M

June 15, 1931

Mrs. William Bentley,  
Route #1,  
Horseheads, N. Y.

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.

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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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Bentley, Richard E. 536 M

Mrs. William Bentley,  
Route #1,  
Horseneads, N.Y.

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.

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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.

Bantley, Richard E 636 -M

Mrs. William Bentley,  
Route 1,  
Horseheads, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293-A-C

Bentley, Richard E.

May 15 1929.

Mrs. William Bentley,  
Horseheads,  
New York.

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 Corporal Richard E. Bentley, Company L, 108th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, 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.

642-11

Bentley, Richard E

1,215,694

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Serial number.)

Cpl Co I 108th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.  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?  No

(Yes or no.)

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

Chas. A. Brown - Adams

W. U.

(Name of person to receive remain's.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

X

Horseheads

N. Y.

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. W. G. Bentley

Route #1.

Horseheads

N. Y.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drumby M

642-11  
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**REVIEWED  
OSP SS.**

JMM-1-28-'21.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

March 17th, 1927.

BENTLEY, Richard E., Corporal,  
Co. L, 108th Infantry,

Mr. William Bentley,  
Horseheads,  
N. Y.

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 overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity for special action or request on the part of relatives.

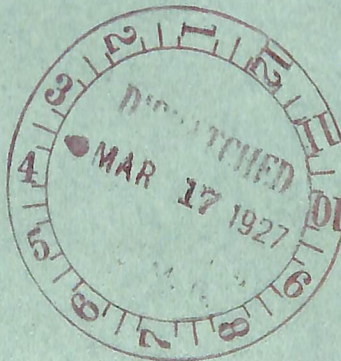
Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

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

DEP *ma*

✓  
1 Incl.  
Record card.



25/560/EYS

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 14, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name Bentley, Richard E  
 2. No. 1215694  
 3. Rank Cpl  
 4. Org. Co. L. 108th Inf  
 5. D.D. Oct. 17, 1918  
 6. C.D. KIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 13 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot A Row 1  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery Brit. Mil. Cty.

19. Commune or town St. Souplet

20. Dept. or County Nord.

21. Country \_\_\_\_\_

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 642

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 14, 1921

By H.T. Geiler

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Richard E. Bentley  
 Rank Cpl.

Serial No. --  
 Organization Co. L. 108th. Inf.

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

Henry Hoffmann  
 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).

This body previously reburied by Field Section. Strip found attached to blanket. Bottle record and strips found agree with Form. Collar ornament: "Co. L. 108 Inf." Cpl's chevrons also found.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecog.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box. Uniform and blanket.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 14, 1921 By H.T. Geiler

31. Casket sealed by H.T. Geiler

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

H.T. Geiler  
H.T. Geiler

AUDITED BY  
5/10/21  
4/11/21

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-1656

32. Designation of body:

Name Bentley, Richard E Serial No. 1215694

Rank Cpl Organization Co.L.108th Inf

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery American Cemetery #636, Bony (Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 14, 1921 By H.T. Gailer

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 J.J. Powers  
J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

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

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 14, 1921

To point of Concentration Roisel, Somme (Name)

Convoyer E.C. Holms Signature Shipping Officer J.J. Powers  
E.C. Holms J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 14, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative Hubert W. Boyette  
Hubert W. Boyette, Capt. QMC

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 14, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery No. 636, Bony, Aisne (Name)

Convoyer E.C. Holms Signature Shipping Officer Hubert W. Boyette  
E.C. Holms H.W. Boyette, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date Oct 14, 1921

G.R.S. Representative W.E. Moore

41. Reinterred Oct. 13, 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 9 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. ~~Block~~ Block D Row 21

G.R.S. Representative D.E. Lowry  
D.E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 14, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BENTLEY, Richard E. SERIAL NUMBER 1215694  
RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. I, 108th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 14, 1921, Gr. 13, Plot A, Row 1, Brit. Mil. Cem. 642, St. Souplet, France,  
From (give complete location):  
By : Group 3 Unit F.S.S

3. Reburied (date): 10/13/22 In (give complete location):  
Grave 9 Row 21 Block D, Somme Cem. #636, Bony (Aism)  
By : Group Reburial Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Reg. Casket, Shipping Case.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Wooden box, U.S. uniform and blanket. Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
This body previously reburied by Field Section; strip found attached to blanket. Bottle record & strips found agree with form 114-A. Collar ornament "Co. I" "108 Inf." Corporals chevrons also found.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?  
(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight, (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color Apparently dark brown  
Quantity Medium  
Characteristics Apparently straight

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible  
Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) (3 Cav., 16 MAD, 31 Cav.)  
None visible.

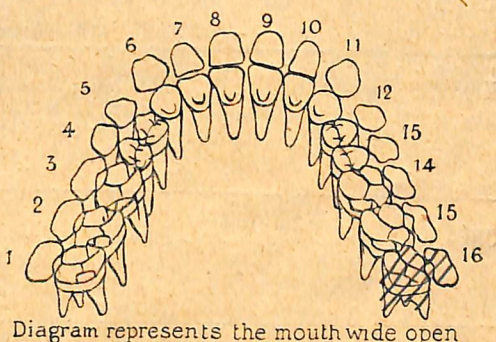
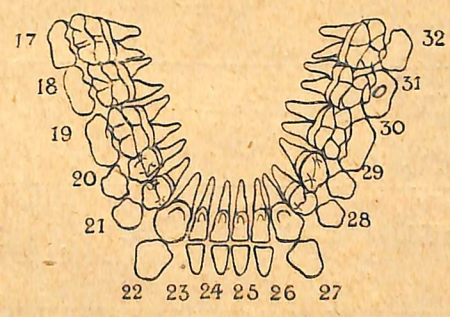


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



Henry Hoffman, Checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by H. T. Keller, Sup. Emb.

Approved: J. J. Powers  
(Title) 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by B. Bradford S.

Approved: D. B. Lowry  
(Title) 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Questions 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.

2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.



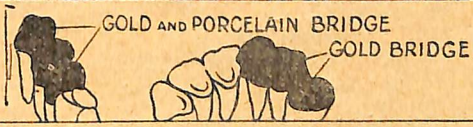
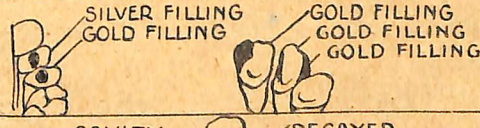

3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
DENTURES (PLATES)	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name <sup>E (8-17)</sup> BENTLY, Richard E. Ser. No. 1215694  
 (b) Rank Corp. Organization Co. L. 108th Infantry. TYP. EN  
 (d) Cause ) CKR. L.S.  
 (c) Date of death 10-17-18 of death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 12 Row 1 Plot Amer-A Sect. - TYP. DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Emma Bently, (Mother) Horseheads, N.Y.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; NO CARD CKR. J.E. H.

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Mrs W. G. Bentley (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address Route #1 Horseheads, N.Y.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at No

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

Chas A. Brown, Horseheads, N.Y.  
Adams Exp. - W. U. Tele -

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

Examiner's Initials A.E.S. Date 8-16- 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 A.E.S. Date 8-16- 1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes AH

Examiner's Initials AH Date 8-16- 1920

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. # 642 SHEET NO. 11  
 G.R.S. Form #115  
 Amended April 6, 1920. Make Form #114

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made Aug. 26th, 1920

Typed by V.A.H.

Checked by JON

Aug. 26th 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by-

( cable on \_\_\_\_\_ 1920

( letter on 8/21 1920

Par. 4 Advice will be furnished at later date  
9/1/20 Europe advised by letter to return  
body. Par. 1 (ess).

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE	ACTION TAKEN
Desires body be	
Body to be shipped to	
<u>8/4/20</u> Sister, Miss Helen E. Bentley, Horseheads, N. Y. States <u>mother desires to</u> <sup>keep body</sup> <u>Remain where buried - Not to</u> <u>be disturbed</u> <u>10/16/20</u>	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Form 120 9/17/20 Mrs. Emma Bentley (mother)  
Horseheads, N. Y., requests body remain in Europe.  
Father, William Bentley, (parents of kin) has same address.

**OCT 6 1920 OVERSEAS ADVISED** by proposed cablegram 145  
not to return body 18 BC.

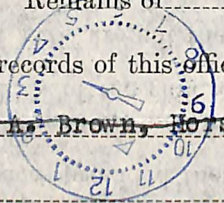
SEP 13 1920

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

*Rush Answer*

642-11

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.  
To: ~~Mrs. G. Bentley~~, Route #1, Horseheads, N.Y.  
SUBJECT: Remains of ~~Corp. Richard E. Bentley~~, Ser. No. 1215694 Co. L, 108th Inf.



The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be shipped to:

~~Chas. A. Brown, Horseheads, N.Y.~~

*Remain in Europe  
Army*

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.

OCT 6 1920 OVERSEAS ADVISED

*by proposed cablegram*

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

*145 not to return body HBC.*

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	<i>Mr. William Bentley living</i>	<i>Horseheads</i>	<i>N.Y.</i>
Mother	<i>Emma Bentley</i>	"	"
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>Robert Bentley</i>	<i>Pine Valley</i>	<i>"</i>
	2 <i>Lawrence Bentley</i>	<i>Hotel Comfort</i>	<i>Asbury Park N.J.</i>
	3 <i>Thomas Bentley</i>	"	"
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>Mrs. Walter Bush</i>	<i>654 W. First St.</i>	<i>Elmira N.Y.</i>
	2 <i>Mrs. Charles Brown</i>	<i>Horseheads</i>	<i>N.Y.</i>
	3 <i>Mrs. William Meyer</i>	<i>Fort Mills</i>	<i>Coeymans Philadelpia.</i>
V.A.H.	<i>Helen Bentley</i>	<i>O-K Bldg. apt. Hotels</i>	<i>Washington D.C.</i>
	<i>Frances Bentley</i>	<i>Horseheads</i>	<i>N.Y.</i>
	<i>Mary Bentley</i>	<i>Elmira College</i>	<i>Elmira N.Y.</i>
Date	<i>Sept. 15 1920</i>	Signature	<i>Mrs. Emma Bentley</i>

Address *Horseheads N.Y.*

Relationship *Mother*

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

*Noted on 11/15/20  
9-30-20-412*

September 15, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Mother (Relationship) and nearest living relative of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz: (Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

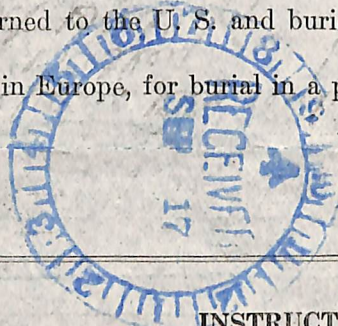
As stated on first page of this sheet.

To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_ (Name.) \_\_\_\_\_ (State.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(R. R. station.)

To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. yes

Signature Mrs. Emma Bentley



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.



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).....  
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- 27. Condition of body.....
- 28. Nature of burial.....
- 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above?  
.....
- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket..... (Date.) ..... By.....
- 31. Casket sealed by .....

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. ....

- 32. Designation of body { Name Bentley, Richard E. Serial No. 1215694  
Rank Corp. Organization Co. L, 108th Inf.
- 33. CONSIGNEE—Name Chas. A. Brown.  
Address Horseheads, N.Y. (Adams Expr. & W.U. Teleg. Horseheads, N.Y.)
- 34. Casket boxed and marked..... (Date.) ..... By.....

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.....

36. Remarks.....  
.....

37. Shipped from cemetery..... (Date.) ..... To..... (Point of concentration.)  
Convoyer..... Signature Shipping Officer .....

38. Received at point of concentration ..... (Date.)  
Signature Receiving Officer.....

39. Shipped from point of concentration..... (Date.)  
To..... (Port.) ..... Convoyer .....

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.) { B/L or Express Order No. ....  
Convoyer ..... { Shipping Officer .....

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name... <sup>E</sup>BENTLY, Richard E. Ser.No... 1215694  
 (b) Rank... Corp. Organization... Co. L, 108th Inf TYP... EN  
 Cause of death... K/A LS  
 (c) Date of death... 10-17-18 death

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

(a) Grave No... 12 Row ... 1 Plot... Amer. A Sect... TP... DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address... Mrs. Emma Bently, (Mother) Horseheads, N.Y.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases... No Card... CKR... JCW...

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

*Suspended-pending later advice from this office. - a G.O. Card Mrs. W.G. Bentley (mother) R.I. Horseheads, N.Y. requests body returned to U.S. shipped to Chas. A. Brown abroad. (cable on... 192...)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (letter of transmittal on 8-21-1920...)

Par. #4, Advice will be furnished at later date [9-11-20 Europe... advised by letter to return body Par. 1. (EGS)]

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
9-17-20	Mother	body to remain in Europe	10-6-20. Overseas advised not to return body.
Form 120	Mrs. Emma Bentley Horseheads, N.Y.	[Father 1/2, has same add.]	(-AP. 2-21)

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

COUNTRY G.R.S. FORM 115-A August 1920 FRANCE CEMETERY NO. 642 SHEET NO. 11

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

FILE

January 18 1922

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. L. 108th Inf.

ORGANIZATION (Old)

BENTLEY 1215694 Richard E., Cpl.

(Name)

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)

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
FILE NO.			
SURNAME	Orig.		D-
SERIAL NUMBER	1st. Reb.	2/1/21 642	D- 30128
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: Miss Lannon

Card.,  
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By K.B.

2. Soldier's No. No Number

3. ~~Bentlin~~ R Bentley, Richard E.  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials4. Corp L 108 Inf  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps5. 10/16/18  
Date of Death Cause, if known6. 10/18/18 St Suplet Mil Cem  
Date of Burial Cemetery7. St Suplet  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department8. 12 1 A  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter9. Name Peg? ..... Cross? <sup>X</sup> ..... Headboard? ..... Bottle? .....  
Check Method of Marking10. Buried with Body? ..... Attached to Grave Marker? .....  
Identification Tags11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.  
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12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

Wassigny 0.33.6.31

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed J. J. Joseph King

Group ..... Unit 302 G. R. S.

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FILE

Sent. 10, 1920.

293.8-Cem.#59671-(Bently, Richard E. Corp.)

From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
To: Miss Helen E. Bentley, Horseheads, New York.  
Subject: Disposition of remains.

1. In reply to your letter of Aug. 4, 1920, you are advised that it is obligatory on this office to follow the wishes of the legal next of kin, with respect to the final disposition of the remains of our soldier dead. If your mother desires the remains of her son, Corp. Richard E. Bently, permanently interred in France, it will be necessary for her to write this office, instructing to that effect. Upon receipt of advice from her, instructions will be issued that her wishes be complied with, provided there is no relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over hers.

2. It is understood that the British Government does not intend to remove their dead from the St. Souplet British Cemetery, St. Souplet, Department of the Nord, wherein the remains of your brother are interred, therefore, the remains of this soldier can be retained in their present resting place, unless at a later date this cemetery is abandoned, then it will be necessary to disinter and rebury the body in one of the permanent American Fields of Honor in France. Three have already been chosen by the Secretary of War; one at Suresnes, Department of the Seine, (near Paris), another at Belleau Wood, Department of the Aisne and the third at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of the Meuse.

3. In view of this information of which you were not previously aware, it is requested that your mother write this office what disposition she wishes made of the remains of her son. They may be either returned to her for private interment or buried in any National Cemetery that she selects, where there are available grave sites at the time of the return of the remains from Europe, or interred in one of the permanent Fields of Honor referred to above. The majority of our soldier dead being returned to this country for interment in a National Cemetery are buried in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, Q.M.C., U.S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division

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By:

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

LN

HW

mail  
SEP 11 1920

MR

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
REGISTRATION SECTION

File # 59671

Classification \_\_\_\_\_

Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_

*Qty 642*

MEMORANDUM:

Date 8/26/20

To: Registration Files Sub-Section

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORP.	ADD. DATA		CORP.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		
Rank			Nearest Relative <i>5X8</i>		✓
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card <sup>B</sup> set up <i>3X5</i>		✓
Casualty Cablgram Number			<i>Cross Reference</i>		
<i>Remarks 5X8</i>					✓

O.K. Alphabetical Files 9-1-20-rrw

~~O.K. Organization Files~~ \_\_\_\_\_

~~O.K. State Files~~ \_\_\_\_\_

**FILE**

Cemetery Audit Department  
✓ Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

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*4* Cards attached.

By *Johnson*

To: Inquiry Section.

From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by: MRB) (date 8/23/29)

Data sent Overseas .....

Operations to commence (approx.) .....

Operations to be completed (approx.) .....

Bodies shipped from European Port .....

Bodies arrived at Hoboken .....

II. CASE OF Bentley, Richard E. Corp. Co L. 108 Def

The following information was abstracted (Date 8/23/29) from: 1,215,694

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		Clk.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>MRB</u>	<u>None</u>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent .....		
A.G.O. Corresp.	<u>MRB</u>	<u>None</u>	To .....		
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.			OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

DESIRES as to Disposition.

No A.G.O. card nor correspondence.

Name of Relative	RETURN		REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt. Int.		
Widow				
Children (Name oldest first)				
Father				
Mother				
Brothers				
Sisters				

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MRB 8/23/29

Body to be shipped to .....

..... was shipped (Date) .....

REMARKS City 642 thru Registration

is patched

Investigation & Adjustment Department  
**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
 DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
 WASHINGTON

G.R. S. Form 8-W-A  
 Information requested of A.G.O.

File No. **59671** Registration. Date **August 18, 1920.**

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).  
 To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., 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 **BENTLEY OR BENTLEY** ✓ f. Date of death **10/17/18**
- ✓ b. Christian name **RICHARD E.** ✓ g. Cause of death **K/A**
- ✓ c. Serial number **1215694** ✓ h. Authority (C.C.#) **308**
- ✓ b. Organization **Co. L. 108th Inf** ✓ i. Emergency address **Mrs. William Bentley, Horseheads, N.Y.**
- ✓ e. Rank **Cpl.** ✓ j. Relationship **(Mother)**

**BODY DESCRIPTION**

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age at Enlistment **22 yrs 2 mos.**
- b. Color of eyes **lt blue**
- c. Color of hair **Black**
- d. Height **6' 1/2"**
- e. Weight **166 lbs**

**DENTAL CHARTS**

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
 upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
 lower right lower left

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

**5 in. Scar left knee (over)**  
**1 scar on index finger and middle left hand**  
**1 scar between thumb and finger left hand**

**FILE**  
 BY: **EW.**

H. L. ROGERS,  
 Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,  
 Director of Purchase and Storage.

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

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**OSP SS.**

Return to Mr. Wilson.

*Donnelly - m/c*  
*Enl Pers Sect*  
**8-23-20 W8**

Rec'd World War Div.  
 Aug 19 1920



U. S. N. S.  
AUG 9 1920



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General

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GENERAL  
NO BRANCH

AUG 10 1920

GENERAL

*Handwritten:* #115  
10/16/20  
[Signature]

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON.

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY. **AUG 10 1920**

*Bentley*

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|---|---|
| <u>          </u> Change of Address<br>G.R.S. Form 106)                                 | <u>          </u> Instructions for Disposition of<br>Remains<br>(Par. #7, Bul. 10-F-W)                    |
| <u>          </u> Monument<br>(Par. #10, Bul. 10-F-W)                                   | <u>          </u> Photographs<br>(Par. #12, Bul. 10-F-W)  |
| <u>          </u> Discrepancies in Inscription<br>(Par. #11, Bul. 10-F-W)               | <u>          </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanent Burial in<br>(a) France (G.R.S. Form 106) |
| <u>          </u> Personal Effects<br>(Par. #13 (a) Bul. 10-F-W)<br>(G.R.S. Form 111)   | <u>          </u> (b) Other Countries   |
| <u>          </u> Accrued Pay<br>(Par. #13 (b) Bul. 10-F-W)<br>(G.R.S. Form 111)        | <u>          </u> Return of Bodies From<br>(a) France<br>(Par. #4, Bul. 10-F-W)<br>(G.R.S. Form 106)      |
| <u>          </u> Maintenance<br>(Par. #9, Bul. 10-F-W)                                 | <u>          </u> (b) Other countries   |
| <u>          </u> Liberty Bonds<br>(Par. #13 (c) Bul. 10-F-W)<br>(G.R.S. Form 111)      | <u>          </u> Expenses of Shipment<br>(Par. #6, Bul. 10-F-W)  |
| <u>          </u> War Risk Insurance<br>(Par. #13 (d) Bul. 10-F-W)<br>(G.R.S. Form 111) | <u>          </u> Conveying Bodies from Hoboken<br>(Par. #8, Bul. 10-F-W)                                 |
| <u>          </u> "Zone of the Interior"<br>(Par. #5, Bul. 10-F-W)                      | <u>          </u> Permanent Cemeteries<br>( Par. #9, Bul. 10-F-W)   |

Remarks:

*G. L.*

*no letter*

NOTE: In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11 and 12, G.R.S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15.

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*m. v. m.*  
Analysis Clerk.

