

Disallowance Rec 3/12

To The A. G. O.

7059

G.R.S. Form #114 B

Listed as William F.

MAY 14 1918

Benton, Willie F.
BENTON, William F. *

Mark sig. prepared as Willie Franklin

DATE 10/15/21

SERIAL No. 3060966

1. NAME

RANK

Pvt. 1 cl.

ORGANIZATION
8 DIVISION

Co. B 141st Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION

French Mil. Cty. La Cheppe, Marne

540

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

95

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

95, Fr. Mil. Cty. LaCheppe (Marne)

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

East 261.90 North 256.85.

CONCENTRATED TO

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

(Information in Par. 2, taken from Form 1.)

DATE OF DEATH *Oct. 19, 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Texas*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *None*

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

G.F. WAUGH
G.F. WAUGH, Major, Inf., Supervisor, Area #2.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/15/21

19

39

D

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

Block

Plot

AUDITED BY
M.M.E.
8-17-23

Meuse Argonne American Cty # 1232 Romagne sous Montfaucon

CEMETERY

A.G.O.
MAY 15 1924
WORLD WAR DIV.

Kaw
1/3

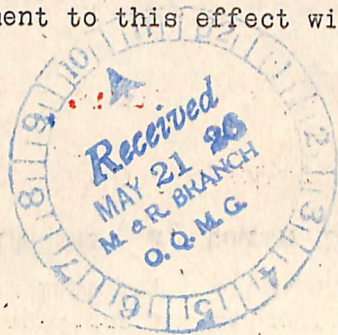
INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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.



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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Benton.....**#3060966**.....**William F.**.....
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Unknown.....
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL.....**Oct. 20, 1918**.....

PLACE OF BURIAL.....**Cemetery**.....

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

Cemetery La Choppe, Cuperly Marne France.....

GRAVE NUMBER.....**108**.....

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....**yes**.....

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

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

ENTON, William F.- Pvt 3060966
Home : Abilene, Texas.

Pvt Wm Benton after he was shot. He
ugh the stomach. I helped carry him
his wounds dressed and saw him get
l afterwards that he died in the

REPORTED BY:

F. B. Celyne.....**1st Lt. Chaplain**.....
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

Benton, James E.- Pvt 1482465
Co B 141st Inf.
Ft. McKavett, Tex.

P.W. Charders, 1st Lieut. 141st Inf.
Co Commander

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l, G. H. Q., A. E. F.

Co B 141st Inf.
~~36th~~ Division
36th

BENTON, William F.- Pvt 3060966
Home : Abilene, Texas.

Pvt Benton says : " I saw Pvt Wm Benton after he was shot. He had one arm shot off and was shot through the stomach. I helped carry him back to the first aid station and saw his wounds dressed and saw him get into an ambulance and leave. I learned afterwards that he died in the hospital".

Informant : Benton, James E.- Pvt 1482465
Co B 141st Inf.
Home : Ft. McKavett, Tex.

Searcher : P.W.Charders, 1st Lieut. 141st Inf.
Co Commander

Emergency address :
Tom Williams (uncle)
Abilene, Texas.

A/A/

CODE SLIP

138569

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Benton</i>	<i>B E N</i>	3	254
<i>William F.</i> BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	1
	GRAVE <i>19</i>	2	19
	ROW <i>39</i>	2	39
	BLOCK <i>D</i>	1	4
STATE	<i>Tex</i>	2	49
PANK	<i>P7C</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>36</i>	2	36
ORGANIZATION	<i>141</i>	3	141
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARTIAL	<i>Divorced</i>	1	4
NAME <i>Mc Croy</i>		3	
<i>Mr. A</i> RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
<i>(Yan. of child)</i> <i>(Father's address)</i> RELATION <i>in doubt</i>	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
OTHER	<i>mother</i>	1	1
ELIGIBILITY <i>Stepmother</i> <i>Dead 1915</i>	<i>Dead</i>	1	6
NATIVITY <i>no loco</i>		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514/PJ			

AUDITED
APR 11 1932
RS

KPB

RS

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Benton, Wm F</i>	3	
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	
	GRAVE	2	
	ROW	2	
	BLOCK	1	
STATE		2	
RANK		1	
DIVISION		2	
ORGANIZATION		3	
ARM		1	
MARITAL	<i>Divorced</i>	1	<i>4</i>
NAME		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>widow</i>	1	<i>5</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.		
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514			

AUDITED
 APR 11 1952
RS

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Denton, Wm. T. ~~1255 det~~

July 7, 1930

Mr. A. McCrory
Kingling, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

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

*Wife divorced
Mother dead
Step Mother dead 1915
11/19/30*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Benton, William F.

August 9, 1929

Mr. A. Mc Croxy,
Ringling, Okla .

Dear Sir:

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The records of this office show that you are the Guardian of the child of the late Private, first class, William F. Benton, Co. B, 414st Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

Yes, but was divorced before son died interred the service. Remarried.

2. If so, give her complete address.

None


3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

None known, probable father is living in Dallas, Texas.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Envelope


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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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First Nat'l Bank of McKinney Texas,
McKinney, Tex.

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The records of this office show that you are the ^{Administrator of the} estate of the late Private, first class, William F. Benton, Co. B, 141st Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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2. If so, give her complete address.

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*Mr. A. J. McCroony
Ringling, Okla.*

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Benton, Wm. F.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Noah F. Benton,
Mineola, Texas.

*Adm. of Est. XC 1385-69
The 1st Natl Bank 7-27
McKinney, Tex. of J. W.
McKinney, Tex.*

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. 1/c Wm. F. Benton, Co. B, 141st Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

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

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Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Benton, Mr.,

June 29 1929.

Mr. Noah F. Benton,
Mineola, Texas.

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Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R #69177

February 24, 1923.

Mr. Noah F. Benton,
Mincola,
Texas.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Pvt. 1/c William F. Benton, Co. B, 141st Infantry is Grave 19, Row 39, Block D, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, in the Department of Meuse.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

MAILED
FEB 24 1923

G.R.S.

22/1423/ARK

Benton,
(Surname.)

William F.
(Christian name in full.)

3,060,966
(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co B, 141st Inf.
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

RETURNED
UNCLAIMED

Place La Chapelle Marne

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 9.24.21

1. REMAINS OF Benton William F. SERIAL NUMBER 3060966

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co B. 141st Linf.

2. Disinterred (date): 9.24.21 From (give complete location): Grave 95 Cam 540

By: Group 2 Unit Section 3

3. Reburied (date): October 15th, 1921. In (give complete location): Row 59, Block D. Gr. 19 Cty. 1232.

By: Group Reburial S. Unit Unlined Nature of reburial Casket

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

Burlap pine box.

See par 6

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

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

Bottle record shows body worked and identified by tag by

group 2 See 4 May 6 21 No effects found.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement)

(b) Weight (estimated)

(c) Hair—Color

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color

Location

Quantity

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

missing parts)

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

PACKAGE INTACT?
BODY NOT DISTURBED.

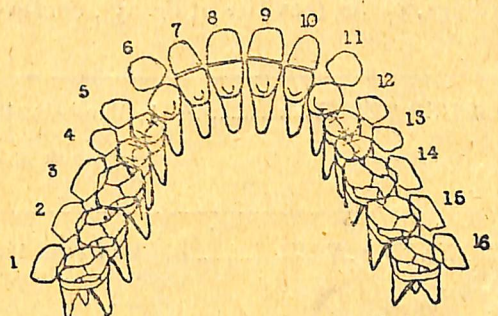
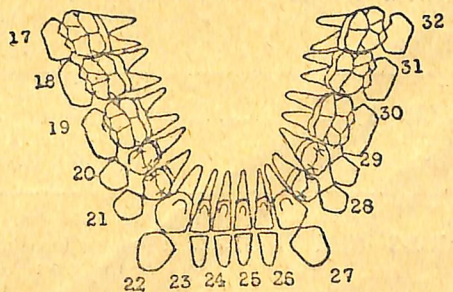


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by H.L. Hurlburt

H. L. Hurlburt

Approved: W.H. Roach

W.H. Roach

(Title) 1st Lt MC.

8. Reburial supervised by W. P. Shild

W. P. SHILD

Approved: James W. Younger






JAMES W. YOUNGER

CAPTAIN, Q. M. C.

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

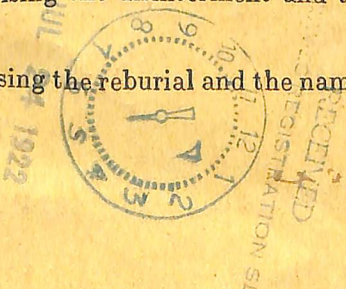
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

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), bicuspid (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 TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :	
FILLINGSDraw 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.



Place La Chapelle (Marne) France.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date May 6, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BENTON, William F. SERIAL NUMBER 3060966
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B, 141st Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): May 6, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr. No. 95;
French Military Cemetery (American Plot) La Chapelle (Marne) France; G.R.S. Code
No. 540.
By: Group 2 Unit Section No. 4

3. Reburied (date): May 6, 1921. In (give complete location): Gr. No. 95;
French Military Cemetery (American Plot) La Chapelle (Marne) France; G.R.S. Code
No. 540.
By: Group 2 Unit Sect. No. 4 Nature of reburial Wooden box;
burial, with
bottle and metal strip.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Buried in blanket; body badly decomposed; recognition impossible.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Cross reads: "William F. Benton, Pvt., Co. B, 141st Inf. #95." Disc on cross
reads: "William F. Benton, 3060966." G.R.S. strip on back of cross reads:
"William F. Benton, 3060966, Pvt., Co. B, 141st Inf. Gr. 95." Disc on body,
partly corroded, reads: "- - - - - 3060966." No effects found.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? Nos. 16, 17, 32 - Not grown.

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) -

(c) Hair—Color -

Quantity -

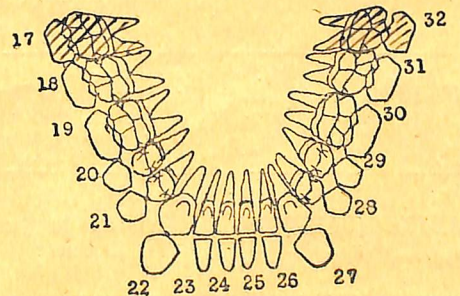
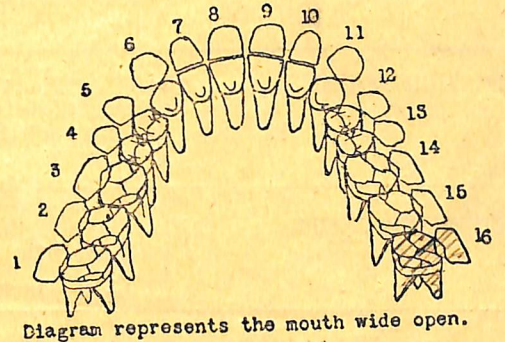
Characteristics -

(d) Hair on face—Color -

Location -

Quantity -

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Unable to determine



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Right arm fractured between
shoulder and elbow.

7. Disinterment supervised by J. E. BENSON Approved: V. L. ROBINSON,
(Title) 1st Lt., Q.M.C. gvc






8. Reburial supervised by J. E. BENSON Approved: V. L. ROBINSON,
(Title) 1st Lt., Q.M.C. gvc

Handwritten: D# 30798

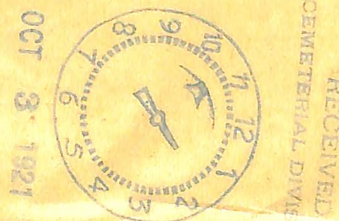
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

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 TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	 <p>TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	 <p>GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :	 <p>GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
FILLINGSDraw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	 <p>SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	 <p>CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED DECAYED</p>
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.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept 24-21

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 BENTON, William F.
 2. No. 3060966
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. B 141st Inf.
 5. D.D. ~~Oct 10-20~~ 19-18
 6. C.D. D.O.W.

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 95 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. None

18. Cemetery French Mil. Cty.

19. Commune or town La Chappe

20. Dept. or County Marne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #540

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept 24-21

By H. L. Hurlbut

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William F. Benton
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Co. B. 141st Inf.

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

Signature H. L. Hurlbut 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).
Package intact body not disturbed, bottle record shows body disinterred and identified by tag on body by group 2 Sec. 4. May 6th 1921. No effects

27. Condition of body See Par. 26.

28. Nature of burial Burlap 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 Sept 24-21 By H. L. Hurlbut

31. Casket sealed by H. L. Hurlbut
Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H. L. Hurlbut

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. 9389

32. Designation of body:

Name BENTON, William F.

3060966

Rank Pvt.

Serial No. Co. B 1st Inf.

Organization

33. Consigned to: Officer in Charge Operations

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Aer. Cty. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept 24-21

By H.L. Hurlbut

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 W.H. Roach, 1st Lt. QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept 24-21

To point of Concentration Romagne sous Montfaucon, Meuse.,

(Name)

Convoyer James Flynn

Signature Shipping Officer P. Giamon 1st Lt. 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 Cty. 1232, October 15th, 1921.

(Date)

42. Grave No. Row 39, Block D, Gr. 19

Section

43. Plot

Row

G.R.S. Representative

JAMES W. YOUNGER
CAPTAIN, Q. M. C.

JAW

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #69177

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BENTON, William F. Ser. No. 3060966
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. B. 141st Inf.
(c) Date of death 10/19/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. EVS
CKR.

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

(a) Grave No. 25 Row - Plot - Sec. - TYP. EVS
(b) Emerg. Address Tom Williams (Uncle) Abilene, Texas.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases 0- - CKR. B.J.

no card in file - 88R - 1-20-21

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name (b) Relationship
(c) Address
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.?
(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 Date, 1920.

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

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials 88R Date 1-20-1920.

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF

Examiner's Initials PF Date 1-21-1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 540 SHEET No. 11

checked 4-27-21

EXHIBITED FOR CONCENTRATION in Meuse-Argonne, 1832

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on JAN 27 1921, ~~1920~~

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned

EW

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *NR&A. Mr. Tom Williams (Uncle)
Abilene, Texas (Am. Add.)*

Date

Rank

Name
Rank
Serial No.
Org.
Remarks:

Rice - 1-20-21
A. G. O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies
Name
Rank
Serial No.
Org.
Remarks: *E. A.*

G. R. S. Corr.
Discrepancies
Name
Rank
Serial No.
Org.
Remarks:

Checkers
Discrepancies
Name
Rank
Serial No.
Org.
Remarks:

*6 checked
1-21-21
st*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #69177

(a) Name BENTON, William F. Ser. No. 3060966
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. B. 141st Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10/19/18 Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. EVS

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

(a) Grave No. 95 Row - Plot - Sect. -
 (b) Emerg. Address Tom Williams (Uncle) Abilene, Texas.

TYP. EVS

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR

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

cer. 1-20-21
No card in file.
No request for disposition.
 - *AR* 5/3/21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192)
 (letter of transmittal on JAN 27 1921)

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned

EW

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

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

HS 5-3-21

RETURNED FOR CONCENTRATION
 in Menele - Argonne, #1232 (AES) (12/24/21)

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

Case
138569

<u>Harlow F.M.</u>		
NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER	CEMETERY NO.	DATE
<u>Benton, William F., Pvt. 1/cl.</u>	<u>540 - 11</u>	<u>4/5/21.</u>
SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
<u>3060966</u>	<u>Co. B, 141st Inf.</u>	<u>10/19/18.</u>

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

<u>Mr Tom Williams</u>	<u>(Uncle)</u>
PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE	RELATIONSHIP

Abilene, Texas

ADDRESS

No address

<u>No Record</u>	
PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION	RELATIONSHIP

No Record

ADDRESS

Adj. made
10-10-21
File No. 69177

69177

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Benton #3060966 William F.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

unknown
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct. 20, 1918

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

Cemetery La Choppe, Cuperly Marne France

GRAVE NUMBER 108

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? **yes**
Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? **yes**

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

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

540

REPORTED BY:
F. B. Celyne 1st Lt. Chaplain.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

128061

Soldier's No 3060966

Name : Benton William F.

Rank : Co Reg

Died :

Buried : Oct. 20, 1918

Cemetery : Military of Camp LaFayette .

Commune of la Cheppe .

Grave No 106 Avery sketch No 14

How marked ? Cross, tag attached .

If name unknown and tags missing give
marks and description .

Map reference : Map 50 N.E.

256.8 N. 262.1 E.

Name of chaplain or burial officer .

Signed- *E. K. Clyde L. Shinger*

Group One, Unit "B", G.R.S.

#69177

WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

DDM

WASHINGTON, May 11th, 1920.

IN REPLY
REFER TO

AG 201 (Benton, William F.) WW

File # - 69177

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Date of death of William F Benton, Pvt. 1st Class, #3,060,966, Co. B, 141st Infantry. ✓

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that he died of wounds October 19th, 1918. ✓

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted May 25, 1918, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Tom Williams, Uncle, Abilene, Texas. ✓

By order of the Secretary of War:

P. C. Harris

The Adjutant General.
per L

Adjutant General
5-13-20
FILE

Benton, William F. - Deceased.

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

MAR 29 1919

Mr. Tom Williams,
Abilene, Texas.

69177
AGO CARD
RETURNED
UNCLAIMED

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

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

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

In the case of an unmarried man—

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

In the case of a married man—

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

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

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

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

Very respectfully,

P. C. HARRIS,
The Adjutant General.

Benton, William F

3,060,966

Post. Co B 141st sup.

E. A.

1. On rec'd letter

Mr Tom Williams

Abilene,

Texas.

unclaimed

2. Cas. File.

Same E. A.

Spec'd Card

MAR 26 1920

~~RECEIVED~~
Corres. file

UNCLAIMED

no record that

Reley was

undelivered

Pg. given

Abilene

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RECEIVED
MAY 23 1920
Express Division