

*Bentley, Robt E.*  
*last Lt.*

CENTRAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

TRANSPORTATION BUILDING  
HARRISON AND DEARBORN STREETS

CHICAGO, ILL.

C. A. FOX, CHAIRMAN  
R. E. PEPPER, SECRETARY

FILE NO.

SAILING FROM NEW YORK MAY 6, 1931

S. S. WASHINGTON

No. 654

Name Mrs Mary L Bentley (A-5)

Address 3517 Middleston Ave.

From Cincinnati, Ohio To New York City and return

Going Route

CCC&StL to Cleveland  
NYC to New York City

Return same route

Train Schedule to New York

Lv. Cincinnati	9:10 AM	No. 146	May 3
Ar. New York	7:53 AM	No. 44-4	May 4

Sleeping car from Cincinnati, Ohio to New York City, N.Y.

Elapsed time 22 hrs 43 min

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*H67.*

*Superior*

Party A

Amb.

# MEDICAL RECORD *Bentley, Robt. E.*

*1st Lt Co F 147 Inf*

Station: S. S. Washington

Date: East bo und

Name Bentley, Mary L.

Home address 3517 Middleston Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio

Address of Nearest friend or relative Henry Bentley,

same address

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Age

77 M

History of Present complaint:

May 7th, Cold in head

9th, Tooth broken off

(over)

**INSTRUCTIONS.** — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

Diagnosis and complications: (*include dates*)

May 7th, Naso-pharyngitis  
8th " " "  
9th, Tooth broken off

Treatment and Progress: (*include dates*)

May 7th, Nose-throat sprayed. Lozenges  
8th " " "  
9th, Cemented in place.

Discharged to Shore Dentist.

E.H.L., M.D.

Disposition: (*include dates*)

Remarks:

Bentley, Robert S.

Party "A" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group.

Sailed May 6, 1931 on "WASHINGTON", Captain A. J. Funk in charge. Arrived Cherbourg at 6:30am May 14. Special tender arrived 6:50 AM bearing Colonel Ellis, Majors Geo. C. Beach, Francis M. Fitts, R. C. Kutherford, Capt. R. Orsinger, William Hesketh, M. J. Conway, Lts. Charles E. Morrison, Hugh F. T. Hoffman, Noble J. Wiley, Brendan E. Greoley; Miss Blanche Kulon, Capt. A. H. C., four nurses and three civilian employees. Train left 8:25 AM and arrived Gare de Invalides 2:10PM. Met by Lt-Col. G. G. Bartlett. Executive Officer and members of the Paris staff. Taken in busses to hotels.

May 15th Morning free - Conference with Conducting Officer. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe, Wreath laid by Mrs. Mary C. Bentley for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.

May 16th 10:00AM - Notre Dame. 12:00 - 2:00PM - Lunch at hotels. 2:15PM Depart for Versailles. 7:00 - 9:00PM - Dinner at hotels.

May 17th 10:00 - 12:00 n - Free or Church. 12:00 - 2:00 PM - Lunch at hotels. P. M. free (pack baggage). 7:00 - 9:00 PM - Dinner at hotels.

May 18th 7:15 AM leave Paris via Porte de Pantin. Arrive 10:00 Montmiral (rest stop Hotel Vert Gallant). Arrive Chalons s/Marne 1:00PM Lunch Hotel Haute-Mare-Dieu. 5:45PM Arrive Verdun.

May 19, 20, 21 Daily visits to cemetery. All lunches at cemetery. All dinners at Verdun Hotels.

May 22nd 7:30AM leave Verdun. 8:45AM arrive St. Manchould (rest stop Modern Hotel. Leave via Suippes. 12:00 - 2:00PM - Reims - lunch, Hotel Bristol Crystal. 4:15 Arrive Chateau-Thierry (rest Hostellerie du Bonhomme) 7:45 Dinner at hotels, Paris.

May 23rd Morning free. Lunch at hotels. PM Free. 8:00 - 11:00 PM night sightseeing.

May 24th AM - Free or church. Lunch at hotels. 3:00PM Paris sightseeing.

May 25th 9:15AM - Sacre Coeur. 12:00 - 2:00pm - Lunch at hotels. 2:30 Napoleon's Tomb. 7:00 - 9:00 PM Dinner at hotel.

May 26th Morning free or shopping. Lunch at hotels. 2:30 - Louvre or free. Dinner at hotel.

May 27th 9:30AM Colonial exposition. Lunch at hotels. P. M. - Free, pack baggage. Dinner at hotel.

May 28th Boat train for Cherbourg. Left Gare des Invalides 11:25AM. Arrived Cherbourg 4:00PM. Sailed "AMERICA" May 28th, 1931. Arrived NY June 5th.

Mrs. Mary L. Bentley

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS  
 225 West 34th. St. New York, N.Y.

Party ..... A .....  
 Number .. 14 .....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.

Bentley, Mrs. Mary L.  
 Name of Pilgrim  
3517 Middleston Ave.,  
 City Home Address County  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
 State

Actual cost of  
 Through Pullman at the  
 Lower Berth Rate.

New York, to Cincinnati, Ohio

Destination of Ticket Cincinnati, Ohio \$ 7.50 ✓  
 via N.Y.C. to Cleveland, Ohio -- C.C.C. & St. Louis to Cincinnati, Ohio

June 7, 1931  
 Date of Departure

July 12, 1931  
 Expiration Date of Ticket

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
Lv.	<u>NYC</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>6/7/31</u>	<u>5:30 P.</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>189</u>		
Ar.	<u>Cincinnati</u>		<u>6/8/31</u>	<u>3:00 P.</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>NY-1025,225</u>	<u>7.50</u>
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Excess Fare New York, to. Cost \$ Total

Stop Over ..... Through Rate  
Escorted to train by Capt. J. W. Carroll Excess

*Bentley Bentley*  
*C. Ma*

Mrs. Mary L. Bentley  
3517 Middleston Ave.  
Cincinnati, Ohio

PARTY "A"  
April 23rd, 1931.

Dear Madam:

There are enclosed herewith two tags and four identification pasters which have been prepared for the purpose of protecting your baggage while in transit, and to insure its safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece of your baggage and place a paster on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home.

Upon your arrival in New York City, you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will be in uniform. During your sojourn in New York before sailing for Europe, and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel McAlpin, Broadway and 34th Street, New York City.

All mail intended to reach you between May 6th, 1931, the day you sail from the United States, and May 28th, 1931, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,  
c/o American Pilgrimage,  
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,  
Paris, France.

In making reservations for your journey home from New York City, it is necessary for this office to furnish the railroads with the exact time and date of your departure. The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your accommodations will be made with the railroads by this office accordingly. Upon your return from Europe, it will therefore be necessary for you to remain in the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

There is also enclosed herewith information relative to the cemeteries in Europe.

*met by Capt C.R. McLeenan*  
*2 bags*

Very truly yours,

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,  
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)

7 Incl:  
2 Baggage Tags  
4 Baggage Pastors  
1 Copy Cemeterial Information

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To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

MAR 10 1926

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DATE 11/5/21.

1. NAME BENTLEY, Robert E. SERIAL No. \_\_\_\_\_

RANK 1st Lieut. ORGANIZATION Co. F., 147th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne, Amer. Cty, ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON #1232 sec 55  
CTY. NAME (Meuse) NUMBER

DIVISION 37th

98 GRAVE 55 sec ROW 2 PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION No record

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES No record

CONCENTRATED TO 6/9/19 98 55 2  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

GRS placque on body. 32nd degree Masonic ring on body.

DATE OF DEATH Sept. 28, '18 data f-1/pfb

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ohio

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none of record

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

M. B. BIRDSEYE

1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 11/5/21. 37 36 B.  
DATE GRAVE ROW Block

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

4 A.G.O. MAR 11 1926 WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY 10.10.414-23

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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

RECEIVED  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SER.



JUN 25 1922

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 16, 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.



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BENTLY - Robert, E. (Surname), (Number), (First Name and Initials).

1st. LT., Co. "F", 147th Inf. Regt. USA. (Rank), (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Battle-Field N. of IVOIRY

CAUSE OF DEATH: H. E. Shell

DATE OF BURIAL: Sept. 29th, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: Same as place of death

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

08.17 - 79.92 Map Reference VERY 211

Groupe des Canevas De Tir, 7th. Ed.

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? No Cross? Yes

Headboard? No Bottle? No

Co. IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

On a being with Lier If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs. M.H. Bentley

ADDRESS: 3517 Middleton Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio

RELATIONSHIP: Mother

REPORTED BY:

Next Cliff 2nd LT. H.E. FOLTZ, 147th Inf. Regt. (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer). AEF.

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

Buried Bentley, Robert E. 1st. Lt. 147th Inf. Sept. 29th, 1918 Buried by 2nd Lt. H. E. Foltz, 147th Infantry. North of Ivoiriy. Map reference very 211 Groupe des Canevas de Tir 7th. Ed. 0.8.25-78.83.

Co. "F", 147th Infantry.

BENTLEY, Robert E. 1st. Lieut.

Home Address Clifton Cincinnati, Ohio.

On sept 28th, 1918 about 11 A. M. I saw Lt. Bentley instantly killed, being struck in the head by a fragment of H. E. shell, which had exploded within a few feet of him. He was killed about 300 meters south of Lièrge, Meuse Argonne offensive, and buried at same place.

Informant: Foltz, Harry E. 1st. Lt. 147th Inft.

Home Address: Canton, Ohio.

Searcher: 1st. Lt. Harry E. Foltz,  
Feb. 19, 1919.

Next of kin:  
Clifton Cincinnati, Ohio.

Burial report:

Bentley, Robert E. 1st. Lt. 147th Inft. Sept. 29th, 1918 Buried by 2nd Lt. H. E. Foltz, 147th Infantry. North of Ivoiry. Map reference very 211 Groupe des Canevas de Tir 7th. Ed. O.S.25-78.83.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of :

NAME: BENTLEY Robert E. NUMBER: ~~1232~~  
RANK: 1st Lieut ORGANIZATION: Co F, 147th Inf.

DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL MADE BY GROUP: UNIT:  
DISINTERRED. (Date) FROM: (Give complete location)

9th June 1919. Isolated Grave

~~1232~~ CIERGES, MEUSE 35 NE 308.2 E 280 N

REBURIED (Date) IN: (Give complete location)

1232 ✓

9th June 1919. Grave #98 Sec #55 Plot #2

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

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

Burial good, buried in uniform, body in fair condition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No.

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

CONFIRMED No. D-1232-00

Note: If, upon disinterment, effects are found on bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot, direct, as is required by G. C. 170, G.H. 2, 1919, after being carefully examined for clues of identity in doubtful cases. notation thereof will be made and reported to the Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. Goldsbury  
omf.

R. H. ROSENTHAL  
2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A  
C.O. Group            Unit

Name BENTLEY, Mrs. Mary L.

Paris Hôtel HOTEL AMBASSADOR  
BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

Home address 3517 Middleston Ave., Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio

Party A Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit SS. GEO. WASHINGTON

Date of arrival May 14, 1931 Date of departure SS. AMERICA, May 28, 1931

Relationship Mother, age 77

Name of deceased BENTLEY, Robert E.

Rank 1st Lt. Organization Co. F, 147th Inf.

Cemetery Meuse-Argonne G 37 - B - R 36

REMARKS

to quarter with Mrs. Ella K. Wilson, Cincinnati, Group M.A. and  
Mary L. Bennett, Norwood, Ohio, Group M.A.

Mrs. Bentley, honored Pilgrim.

Mrs. Bentley gave an order to a florist: Edouard, 19 rue Pyramides  
for two boxes of flowers to be delivered in the name of Mrs. Bentley  
and Mrs. Wilson.



Mary L. Bentley

3517 Middleton Ave. 201  
Clyton, Cincinnati  
Ohio  
May 20, 1931.

Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation  
225 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

My mother, Mrs. Mary  
L. Bentley, is a member  
of the first group of Gold  
Star Mothers and is now  
in France with them.  
As I understand it, they

Bentley, Mrs. M. L.

are to sail for home on  
May 28 but we do  
not know on what  
steamer.

Will you be good  
enough to let me know?

Very sincerely yours,

Louise E. Bentley



GFRT\*BF

File 201 - Bentley, Mrs. Mary L.

May 22nd, 1931.

Miss Louise E. Bentley,  
3517 Middleton Ave.,  
Clifton, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Please be informed that your mother, Mrs. Mary L. Bentley, will sail from Cherbourg aboard the S. S. America on May 28th, 1931 and is scheduled to arrive in New York on June 6th, 1931.

Upon arrival in New York, she will be taken to the Hotel McAlpin with the party she is travelling with and will commence her journey home some time during the following day. It is the custom here to notify by telegraph the nearest member of the family according to the mother's desire, the time that she will arrive at her destination. This is usually done during the afternoon of her arrival in New York from France.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,  
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)

VIA POSTAL TELEGRAPH  
Mr. M. H. Bentley

3517 Middleton Ave

June 5, 1931

Cincinnati, Ohio.

MRS. MARY L. BENTLEY WILL ARRIVE THREE P M VIA N Y C R R  
UNION STATION JUNE SIXTH STOP PLEASE MEET HER.

COLONEL POPE

AA 75

PARTY ..... A ..... FILE NO. ....

Bentley, Mrs. Mary L.

NAME .....

3517 Middleston Ave., Cincinnati,  
Ohio.

ROUTE OF TICKET

*M.Y.C.* ..... to *Cleveland Ohio*

*C.C.C. & St.L.* ..... to *Cincinnati Ohio*

..... to .....

Expiration date *July 12, 1931* .....

The following stop overs are requested.

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(Signature of Pilgrim)

**T.M.**

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Bentley	Ben	3	254
ROBERT E	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE 37	2	37
	ROW 36	2	36
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Ohio	2	41
PANK	1st St	1	1
DIVISION	37	2	37
ORGANIZATION	147	3	147
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME Bentley	Ben	3	254
Mrs. Mary L	STATE Ohio	2	41
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Hamilton	2	31
	CITY Cincinnati	3	023
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Previous Trip	1	3
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. 1931	1	2
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	1
29/514/PJ	Age 77		77

*Sailed May 6, 1931*

**AUDITED**  
NOV 4 1931

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Bentley, Robt. E. (M.A.)  
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From Chronological Report PARTY "A" S.S. GEO. WASHINGTON May 6, 1931

Speeches of Welcome at Gare Maritime

\* \* \* Short replies to speeches of welcome were made by Mrs. Mary C. Bentley, of Cincinnati, Ohio, the Honored Pilgrim of Party "A", Mrs. Bayly, of Washington, D. C., and Col Ellis.

At Gare des Invalides

\*\*\* Large bouquet of flowers presented to Mrs. Bentley, and through her to the entire party, by the Minister of Tourism.

At Arc de Triomphe

Mrs. Bentley chosen for honor of laying wreath on tomb of unknown soldier

MEDICAL REPORT

Mrs. Jennie McAbee of Maryland was admitted to the American Hospital for the treatment of facial Erysipelas, May 15, the day after the party arrived in Paris. Her recovery was uneventful and she joined her party group at the Hotel d'Iena May 26th, after making a special trip to the Somme Cemetery. She has apparently made a complete recovery.

The following named pilgrims, due to physical infirmities, were unable to make the bus trip to the Romagne Cemetery and were sent by train:

- Mrs. Maggie Swigart
- Mrs. Jennie Randall
- Mrs. Mary E. Conner
- Mrs. Johnie McClaren

After four days visit they were returned to Paris by train. They were accompanied by a special nurse

etc

## Gold Star Mothers Arrive in France

Paris Is Host for 125, Who  
Are First Group to  
Make 1931 Trip.

Paris, May 1 (A.P.).—Paris was host tonight to the first 1931 group of American Gold Star Mothers, whose soldier sons are buried in France.

One hundred and twenty-five of them arrived this afternoon from Cherbourg and went to their hotels for brief rest. Later they had their first French dinner, and most of them retired early to prepare for tomorrow's visit to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the reception by officials of the French and American governments.

They all seemed healthy and in good spirits, and even Mrs. Jennie Randall, of Detroit, who broke an arm on the voyage from New York, was able to accompany the group today. Mrs. Mary Bentley, of Cincinnati, surprised French officials and army officers when she responded in good French to the welcoming address at the Invalides Station.

Bentley, Polit. E. 1232

Page A. 5

Bentley

~~Bentley~~ - Robert E

M-A 1232

Party A-5 Wash 5-6-31

Mrs Mary A Bentley - speaks french  
fluently - Responded to welcome  
to French officers at Invalides Sta.

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M-A

# MEDICAL RECORD

*Card*

WASHINGTON *Eastbound*  
AMERICA *Westbound*

Party: A

S. S.

## MCALPIN

Name Bentley, Mary L. ( Lt (1st.) Robert E. Bentley, 37, 36, B.

Home Address 3517 Middleton Ave Cincinnati, Ohio.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Henry Bentley,  
3517 Middleton Ave., Cincinnati,  
Ohio.

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Age 77 - M

### History of present complaint:

*5-17-31 Cold in head -*  
*5-9-31 Tooth broken off.*

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

(OVER)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

5-7-31, Naso-pharyngitis  
5-8-31  
5-9-31, Tooth Broken off

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

5-7-31 Nose-Throat Sprayed. Lozengers.  
5-8-31 " " "  
5-9-31 Cemented in place

Discharged to Shore Dental  
E. M. W.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

PARTY

EASTBOUND

GROUP

A

STATE

M.A.

77 - M

OHIO

Mrs. Bentley, Mary L. Address 3517 Middleston Ave., Cincinnati,  
 (Name of Pilgrim) (Street & No.) (City or Town)  
 Requests quarters with Mrs. Ella K. Wilson, Ohio, Hamilton.  
 P-A5 Mrs Mary L. Bennett, (State) (County)

Henry Bentley Address 3517 Middleton Ave., Cincinnati  
 (Name of Nearest Kin) (Street & No.) (City or Town)  
 Ohio  
 (State) (County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. N.Y.C. Train No. 44-4 Date May 4, 1931 - 7:53 A.M.  
 Hotel Mc Alpin Room No. 1531-1533  
 Roomed with Mrs. E. K. Wilson & Mrs. Mary L. Bennett

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date May 6th, 1931 Vessel GEO. WASHINGTON Cabin No. 132 BED  
 In Cabin with Mrs. Mary L. Bennett & Mrs. Ella King Wilson  
 (Over Westbound)

WESTBOUND  
ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date ~~May~~ **JUNE 5** 1931 Vessel **AMERICA** Cabin No. **101 A**  
In Cabin with ~~Mrs Mary L. Bennett~~ *Mrs. Ella K. Wilson*  
Hotel **Mc Alpin** Room No. **1193**  
Roomed with **Mrs. E. K. Wilson**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. **NYC** Train No. **19** Space **L 2** Car No. **679** Date **6-5-31**

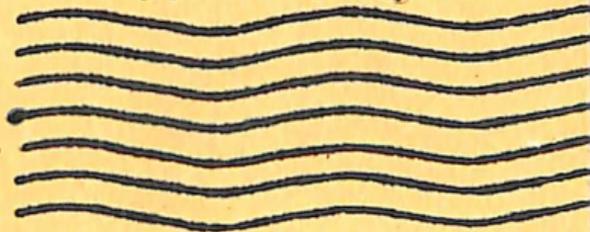
REMARKS

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( Eastbound)

WAR DEPARTMENT

Penalty for private use to avoid  
payment of postage \$300.



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**

**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

A

NAME Bentley, Mrs. Mary L.

ADDRESS 3517 Middleton Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio

DATE June 7, 31

TO: Officer-In-Charge,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Mary L. Bentley

3800-c

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. Washington

5/6/31

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

X Mary E Bentley

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

4/11

1931

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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Bentley, Robt E

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. \_\_\_\_\_

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, \_\_\_\_\_



**NOTIFY  
YOUR  
CORRESPONDENTS  
OF CHANGE  
OF ADDRESS**

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

**Q. M. GENERAL**

(NAME OF SENDER)  
**MUNITIONS BUILDING**

**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

3800

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. Washington 5/6/31

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

✓ Miss D. B. Kelly

(Signature or name of addressee)

J. M. Kelly

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery 4/13/31, 19

Form 3811

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# Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 226415

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Q. M. GENERAL  
(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

MUNITIONS BUILDING  
WASHINGTON,

**D. C.**



OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

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Messinghome

1st Lt.

Robt. E. Bentley

Check No 590933 amount \$10.<sup>00</sup>

only received

Mary L. Bentley

file

WRP

4/16/31.

(W<sup>m</sup> H. B.)

3577 Middleton Ave  
Cincinnati.



War Department  
Office Quartermaster General  
Washington D.C.

April 18, 1931

Bentley, Robt. E. M-A H

Mrs. Mary L. Bentley,  
3517 Middleton Ave.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Cincinnati	CCC&STL RR	No. 146	9:10 AM	May 3
Ar. New York	NYC	44-4	7:55 AM	4

Sleeping car from Cincinnati, Ohio to New York City.

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 10, 1931.

Bentley, Robt E. (M.A) M 1st. Lt.

Mrs. Mary L. Bentley,  
3517 Middleston Ave.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 590937 in the amount of \$ 10.00, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bentley, Robt. E. MA M

April 9, 1931

Mrs. Mary L. Bentley,  
3517 Middleston Ave.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Madam:

Your passport for the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has not been received in this office.

You must have a passport to enter Europe. Please go at once to the Clerk of the United States District Court nearest your home or to the Clerk of the Court at your County seat. The following action must be taken by you now:

- (a) Have four (4) photographs of yourself made on thin paper (unmounted) not more than 3 x 3 inches or less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size.
- (b) Take these photographs, your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you may have to the Clerk of the Court as shown above.
- (c) Have someone who has known you for at least two years go with you to the Clerk to identify you.

The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the proper office. Passports will be delivered to you aboard the boat. No charge will be made for the application or passport.

Persons living in or near the following cities will take the steps shown in (a), (b) and (c) above, and go to the U. S. Passport Agent at the address nearest their home shown below and not to Clerks of Courts:

Boston, Mass.	Custom House, State & Washington Streets
Chicago, Ill.	608 South Dearborn Street
New Orleans, La.	216 Post Office Bldg.
New York, N. Y.	Sub Treasury Bldg., Broad & Wall Streets
San Francisco, Cal.	Custom House, Washington & Battery Streets
Seattle, Wash.	1008 White Bldg., 4th Avenue & Union Street
Washington, D. C.	State Department, 17th & Pennsylvania Avenue

Advise this office at once if you have made application, giving the name given by you on the application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

March 12, 1931

Case  
ON 293 A-1  
Swigart, Luther 1232  
Wilson, Harry A. Jr. 1232  
Bentley, Robert B. 1232  
Bennett, Charles M. Jr. 1232  
Watts, Ray 1232

Mrs. Maggie E. Swigart,  
R. F. D. 33,  
Mansfield, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 9, 1931, relative to your desire to be accompanied by Mrs. L. T. Watts when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Luther Swigart, sailing on the GEORGE WASHINGTON, May 6, 1931.

Notation has been made of your desire, and it is believed that you and Mrs. Watts can be placed in a cabin adjoining Mrs. M. K. Bentley, Mrs. C. L. Bennett and Mrs. H. A. Wilson, and that the same arrangements can be made in the hotels in New York and Europe.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, U. S. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 298 A-M

March 3, 1931

Swigart, Luther 1232  
Wilson, Harry A. Jr. 1232  
✓ Bentley, Robert E. 1232  
Bennett, Charles E. Jr. 1232

Mrs. Maggie E. Swigart,  
R. F. D. #8,  
Mansfield, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 26, accepting the invitation to sail on the GEORGE WASHINGTON May 6, 1931, to visit the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Luther Swigart.

Notation has been made that you desire to be quartered with Mrs. H. A. Wilson. The records show that Mrs. Wilson has requested to be quartered with Mrs. M. H. Bentley and Mrs. C. E. Bennett, and it will be impracticable to arrange for all four of you to occupy the same stateroom. However, it is believed you can be placed in adjoining cabins on board the vessel and with Mrs. Wilson in the hotel rooms in New York and Europe.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

HL

CC CAPT SHANNON

ON 293 A-4

January 22, 1931

Bennett, Charles E. Jr. 1232

✓ Bentley, Robert E. 1232

Wilson, Harry A. Jr. 1232

Mrs. Mary L. Bennett,  
2269 Monroe Avenue,  
Norwood, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date, relative to the pilgrimage which you are to make to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the SS WASHINGTON May 6, 1931.

Notation has been made that you desire to be quartered with Mrs. H. A. Wilson and Mrs. M. H. Bentley on the journey, and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

Notation has also been made that you desire all future correspondence addressed as above.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-11

January 17, 1931

Bentley, Robert E. 1232 M  
Wilson, Harry A. Jr. 1232 M  
Bennett, Charles E. Jr. 1232 M

Mrs. M. H. Bentley,  
3517 Middleton Avenue,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a letter from your son, Mr. Henry Bentley, relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Harry A. Wilson and Mrs. C. E. Bennett when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of the late 1st Lt. Robert E. Bentley, sailing on the SS WASHINGTON May 6, 1931.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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HENRY BENTLEY  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1103 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
CINCINNATI, O.

TELEPHONE MAIN 5385

January 12, 1931.

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

DEAR SIR:  
DEAR SIR:

in re: George Washington

My mother, Mrs. Mary L. Bentley whose acceptance is enclosed herewith is very anxious to travel with Mrs. Harry Allen Wilson of St. James Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, who is also going on the same boat. Mrs. Wilson's son is also buried at the Romagne cemetery. He served in the 37th Division with Lieutenant Robert E. Bentley.

If you can arrange to place Mrs. Mary L. Bentley and Mrs. Harry A. Wilson in the same cabin on the boat both going and coming, they will both be greatly delighted.

In addition thereto, in stopping at hotels en route where more than two are placed in the same room, both Mrs. Bentley and Mrs. Wilson would appreciate having included with them, Mrs. C. E. Bennett 2269 Monroe Avenue, Norwood, who is also going on the same ship and on the same pilgrimage.

Yours very truly,

*Henry Bentley*

HB: EC



*Accept Wash - May 6 - 1931  
All three women have  
been quartered together*

1232 - Bentley  
1232 - Washington, Harry A. Jr. Col.  
Robert E. Bentley  
1232 Bennett, Mrs E Jr. Sgt

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,  
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED  
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Bentley, Robert E. 1232 Ohio Hamilton County

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find  
the name and address of the person in the United  
States whom I desire to be notified in case I be-  
come seriously ill or other emergency arises while  
I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.



Name

*Henry Bentley*

Address

*3577 Middleton Ave*

Very truly yours,

(Your name)

*Mary L. Bentley*

(Your address)

*3577 Middleton Ave  
Cincinnati, O*

George Washington

Bentley, Robt. E.

5-6-31

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I Accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Mary L. Bentley

(Name)

3517 Middleston Ave., Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bentley, Robert E. - 1232 M

July 29, 1930.

Mrs. Mary L. Bentley,  
3517 Middleton Ave.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the Mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

*Yes*

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

*Yes*

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age *77*  
Condition of Health *Good*

4. Do you speak English?

*Yes*

5. What other language do you speak?

*French*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 9, 1930

Bentley, Robert E. 1232-M

Mrs. Mary L. Bentley  
3517 Middleston Ave.  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Madam:

The Act of March 2, 1929 excluded from its benefits those mothers and widows who had made former visits to the graves of their loved ones in Europe. On May 15, 1930 that Act was amended to remove this restriction. Therefore, you are now eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

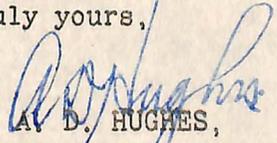
arrangements are being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, and to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is, therefore, desired that you 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 have previously visited their sons' or husbands' graves, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

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?

Yes  
(Write answer here)

  
Mary L. Bentley  
(Sign here)

(M<sup>rs</sup> M. H.)

July 11/29

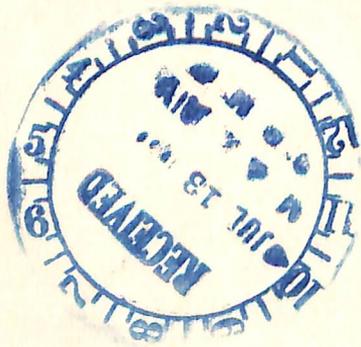
War Department  
Office Quartermaster General.

Dear Sir

In reply to your  
letter of June 28 I will say  
that my son Robert E. Bentley  
was not married.

I was in France in 1922  
& consequently am not  
entitled to the "Pilgrimage".

Very sincerely yours  
Mary L. Bentley  
(M<sup>rs</sup> M. H.)



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bentley, Robert E.

June 28, 1929.

Mrs. M. H. Bentley,  
3517 Middleston Ave.,  
Cincinnati, O.

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 1st Lieutenant Robert E. Bentley, Co. F, 147th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., 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 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,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M

Bentley, Robt. E. 1st Lt. (MA) M

June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Mary L. Bentley,  
3517 Middleston Avenue,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Bentley:

I have the letter of June 2nd which you and the other mothers and widows who recently made the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe were so kind as to send me in appreciation of the courteous care and attention you received throughout the journey.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and it would seem from the generous expressions contained in your letter that the effort has not been in vain.

I am delighted to know that you were pleased with the arrangements made for your comfort and welfare and that the personnel as a whole rendered such satisfactory and commendable service. I feel however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows making the journey.

You are assured that the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery will be perpetually kept in the same fine condition in which you found it, as it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps, which is charged with the care of all National cemeteries, to make it a fitting resting place for the heroes who are buried there.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DEWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

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April 13, 1931

Bentley, Robt. E. M-A M

Mrs. Mary L. Bentley,  
3517 Middleston Ave.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

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Sleeping car from Cincinnati, Ohio to New York City.

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
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  
Bentley, Robt. E. M-A M

April 9, 1931

Mrs. Mary L. Bentley,  
3517 Middleston Ave.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Madam:

Your passport for the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has not been received in this office.

You must have a passport to enter Europe. Please go at once to the Clerk of the United States District Court nearest your home or to the Clerk of the Court at your County seat. The following action must be taken by you now:

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The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the proper office. Passports will be delivered to you aboard the boat. No charge will be made for the application or passport.

Persons living in or near the following cities will take the steps shown in (a), (b) and (c) above, and go to the U. S. Passport Agent at the address nearest their home shown below and not to Clerks of Courts:

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San Francisco, Cal.	Custom House, Washington & Battery Streets
Seattle, Wash.	1008 White Bldg., 4th Avenue & Union Street
Washington, D. C.	State Department, 17th & Pennsylvania Avenue

Advise this office at once if you have made application, giving the name given by you on the application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 10, 1931.

Bentley, Robt E. (M A) M 1st. Lt.

Mrs. Mary L. Bentley,  
3517 Middleston Ave.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. **590937** in the amount of \$ **10.00**, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

QH 295 A-M  
Swigart, Luther 1232  
Wilson, Harry A. Jr. 1232  
Bentley, Robert E. 1232  
Bennett, Charles E. Jr. 1232  
Watts, Ray 1232

March 12, 1931

Mrs. Maggie E. Swigart,  
H. F. D. #3,  
Mansfield, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 9, 1931, relative to your desire to be accompanied by Mrs. L. T. Watts when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Luther Swigart, sailing on the GEORGE WASHINGTON, May 6, 1931.

Notation has been made of your desire, and it is believed that you and Mrs. Watts can be placed in a cabin adjoining Mrs. M. H. Bentley, Mrs. C. E. Bennett and Mrs. H. A. Wilson, and that the same arrangements can be made in the hotels in New York and Europe.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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293 Bentley, Robert E.

QM 203 A-M  
Swigart, Luther 1232  
Wilson, Harry A. Jr. 1232  
Bentley, Robert E. 1232  
Bennett, Charles E. Jr. 1232

March 5, 1931

Mrs. Maggie E. Swigart,  
R. F. D. 45,  
Wanfield, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 26, accepting the invitation to sail on the GEORGE WASHINGTON May 6, 1931, to visit the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Luther Swigart.

Notation has been made that you desire to be quartered with Mrs. H. A. Wilson. The records show that Mrs. Wilson has requested to be quartered with Mrs. W. H. Bentley and Mrs. C. E. Bennett, and it will be impracticable to arrange for all four of you to occupy the same stateroom. However, it is believed you can be placed in adjoining cabins on board the vessel and with Mrs. Wilson in the hotel rooms in New York and Europe.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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CC CAPT SHANNON

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203 Bentley Robert E.

January 22, 1931

ON 243 A-2  
Bennett, Charles W. Jr. 1233  
Bentley, Robert W. 1234  
Wilson, Harry A. Jr. 1232

Mrs. Mary L. Bennett,  
2209 Monroe Avenue,  
Berwood, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date, relative to the pilgrimage which you are to make to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the SS WASHINGTON day 6, 1931.

Notation has been made that you desire to be quartered with Mrs. H. A. Wilson and Mrs. W. H. Bentley on the journey, and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

Notation has also been made that you desire all future correspondence addressed as above.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

H. S. SHARON,  
Captain, U.S. Corps,  
Assistant.

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*X Ref*

293 Bennett, Robert W.

OH 208 A-4

January 17, 1931

✓ Bentley, Robert E. 1232 W  
Wilson, Harry A. Jr. 1232 W  
Bennett, Charles E. Jr. 1232 W

Mrs. R. H. Bentley,  
3617 Middleton Avenue,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a letter from your son, Mr. Harry Bentley, relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Harry A. Wilson and Mrs. C. E. Bennett when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of the late 1st Lt. Robert E. Bentley, sailing on the SS WASHINGTON May 6, 1931.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, U. S. Corps,  
Assistant.

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January 17, 1931

Bentley, Robert H. 1892 H

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Mrs. R. H. Bentley,  
3517 Middleton Avenue,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a letter from your son, Mr. Harry Bentley, relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Harry A. Wilson and Mrs. C. H. Sonnett when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of the late 1st Lt. Robert H. Bentley, sailing on the SS WASHINGTON May 6, 1931.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

JAMES 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

Bentley, Robert E. - 1232 M

July 29, 1930.

Mrs. Mary L. Bentley,  
3517 Middleton Ave.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the Mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age  
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 9, 1930

Bontloy, Robert E. 1232-M

Mrs. Mary L. Bontloy  
3517 Middleton Ave.  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Madam:

The Act of March 2, 1929 excluded from its benefits those mothers and widows who had made former visits to the graves of their loved ones in Europe. On May 15, 1930 that Act was amended to remove this restriction. Therefore, you are now eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

arrangements are being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, and to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation 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 have previously visited their sons' or husbands' graves, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

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  
Bentley, Robert E.

June 28 , 1929.

Mrs. M. H. Bentley,  
3517 Middleston Ave.,  
Cincinnati, O.

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 1st Lieutenant Robert E. Bentley, Co. F, 147th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., 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 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,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Bentley, Robert E.

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

1st Lt

Co. E. 147th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Father

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

M. H. Bentley

(Number and street or rural route.)

3517 Woodlinton Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

MAY 5 1919

Cam # C-178

Drawn by HR  
1239 Dec 5-5-12  
5-26-21

Checked  
5-27-21

In reply refer to:  
QM - 293 C-R

August 14, 1923.

Mrs. M.H. Bentley,  
3517 Middleston Ave.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of 1st Lieutenant Robert E. Bentley, Company F, 147th Infantry, is Grave 37, Row 36, Block B, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (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 headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.



AUG 14 1923  
S. M. H.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 30385

*2/24 Examined  
2/22 Concentration  
Munich-Angonne 1232  
Att 3/10/22*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BENTLEY, Robert E. Ser. No. -  
 (b) Rank 1st Lt. Organization Co. F, 147th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 9-28-18 (d) Cause of death k/a

TYP. b  
CKR. -

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

(a) Grave No. 98 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 55 TYP. b  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. M. H. Bentley (mother) 3517 Middleston Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases / CKR. 3

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none  
 (a) Name M. H. Bentley (b) Relationship father  
 (c) Address 3517 Middleston Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio  
 (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 HR Date 5-26, 1921

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

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1921

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

Sny. of Com. Henry Bentley (mother) Missoury Trust Building, Cincinnati Ohio 2-25-19 states that mother requests body to remain in France

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes  
 Examiner's Initials HR Date 5-26, 1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-sec. 55 SHEET No. 12

JUN 15 1921 *HR*

*checked by 216-13-210*

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 192

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
*Sec. #55* letter on **JUN 7 1921**, 192

**Par. 2 Not To Be Returned**

*mch*

IX.

REMARKS

*G. L. B. gives, Mrs. M. A. Bentley (mother)  
3517 Middleton Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 4, 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

ml

1. Name BENTLEY, Robert E.  
 2. No. -----  
 3. Rank 1st Lieut  
 4. Org. Co. F, 147th Inf,  
 5. D.D. Sept 28th -18  
 6. C.D. KIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 98 Sec. 55  
 8. Plot 2 Row -----  
 9. -----

15. Grave No. ----- Sec. -----  
 16. Plot ----- Row -----  
 17. No discp

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne, Amer.

19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-sons-MONTFAUCON

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #1232 sec 55

23. Disinterred (Date) 11-4-21

By Ed. Lavelle

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Robert E. Bentley

Serial No. -----

Rank 1st Lieut.

Organization Co. F. 147th Inf.

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

Ray M. Moody  
 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).  
GRS plac and brass plac on body reads Lt. Robert E. Bentley, Co. F. 147th Inf. 32nd Degree Masonic ring found on body and turned in.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial US Uniform, ~~blanket~~ and 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 11-4-21 By Ed. Lavelle

31. Casket sealed by Ed. Lavelle

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Ed. Lavelle



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-14164

32. Designation of body:  
Name BENTLEY, Robert L. Serial No. -----  
Rank 1st Lieut. Organization Co. F, 147th Inf.

33. Consigned to:  
Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne, Amer. Cty #1232 ROMAGNE-sons-  
MONTFAUCON (Meuse)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 11-4-21 By Ed. Lavelle

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 F. B. Daniel  
F. B. Daniel, Capt. QMC

36. Remarks -----  
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37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) 11-4-21  
To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne  
(Name  
Convoyer W. J. Royed Signature Shipping Officer G. F. Spann  
G. F. Spann, Capt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date -----  
By G.R.S. Representative -----

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date -----  
To Permanent Cemetery -----  
(Name  
Convoyer ----- Signature Shipping Officer -----

40. Received: Date -----  
G.R.S. Representative -----

41. Reinterred Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232 Nov. 5, 1921  
(Date

42. Grave No. 37. Section -----

43. ~~Plot~~ Block B. Row 36.

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger  
James W. Younger  
Captain, QMC  
mr

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BENTLEY ROBERT E. SERIAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
RANK Lst. Lt. ORGANIZATION Co., F. 147th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov, 4, 1921. From (give complete location):  
Gy. 98 sec 55 pt 2 Cem., #1232.  
By: Group five Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): \_\_\_\_\_ In (give complete location):  
Nov. 5, 1921 Meuse-Argonne Cem. 1232, Gr 37, Row 36, Block B.  
By: Group Re-burial S Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial unlined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
wooden box, uniform, body 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:

tag on peg over body. GRS plaque and brass plaque on body reads: "St. Robert E. Bentley Bentley, Co., F. 147th Inf." 32nd Degree masonic ring found on body and turned in.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.

(b) Weigh, (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

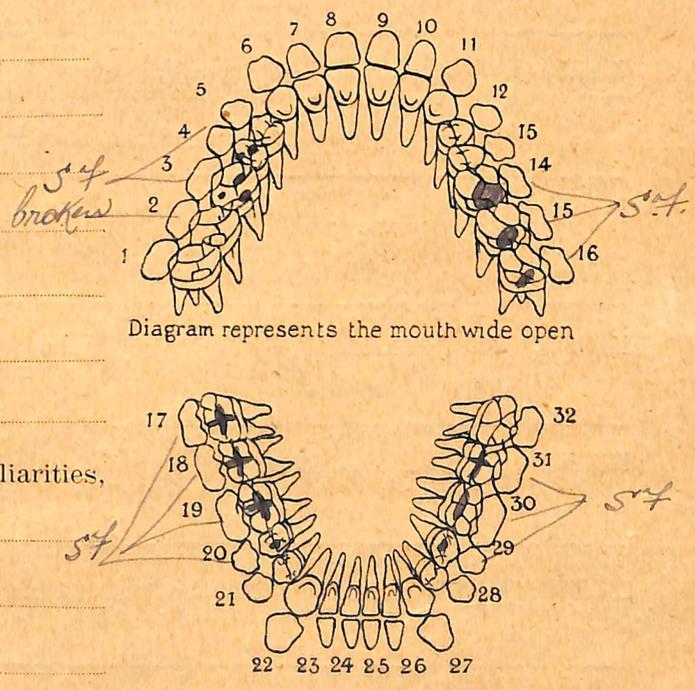
Quantity do

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

or missing parts do

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

None visible



7. Disinterment supervised by Ed Lavele  
Ed. Lavele S. E.

Approved: F. B. Daniel  
F. B. Daniel Capt. OMC  
(Title)

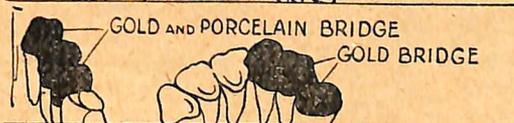
8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault  
A. U. Dufault concentration

Approved: James W. Younger  
James W. Younger  
(Title) Captain, OMC

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

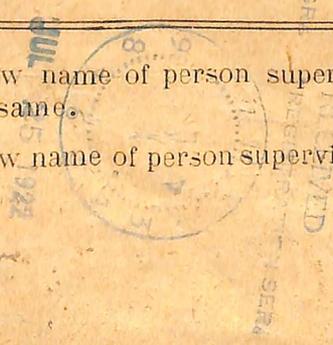
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Questions 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

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.





Refer to \_\_\_\_\_s

(Office) \_\_\_\_\_

No. 30 385

## INQUIRY

Request by MRS. M.H. BENTLEY  
HOTEL OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE. RUE D'ALGER.  
 European address PARIS

CINCINNATI. OHIORelationship to dec'd MOTHER

For location grave of:

BENTLEYROBERT E.

Last name. Serial No. First name

1st. LT. 147th INF. CO. F 9/28/18

Rank Org. Date of death

Date of request 3/2/22Rec'd. by H.K.(Initials) Other information:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION FURNISHED

PERMANENTLY CONCENTRATED

Location of grave Country

1232 MEUSE ARGONNE AMER. CTY.

Cemetery Commune (town) Dept.

ROMAGNE SOUS MONTFAUCON (MEUSE)Grave No. 10 Section \_\_\_\_\_BLOCKPlot A Row 18Furnished by \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/2/22  
 (Initials)

Refer to tables

(Office)

No.

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## INQUIRY

Request by Miss Morrison.European address Hotel Mirabeau  
Cincinnati, Ohio.Relationship to dec'd Friend.Bentley, Robert E. 1st Lieut, Co F,  
For location grave of: 147th Inf.~~Butley, Robert.~~

Last name. Serial No. First name

2nd Lieut - Co B - 915 M.G. Bn. 9/28/18  
Lieut. 149th Inft.

Rank Org. Date of death

Date of request 6/14/21.Rec'd. by JMK  
(Initials) Other information:

## INFORMATION FURNISHED

Authorization for exhumation  
has been received.

Location of grave Country

#1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon.

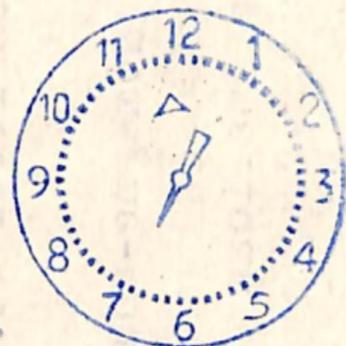
Cemetery Commune. (town) Dept.

Argonne American Cty. Meuse.Grave No. 98 Section 55Plot 2 RowFurnished by Hmy Date 9-10-21  
(Initials)

Robert E. Bentley -  
124 St. Co F, 147 Inf -

II 12205

RECEIVED



JUL 14 1921  
G. K. S.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

From : I  
To: (C  
Subject: I

BENTLY ..... Robert, E. ....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

1st. Lt., Co. "P", 147th Inf. Regt. USA. ....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH Battle Field N. of EVERY

CAUSE OF DEATH H. E. Shell

DATE OF BURIAL Sept. 27th, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL Same as place of death  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

08. 17 - 79. 92 Map Reference EVERY 11.

Groupe des Canevas De Tir, 7th Ed.

GRAVE NUMBER: .....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? No ..... Cross? Yes .....

Headboard? No ..... Bottle? No .....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? ..... Yes

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

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

OMME. GERCOOR + Drill Hancock

NEAREST RELATIVE Mrs. H. H. Bentley N 279.9

ADDRESS: 3517 Middleton Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio

RELATIONSHIP: Mother

REPORTED BY:

2nd Lt. H. E. FOLTZ, 147th Inf. Regt. ....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer). AEF.

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

ld Artillery.

merican E.F.

ther the grave  
y F, 147th Infantry,  
has been found. If  
be furnished with

Bentley  
Bentley



19, 1918. - To: .F.

concerning

1.  
of my Brother  
who was killed  
this grave has  
its co-ordinat

293-B.

G.R.S. Officer, No  
Chief, Graves Reg

1. Forwarded

2. There is no  
the grave location of the above mentioned officer.

CHESTER E. STATEN,  
Capt., Inf., U.S.A.,  
G.R.S. OFFICER.

RHR/jh.

BENTLEY

Robert, E.

Inf. Int. Regt. USA

1st Lt. H. E. Bentley

1st Lt. H. E. Bentley

Sept. 24th, 1918

Same as place of death

08.17 - 79.92 Map Reference

Groupes des Carreaux de Tir, 7th Ed.

Yes

No

No

No

Yes

Yes

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Mrs. M. H. Bentley  
3517 Middleton Ave.  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Monetary

No

1st Lt. H. E. Bentley, 147th Inf. Regt.  
ART.

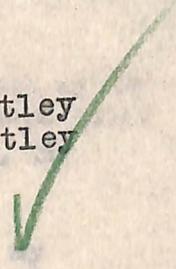
Tullahoma, France.  
7 January, 1919

300-385

From : Major James M. Bentley, M.C., 136th Field Artillery.  
To: Chief of Graves Registration Section, American E.F.  
Subject: Location of grave of deceased Officer.

1. It is requested that I be informed whether the grave of my Brother, Lieutenant Robert E. Bentley, Company F, 147th Infantry, who was killed at Cierges on September 29th, 1918, has been found. If this grave has been located it is requested that I be furnished with its co-ordinates.

(signed) James M. Bentley  
James M. Bentley



This information has not yet been confirmed by requesting officers, but there is very little doubt that the burial book place in the cemetery shows usual.

By direction

CHARLES S. FINCH  
Lieut. Colonel, G.A.C.

CAPT. HENRY B. DIX  
Captain, Graves Registration Service



293-B.

1st Ind.

G.R.S. Officer, Neufchateau Area No.1, A.P.O.731, A.E.F., January 19, 1919. -To:  
Chief, Graves Registration Service, Hdqrs.S.O.S., A.P.O.717, A.E.F.

1. Forwarded for necessary action.
2. There is no information on record at these Headquarters concerning the grave location of the above mentioned officer.

CHESTER E. STAMEN,  
Capt., Inf., U.S.A.,  
G.R.S. OFFICER.

RHR/jh.

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

February 21, 1919

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO: Lieut. Lowell Barnett, 80th Inf., A.P.O. #745, American E. F. ✓  
SUBJECT: 1st Lieut. Robert E. Bentley, 147th Inf.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in the COMMUNE of GERGOURT-et-DRILLANCOURT, in the DEPARTMENT of the MEUSE.

This information has not as yet been confirmed by my inspecting officers, but there is very little doubt that the burial took place in the cemetery above named.

By direction

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

Per MAURICE B. DIX  
Captain, American Red Cross  
Representative assigned to  
Graves Registration Service.

MBD/ln.



UNION TRUST BUILDING  
CINCINNATI, O.

HENRY BENTLEY  
W. B. MENTE

BENTLEY & MENTE  
LAWYERS

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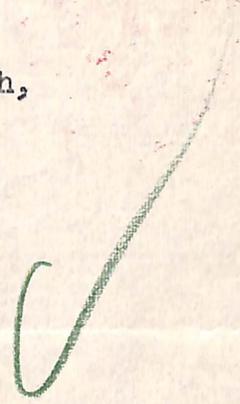
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SUBJECT:

First Lieut. Robert E. Bentley,  
Company F, 147th Infantry.  
Killed in Action Sept. 28, 1918,  
Commune Gercourt Drillancourt,  
Meuse, France.

March  
Thirteenth,  
1919.

Chief, Graves Registration Service,  
Headquarters Service of Supply,  
A. P. O. 717,  
American E. F., France.



*Handwritten initials in blue ink, possibly 'S.H.B.' with a diagonal slash.*

Dear Sir:-

My mother, Mrs. M. H. Bentley, 3517 Middleton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, would be very greatly obliged if you will furnish a photograph of the grave of the above named soldier, her son. Any changes for securing the same will be gladly paid.

I am,

Yours very truly,

*Henry Bentley*

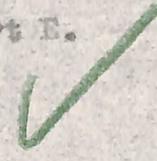
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France, April 5, 1919.

OFFICE  
G. C. S. W.  
8 - MAY 1919  
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From: Adjutant General.  
To: Mr. Henry Bentley, Union Trust Building,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Subject: Disposition of Remains of Lieut. Robert E.  
Bentley, 147th Infantry.



1. The Commander-in-Chief directs that I acknowledge receipt of your letter, expressing the wish of the mother of Lieutenant Robert E. Bentley, formerly Company "F", 148th Infantry, that his body should remain in France, and to state that the request will be complied with.

2. The Commander-in-Chief wishes me to convey to you his heartfelt sympathy in the loss which you have sustained for the cause of our Country.

Very respectfully,

Adjutant General.

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

Reference-30385

April 9th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Oscar N. Smith, A.P.O. 762 A.E.F., La Val Station.  
SUBJECT : 1st Lieut. Robert E. Bentley, Co., F. 147th Infantry,  
American E.F.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the re-  
gretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters  
he is buried in Commune Gercourt-et-Drillancourt in the Department  
of the Meuse.

By direction

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

Per MAURICE B. DIX,  
Captain, American Red Cross  
Representative assigned to  
Graves Registration Service.

(Enclosures-Gr.R.S.)  
( 10-B, .004.5)

For original letter, see  
File # 38881.

30385

293.8-Bentley, Robert E.  
(Misc. Div.)

1st Ind.

JEH/EJ

War Department, A. G. O., March 4, 1919 - To the Commanding General,  
American Expeditionary Forces.

1. The request contained in the foregoing letter from Mr. Henry Bentley, on behalf of the Mother of Lieutenant Robert E. Bentley, Company F, 147th Infantry, that his body be allowed to remain where buried is approved, and the Commanding General is directed to take action accordingly.

2. Mr. Bentley and the Quartermaster General of the Army have been advised of this action.

By order of the Secretary of War:



Received  
A. G. O.

31 MARS 1919

G. H. Q.

*J. C. Ashburn*  
Adjutant General.

Synopsis made.

*McIntire*

(Misc) 20851-A-252

2nd Ind.

jgmc

G. H. Q., American E. F., France, April 4, 1919 - To Commanding General, S.O.S. - G.R.S.

Approved. This request will be made of record by Graves Registration Service.

By command of General Pershing:

*J. M. Woodford*  
Adjutant General.

G. R. S.



1 incl.

*S*

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Am. Ex. Forces, Hq. S.O.S., O.G.R.S., France, January 28th, 1919.  
To: Major James M. Bentley, M.C., 136th Field Artillery, A.E.F.

1. Returned. Records of this office show that 1st Lieut. Robert E. Bentley, Company F, 147th Infantry, was killed in action Sept. 28th, 1918, and was buried September 29th, 1918, in Isolated Grave in Commune of Gercourty-Drillancourt (Meuse). Lambert map 1/50,000: Map reference 35 SE: coordinates E 317. : N 279.9.

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

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BENTLEY & MENTE  
LAWYERS

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SUBJECT: Disposal of remains of  
Lieut. Robert E. Bentley,

May  
Second,  
1919.

The Adjutant General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I return you herewith the card enclosed with your letter of April 28th, directing that the body remain in France.

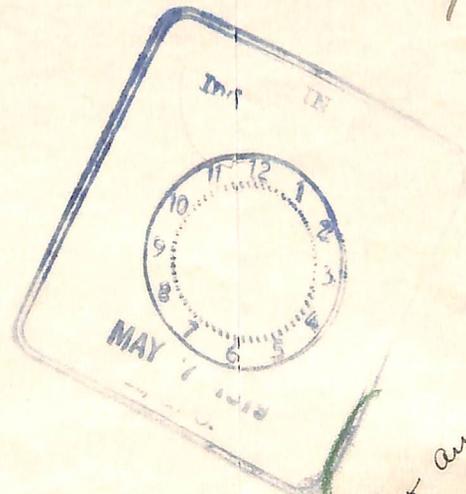
In this connection I beg to state that under date of February 25th I notified the Department that I desired the body to remain in France, and have acknowledgment of the same from your office under date of March 4th, 1919, and acknowledgment from France under date of April 5th.

I am,

Yours very truly,

*Henry Bentley*

HB. IW.



*No answer necessary  
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RECORD OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED

*From:* Henry Bentley, Union Trust Building,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

*Dated:* Feb. 25, 1919.

*To:* Adjutant General, U. S. A.

*Rec'd A. G. O.*  
Feb. 27, 1919.

*Subject:* Place of burial, First Lieutenant Robert E. Bentley,  
Co. F, 147th Infantry, Died September 28th 1918.  
Commune Gercourt Drillancourt, (Meuse)  
France.

In accordance with your request in Section 9 of Bulletin No. 10 B from the Office of the Graves Registration Service, I beg to advise on behalf of the Mother of Lieutenant Robert E. Bentley, that it is not desired to have the body returned to the United States.

We trust that an American cemetery will be established in France and believe that such a cemetery is the proper resting place of one who died on the soil of France.

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(Room 159)

1st Lt. Robert E.  
Bentley, 147th  
Infantry.

3-1-19 R & S. Sec,  
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Miss Joslin  
Body to be left  
in France.

Send memo  
for info re  
Cemeteries.

Date

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293.8-Bentley, Robert E.  
(Misc. Div.)

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War Department, A. G. O., March 4, 1919 - To the Commanding General,  
American Expeditionary Forces.

1. The request contained in the foregoing letter from Mr. Henry Bentley, on behalf of the Mother of Lieutenant Robert E. Bentley, Company F, 147th Infantry, that his body be allowed to remain where buried is approved, and the Commanding General is directed to take action accordingly.

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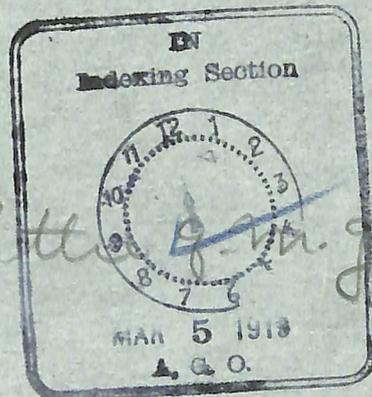
By order of the Secretary of War:

Jos. P. Tracy

Synopsis made.

Adjutant General.

*Copy furnished Office of the  
(Comptroller Branch)*



Card made.

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Date 3-4-19 Sig. LJB

293.8-Bentley, Robert E.  
(Misc. Div.)JEH/EJ

March 4th 1919.

Mr. Henry Bentley,  
Union Trust Building,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 25, 1919, in which you express the desire of the Mother of Lieutenant Robert E. Bentley, Company F, 147th Infantry, that his body be allowed to remain in France, I beg to advise you that the request contained in your communication has been approved by the Secretary of War and the Commanding General, American Expeditionary Forces, France, is being so notified.

Permit me to express to the relatives of Lieutenant Bentley the sincere sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss they have sustained.

Very respectfully,

F. C. Harris.

The Adjutant General.

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F. Traub

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