

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bethea.....1085406.....William A,
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private.....Battery "A".....111th F. A.,
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. Sept., 13 1918 2:30 P.M.

PLACE OF BURIAL. American Cemetery

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

.....Place reserved for cemetery

.....near the Base Hospital Camp Meucon

.....about 12 Kilo, N. of Vannes, France

GRAVE NUMBER.....#7

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross?..X

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:

.....
REPORTED BY: G. W. M. Taylor, Chaplain
111th F. A.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

DEC 23 1925

1076

DATE

1. NAME BETHEA, William A. *Sol. sig.*

SERIAL No. 1085406

mg RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Bty. A. 111th FA.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Meucon (Morbihan)

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

17

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

17

Meucon

Morbihan

As shown by AGRS Form #1-A,
May 19, 1919.

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES Not given

CONCENTRATED TO

Nothing of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Nothing of record

DATE OF DEATH Sept 12/18 ✓

9-12-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Texas ✓

Tex

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none ✓

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

None of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Stanley J. Grogan
STANLEY J. GROGAN, CAPT. INF. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 9/22/22

DATE

14

GRAVE

52 27

ROW

Blk. A

PLOT

Oroise Aisnee American City #608, Seringes-&-Nesles, Aisne.

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

Bethea, Wm. A.
Port.

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY July 23, 1930

Travis County, State of Texas

Name Bethea, Mrs E J (M-12)

Address General Delivery, Austin, Texas

Route going: I&GN Longview Jct, T&P Texarkana, Mo Pac St Louis, Penna ~~New York~~.

Return: Penna Washington, Sou Ry Lynchburg N & W Bristol Sou Ry Memphis Mo Pac Texarkana T&P Longview Jct I&GN ~~Austin~~.

(Desires stopover in Chattanooga, Tennessee)

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	✓ Lv	Austin	I-GN	2	12:05 PM	July 19
	Ar	Longview Jct	"	"	7:50 PM	" "
	Lv	" "	T&P	"	7:55 PM	" "
	Ar	Texarkana	"	"	10:25 PM	" "
	Lv	"	MoPac	"	10:30 PM	" "
	✓ Ar	St Louis	"	"	11:30 AM	" 20
	✓ Lv	" "	Penna	26	12:25 PM	" "
	✓ Ar	New York	"	"	5:15 PM	" 21
	Lv	(Penna Sta)				
	Ar					
	Lv					
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	Lv					
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Austin Texas to St Louis Mo and St Louis Mo to New York, N Y

Elapsed Time: 52 hours, 10 minutes. *2 1/4*

Extra Fare:

McPac 6/21

HGT.

Bethea, Wm. A. (O.A.)

Party "M" - Itinerary - Oise-Aisne Group

Sailed July 23, 1930 on SS GEORGE WASHINGTON. Capt. J. A. Cistero and 1st Lt. H. R. Emery in charge. Arrived Cherbourg at day break on July 31st. Tender arrived 5.50 am, bearing Major Dailey and 9 other officers; 6 nurses and 5 civilian employees. Tender returned to dock at 7.30 am. Train left at 8.28 am. Arrived Invalides in Paris at 2.20 pm. Met by Col. Ellis, Members of his Staff and a detail of interpreters and nurses.

August 1st. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Left hotel by autobus in the afternoon for Arc de Triomphe where Mrs. Mary Saboe placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Mrs. Grace Forbes and Mrs. Martha Stewart each in turn also placed a wreath on the Tomb. After this ceremony, tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Returned to hotel for dinner.

August 2nd. Sightseeing - Paris Louvre and Notre Dame.

August 3rd. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Left at 1.40 pm Via Porte de Pantin. Arrived La Ferte s/s Jouarre 4.00 pm. Rest stop Hotel de la Terrasse. Left 4.50 pm Via Chateau-Thierry. Arrived Soissons 6.15 pm. Dinner and sleep Hotel Lion Rouge.

August 4th, 5th. Daily trips from Soissons to Oise-Aisne American Cemetery.

August 6th. Visited Cemetery. Lunch at Hotel. Left 2.00 pm Via Fismes. Arrived Reims 4.25 pm. Dinner and sleep Hotel Crystal.

August 7th. Visited Reims & Cathedral. Lunch at Hotel. Left 1.30 pm Via R.N.44, Berry-au-Bac, Corbeny, Craonne, Chemin-des-Damos, Vaurains Perme. Arrived Soissons 3.00 pm. Rest stop Hotel Lion Rouge. Left 3.30 pm. Arrived Compiègne 4.25 pm. Dinner and sleep Hotel Rond Royal.

August 8th. Carrefour De L'Armistice. Lunch Hotel Rond Royal. Left 2.00 pm Via La Croix St. Ouen, Senlis. Arrived Chantilly 4.00 pm. Rest stop Hotel du Parc. Left 4.30 pm. Arrived Paris 5.45 pm. Dinner at Hotel.

August 9th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Visit Sacre Coeur. Dinner at Hotel.

August 10th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at Hotel. Sight-seeing Night Trip.

August 11th. Fontainebleau Via Barbizon. Lunch at Hotel Legris. Visit Chateau. Arrived Paris 6.30 pm. Dinner at Hotel.

August 12th. Versailles. Visit Chateau. Lunch at Belle Cycliste. Afternoon free. Dinner at Hotel.

August 13th. Left Hotel between 8 & 8.30 am for Invalides Railway Station. Train left at 9.22 am and arrived Cherbourg 3.08 pm. The departure of the train was witnessed by Col. Ellis and Members of his Staff. Transferred to tender and arrived alongside the SS REPUBLIC at 6.00 pm and sailed shortly thereafter. Capt. Cistero and Lt. Emery in charge. Arrived New York August 22nd.

Mrs. E. J. Bethea

Austin, Texas.
Sept. 17, 1930.

Officer in Charge.
Pilgrimage. War Mothers and Widows.
N.Y.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing this in behalf of Mrs. E. J. Bethea, Texas, to tell you how much she enjoyed the wonderful trip to France to visit the grave of her son. She says that nothing can express her appreciation of the courtesy shown her on every side from start to finish, of her trip more than her feeling that she wishes her trip was before her to be made, instead of ended and over.

Mrs. Bethea arrived in Austin at 6: A.M. today in good health and very happy over her trip and how wonderful everyone had been to her.

Sincerely,
Mrs. C. W. Walsh.



AF

WAR DEPARTMENT
FILGBIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS
225 WEST 34TH ST., N. Y., N. Y., ROOM 8

VIA WESTERN UNION

Mrs. Ada Simpson
Trenton, Georgia

MORRILL ROSS
Captain F. A. (DOL)
August 23, 1930

YOUR SISTER WILL ARRIVE CHATTANOOGA TENNESSEE VIA SOU RR AT NINE A M
SUNDAY AUGUST TWENTY FOURTH

COLONEL WILLIAMS

Mrs. E. J. Bethea, Party "M", Hotel McAlpin

Validate

2240

NAME BETHEA, MRS. E. J.

S.S. AMERICA AUG 28 1930

HOME AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

R.R. Pen to Wash.

STATION So to Lynchburg.

TRAIN # New Orleans

CAR # So to Memphis

BIRTH OR SEAT Memphis Tennessee

TIME T & P Long view get.

DATE I got to Austin.

Oct-19-30 Mrs C W Walsh

P.O Box - 181

Austin

Tex

Stopover Chattanooga

Tenn

Name..... BETHEA. Mrs E.J.
HOTEL CARLTON
Paris Hôtel..... AV. DES CHAMPS-ELYSEES
Home address..... General Delivery, Austin, Travis County, Texas
Party..... M..... Group..... 2..... Unit SS.WASHINGTON
Date of arrival..... July-31-1930..... Date of departure SS.AMERICA-Aug-13-1930
Relationship..... Mother
Name of deceased..... BETHEA, William A.
Rank..... Pvt..... Organization Bty.A.IIIth F.A.
Cemetery..... Oise-Aisne

REMARKS

Desires stop-over in Chattanooga, Tenn.

(mark of) Mrs. Eliza Jane Bethea



WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 ROOM 901
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

BETHEA, William A. OA

Party M
 Number 2240

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. E. J. BETHEA

Actual cost of through Pullman.

Name of Traveler

AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY,

New York, to

AUSTIN, TEX.

Home Address

TEXAS

\$ 19.88 thru

New York, to AUSTIN, TEX.

Destination

Via PENN TO WASH. - SO TO LYNCHBURG - N & W TO BRISTOL - SO TO MEMPHIS -
NO PAC TO TEXARKANA - T & P TO LONGVIEW JCT. - I G N TO AUSTIN.

LIMIT - OCT 19-30

AUGUST 24, 1930.

Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV PENN STA	P R R	123	8-24	1110A	L9	K16		
* AR CHATTANOOGA	Sou	17	8-25	900A	L7	K16	#27 Log-1023162	9.75
LV "	"	25		900P				
AR MEMPHIS	"	"		650A			Log-1023163	3.75
LV "	M.P.	219		825A				
* AR LITTLE ROCK	"	"		1135A			Log-1023164	3.75
LV " "	"	7		1150A				
* AR AUSTIN	I.G.N.	"		610A			Log-1023165	6.38
LV								
AR								
LV								
AR								

TOTAL 23.63
19.88
3.75

Remarks:

STOP OVER - CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

CHANGE CARS AT LITTLE ROCK.

Accompanied to train by Capt. Wm. Herbert -

Capt. Hesheta

WAR DEPARTMENT
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.
ROOM 901

RAIL SCHEDULE OF DEPARTURE OF PILGRIMS FROM HOTEL MC ALPIN

PARTY "M"

PILGRIMS LEAVE HOTEL ^{10:30}~~9:30AM~~ (E.S.T.)

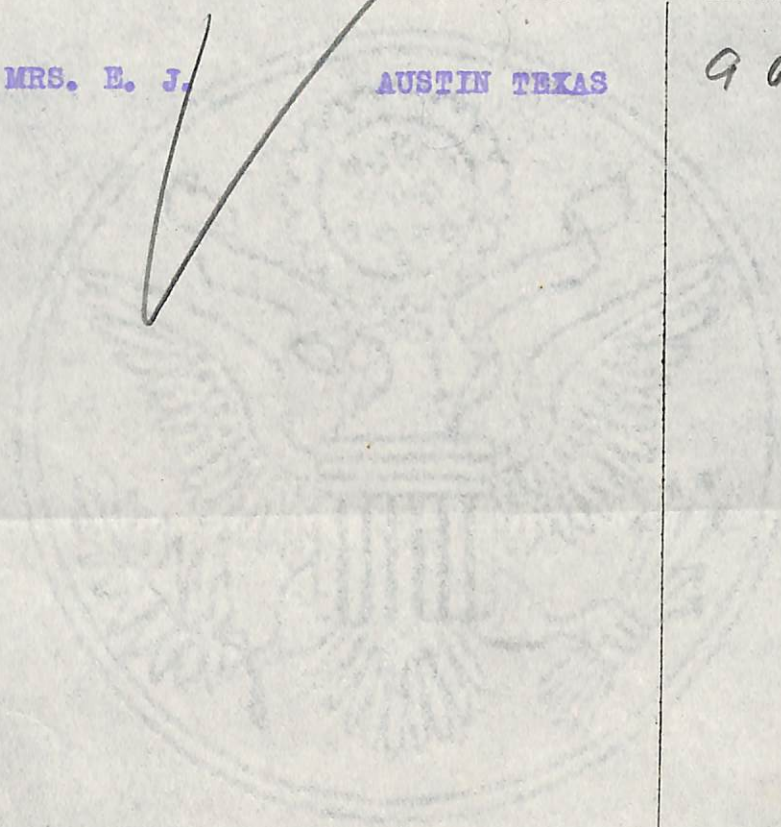
TRAIN LEAVES 11:10AM (E.S.T.)

AUGUST 23, 1930 123
Date Train Number

PENNSYLVANIA
Name of Railroad

PENNSYLVANIA
Point of Departure

NAME	DESTINATION	ROOM NO.	PIECES OF BAGGAGE
BETHEA MRS. E. J.	AUSTIN TEXAS	909	2



Capt. Hesketh

WAR DEPARTMENT
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.
ROOM 901

RAIL SCHEDULE OF DEPARTURE OF PILGRIMS FROM HOTEL MC ALPIN

PARTY "M"

PILGRIMS LEAVE HOTEL 9:30AM (E.S.T.)

TRAIN LEAVES 11:10AM (E.S.T.)

vs

AUGUST 24, 1950

125

Date

Train Number

PENNSYLVANIA

Name of Railroad

PENNSYLVANIA

Point of Departure

NAME

DESTINATION

ROOM NO.

PIECES OF BAGGAGE

✓

BETHEA

MRS. E. J.

AUSTIN TEXAS

*Boeing
11/15*

July 5, 1930

Arrived 5:15 P.M. - July 21st.
Met by Capt. Innell Ross

Mrs. E.J. Bethea,
General Delivery,
Austin, Texas.

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor,
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

Cabin 382 A. on S. Republic -

Enclosures:
2 tags.

With Mrs. R.A. Carlson at Hotel McAlpin (Eastbound)
" " Mary Grindel " " (Westbound)

CODE SLIP

V

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bethea</i>	<i>BET</i>	3	<i>25-0¹²</i>
<i>Wm. A.</i>	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	<i>2</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>14</i>	2	<i>14</i>
	ROW <i>27</i>	2	<i>27</i>
	BLOCK <i>a</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>Texas</i>	2	<i>51</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>29</i>	2	<i>29</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>111</i>	3	<i>111</i>
ARM	<i>F.A.</i>	1	<i>3</i>
MARTIAL	<i>NO</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bethea</i>	<i>BET</i>	3	<i>250¹²</i>
<i>E. J.</i>	STATE <i>Texas</i>	2	<i>51</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Davis</i>	2	<i>27</i>
	CITY <i>Austin</i>	3	<i>005</i>
RELATION	<i>Brother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. <i>05</i>	X	
	YR. <i>1930</i>	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	

*Sample
July 25*

*Audited
OCT 6 1931
A.S.*

NAME Bethea, Mrs. E. J.

M

ADDRESS General Delivery, Austin, Texas

DATE Sept. 17, 1930

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) Mrs. E. J. Bethea

By Mrs. E. W. Walsh.

WAR DEPARTMENT

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

TEXAS

Bethea, W.M. A.

M

NAME Bethea, Mrs. E.J. HOME ADDRESS General Delivery, Austin,

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mrs. C. Walsh Travis County, Astoria, Texas

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE July 21 HOTEL MCALPIN ROOM NO. 1565

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE July 23 VESSEL Washington CABIN NO. ~~180A~~ 27A

DESTINATION CHERBOURG CEMETERY O. A.

RETURN NEW YORK

AUG 22 1930

DATE

General Delivery
Travis County
Austin, Texas.

M

NAME Bethae , Mrs. E. J. HOME ADDRESS

RETURN ON S. S. S/S REPUBLIC HOTEL MCALPIN ROOM NO. 969

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

AUG 23 1930

DATE

ROAD Fern TRAIN 123 CAR K16 BERTH or SEAT L9

REMARKS Chattanooga, Fern

.....
.....
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RETURN RECEIPT

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

Wm. E. Bethua

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

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1931

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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*Bethua, Wm. E.
608*

*Bethua
Gen'l.
Austin
Tex*

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926222

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

*Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,* MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

TRENTON, N.J.
APR
5
A.M.
1931

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

2500

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RETURN RECEIPT

Washington 7-23-30

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

Mr. E. J. Bethea

(Signature or name of addressee.)

Mr. C. W. Walsh

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

JUL 8 1930

Date of delivery, _____, 192

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 923537

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to _____

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____

Q. M. GENERAL
(NAME OF SENDER)
MUNITIONS BUILDING
WASHINGTON,

D. C.

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

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JUL 11 1980
MUNITIONS BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C.

2500-c

Washington 7-23-30

608

RETURN RECEIPT

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

E. J. [unclear]

(Signature or name of addressee.)

Deliver to addressee only

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery,

JUN 30 1930

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Deliver to addressee only

Post Office Department

1 OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. _____

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to _____

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

M. GENERAL
(NAME OF SENDER)

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at _____

Rev. 3-24

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State _____ Washington, D. C.



QM 293 A-M
Bethes, William A. 608.

March 26, 1931.

Mrs. E. J. Bethes,
General Delivery,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

In the final settlement of accounts the Finance Officer advises that you are entitled to a refund in the amount of \$2.77 due to overcollection of pullman charges for stopovers on your return from the pilgrimage sailing on the GEORGE WASHINGTON, July 23, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.
Check.
HJF

QM 293 A-M

Bethen, William A. 608 M

August 22, 1950

Mrs. E. J. Bethen,
General Delivery,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you have recently made to the cemeteries of Europe, which you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the SS George Washington July 23rd, were so kind as to send me.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army, the nurses, and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps, which is charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, has expended every effort that those making the pilgrimage might have a comfortable and pleasant journey. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the officers and personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

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

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ETK

ADH

JTH

WRG

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bethea, William A. - 608 M

June 24, 1930.

Mrs. E. J. Bethea,
General Delivery,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No **342676** in the amount of \$ **22.50** 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.

XXXXX A-11

June 21, 1930

Bethea, Wm. A.-608

Mrs. E. J. Bethea,
General Delivery,
Austin, Tex.

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. Austin	I-GN	Train No. 2	12:05 PM	July 19
Ar. Longview Jct.	"	"	7:50 PM	" "
Lv. "	T&P	" 2	7:55 PM	" "
Ar. St. Louis	MoPac	"	10:30 AM	" "
Lv. St. Louis	Penna	" 26	12:25 PM	" 20
Ar. New York	"	"	5:15 PM	" 21

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.

QM 293 A-C
Bethea, William A. 608 M

May 20, 1930

Mrs. E. J. Bethea,
General Delivery,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of letter dated May 13, 1930 from Mrs. C. W. Walsh in your behalf, relative to the pilgrimage you desire to make to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the S.S. Washington July 23, 1930.

Please be advised that the stop-over at Chattanooga, Tennessee will be arranged for you as desired for which there will be no additional charge for rail transportation. However, there will be an additional charge of approximately \$1.00 for pullman accommodations due to this routing which amount must be paid by you at the time you receive your return transportation in New York City.

Relative to the Government checks mentioned in Mrs. Walsh's letter, please be advised that you will receive rail and pullman tickets from the Ticket Agent at Austin, Texas about a week before your departure. Check for meals and other incidentals enroute to New York will be forwarded you in order to also reach you about a week before leaving Austin. This check may be deposited upon receipt. For the return journey you will receive transportation and check in New York City.

Notation has been made of the address of Mrs. Walsh in case of emergency as requested in her letter.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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is to go on file as the one to be notified
in case of sickness, accident, or death.

Mrs. Bethea & I will thank you very
much for information concerning the
checks, if you can tell us.

Very truly -

Mrs. C. W. Walsh,

P. O. Box 181,
Austin, Texas.

For
Emergency Add.

Refer to Q.M. 293 a-c

Bethea, William A. 608-M.
7-23

Austin, Texas.

May, 13, 1930

R. E. Shannon
Captain, Q.M. Corps,
assistant.

Stopover
noted:
on card and
list

Travis Co.

acc. for 230
Washington 5-20

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter to Mrs. E. J.

Bethea, General Delivery - this city - concern-
ing stop-over privilege on her return trip
from the Pilgrimage to her son's grave
in France. She says she would like
to stop over at Chattanooga, Tenn. for
a few days, if possible, as she has a
sister near there whom she has
not seen in many years.

Mrs. Bethea also wants to know if her
checks from the Government may be
placed "on deposit" to her account ~~here~~ here
while she is away, or should they be
held until she returns?

And also that the writer of this letter

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bethea, William A. 608M
Washington 7-23

May 14, 1930

Mrs. E. J. Bethea,
Gen. Delivery,
Austin, Tex.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mr. C. W. Walsh,

Name

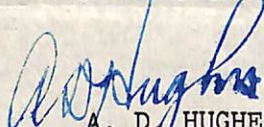
P. O. Box 181, Austin, Texas.

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 18, 1930.

Bethes, William A. 608 M

Mrs. E. J. Bethes,
General Deliver,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Washington

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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.

(her mark) X Mrs. E. J. Bethea

Mrs. E. J. Bethea

(Name)

Gen. Del., Austin, Travis Co., Texas.

(Town or City)

(State)

QM 293 A-C
Bethea, William A. 608

April 16, 1930.

Mr. Robert B. Gragg,
2400 Oldham St.,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 9, 1930, relative to the desire of Mrs. Bethea to make the pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late William A. Bethea, sailing on the SS WASHINGTON July 23rd.

Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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CHAS. MCKEMY
COMMISSIONER

Bureau of Labor Statistics

State of Texas

Austin



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April 9
1930

*William A. Bethea
608.*

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

Dear Sir:

I am today posting in behalf of Mrs. E. J. Bethea, General Delivery, Austin, Texas, her formal acceptance of the Government's invitation to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son in France.

Though 68 years of age, Mrs. Bethea is in splendid health and is of a calm temperament. I feel sure that she will be able to make the pilgrimage with satisfaction and much pleasure. She is looking forward with high anticipations to the date of sailing.

I shall be glad at any time to render any service to Mrs. Bethea in connection with her correspondence with your department.

Very truly yours,

Robt. B. Gragg

Robt. B. Gragg,
2400 Oldham Street,
Austin, Texas.



*Sanitation issued
Washington
July 23rd*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bethea, William A 608 -M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. E. J. Bethea,
General Delivery,
Austin, Texas.

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Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <u>Yes</u> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <u>Yes</u> (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) <u>No</u>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age Health (Years) <u>68</u> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Austin, Texas.
July 2, 1929.

Q. M. 293 A-C.

The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am the Mother of
the late Private William
A. Bethea, Bty. A, 111th F. A.,
whose remains are now interred
in the Oise-Aisne American
Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles,
Aisne, France and would like
to visit my boy's grave in the
first pilgrimage to be made May 1,
1930. My son was not married.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. E. J. Bethea,
General Delivery,
Austin, Texas.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 20 1929.

Bethoa, William A.

Mrs. E. J. Bethoa,
115 W 30th St.,
Austin, Texas.

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 **Private William A. Bethoa, Cty. A, 111th F.A., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

QM 293 A-M
Bethes, William A. 608.

March 26, 1931.

Mrs. E. J. Bethes,
General Delivery,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

In the final settlement of accounts the Finance Officer advises that you are entitled to a refund in the amount of \$2.77 due to overcollection of pullman charges for stopovers on your return from the pilgrimage sailing on the GEORGE WASHINGTON, July 23, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Bethoa, William A. 608 M

August 29, 1930

Mrs. E. J. Bethoa,
General Delivery,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you have recently made to the cemeteries of Europe, which you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the SS George Washington July 23rd, were so kind as to send me.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army, the nurses, and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps, which is charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, has expended every effort that those making the pilgrimage might have a comfortable and pleasant journey. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the officers and personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

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

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June 21, 1930

Bethea, Wm. A.-608

Mrs. E. J. Bethea,
General Delivery,
Austin, Tex.

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. Austin	I-GN	Train No. 2	12:05 PM	July 19
Ar. Longview Jct.	"	" "	7:50 PM	" "
Lv. "	T&P	" 2	7:55 PM	" "
Ar. St. Louis	MoPac	" "	11:30 AM	" "
Lv. St. Louis	Penna	" 26	12:25 PM	" 20
Ar. New York	"	" "	5:15 PM	" 21

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

June 12, 1930.

Bothea, William A. - 608 M

Mrs. E. J. Bothea,
General Delivery, Austin,
Texas.

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient Underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Bethen, William A. 608 M

May 20, 1930

Mrs. B. J. Bethen,
General Delivery,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Ans. Comm. Div.
Receipt is acknowledged of letter dated May 13, 1930 from Mrs. C. W. Walsh in your behalf, relative to the pilgrimage you desire to make to the cemeteries of Europe, sailing on the S.S. Washington July 23, 1930.

Please be advised that the stop-over at Chattanooga, Tennessee will be arranged for you as desired for which there will be no additional charge for rail transportation. However, there will be an additional charge of approximately \$1.00 for pullman accommodations due to this routing which amount must be paid by you at the time you receive your return transportation in New York City.

Relative to the Government checks mentioned in Mrs. Walsh's letter, please be advised that you will receive rail and pullman tickets from the Ticket Agent at Austin, Texas about a week before your departure. Check for meals and other incidentals enroute to New York will be forwarded you in order to also reach you about a week before leaving Austin. This check may be deposited upon receipt. For the return journey you will receive transportation and check in New York City.

Notation has been made of the address of Mrs. Walsh in case of emergency as requested in her letter.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
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QM 298 A-C
Bethes, William A. 608 M

May 20, 1930

Mrs. E. J. Bethes,
General Delivery,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

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A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bethea, William A. 608M
Washington 7-23

May 14, 1930

Mrs. H. J. Bethea,
Gen. Delivery,
Austin, Tex.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bethca, William A. COS-M
7-23

May 7, 1930

Mrs. E. J. Bethca,
General Delivery,
Austin, Texas

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport 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 18, 1930.

Betha, William A. 608 M

Mrs. E. J. Betha,
General Deliver,
Austin, Texas.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C
Bothea, William A. 608

April 16, 1930.

Mr. Robert B. Gragg,
2400 Oldham St.,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

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pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late William A. Bethea,
sailing on the SS WASHINGTON July 23rd.

Your cooperation in this matter is very much ap-
preciated.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Mrs. Bethea

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bethea, William A. 608-M

March 31, 1930

Mrs. E. J. Bethea,
General Delivery,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bothea, William A 608 -M

Mrs. E. J. Bothea,
General Delivery,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Madam:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bethea, William A. 608 M

October 7, 1929.

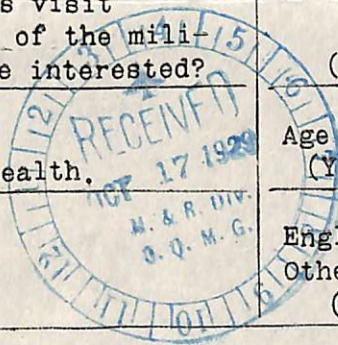
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~~115 W. 30th St.,~~ *General Delivery*
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	Other language	(Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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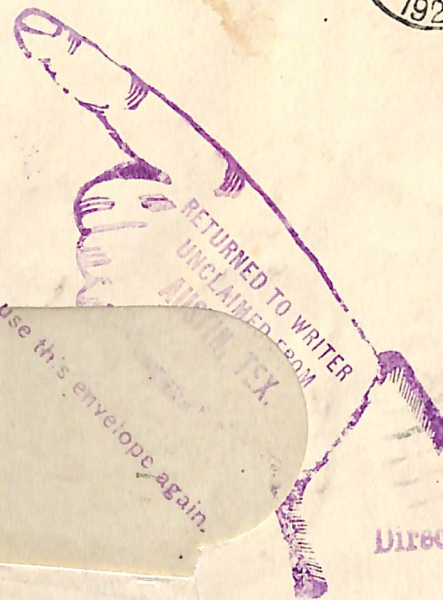
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 20, 1929.

Bethoa, William A.

**Mrs. E. J. Bethoa,
115 W 30th St.,
Austin, Texas.**

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 **Private William A. Bethoa, Bty. A, 111th F.A., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Springes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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J. Q. M. G. M. & R. DIV.
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

[Handwritten signature]

BETHEA, William A. - Pvt.

January 24, 1924

Mrs. Eliza J. Bethea,
115 West 30th St.,
Austin, Texas.

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.
Record card.

Assistant.
R.L. FOSTER

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O. Q. M. G.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM



JAN 24 1924
B. O. C.

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name BETHEA, William A. Ser. No. 1085406

) TYP. JS

(2) Rank Pvt Organization Bty A. 111th F.A.

) CKR. T.L.

(3) Date of death 9/12/18

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

(4) Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia

) TYP. TW.

(5) Grave No. 17 Row -- Plot A Sect. --

) CKR. H.L.

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt None

(6) Relationship Mother

(7) Name Mrs Eliza J. Bethea

(8) Address 1404 Congdon Ave., Austin Texas

(9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? No

(10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at ---

(11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? ---

att 3/20/20

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information. No correspondence

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by att (Date) 3/20/20

D. (14) G. R. S Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos? Yes Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? Yes (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

Mrs. E. J. Bethea (mother) 209 W. 8th St. Austin, Texas. (10-10-18) asks for details in regard to son's death. Please location Blanket & A.G.O. indorsement

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by L.C. (Date) 9-22-20

Checked R.M.S. 11/4/21

▶ III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date)

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to.....

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed

(18) Typed by Checked by (Date)

B. G. R. S. FORM NO.114 made (Date)

(19) Typed by Checked by (Date)

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

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D. Dispatched (Date) (Let. Trans. No.)

Approved by

(Date)



Bethea,

(Surname)

William Arthur,

(Christian name in full.)

1,085,406

Dup.

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Batty A, 111th F.A.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

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?

no.
(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Eliza J. Bethea

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

RMBS

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Duncan by Pm

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov 21, 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

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1. Name BETHEA, William A.

10. Name _____

2. No. 1085406

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Bty. A. 111thFA

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. 9/12/18

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. Broncho Pneu.

(b) D.B. No discrepancy.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 17 Sec. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot _____ Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. No discrepancy.

18. Cemetery Amer.

19. Commune or town Meuccon

20. Dept. or County Morbihan

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 20

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov 21, 1921.

By W. C. Follmer.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Bethea, William A

Serial No. _____

Rank Pvt.

Organization Bty A. 111th F. A.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes. On body? Yes.
(partly corroded)

W. C. Follmer
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).

None.

27. Condition of body Decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and U.S. Uniform.

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 Nov 21, 1921. By W. C. Follmer.

31. Casket sealed by W. C. Follmer.

HEB. Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

W. C. Follmer
AUDITED BY
18th Nov 21

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-17219**

32. Designation of body:

Name **William A. BETHEA** Serial No. **1085406**

Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Bty. A. 111th FA**

33. Consigned to:

Oise-Aisne Amer. #608
Name of Permanent Cemetery **Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Nov 21, 1921.** By **W. G. Follmer.**

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector **C. W. Denny, 1st Lt. CAC.**

36. Remarks **Tag found on body corroded reads' Bethea -085406,**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Nov 21, 1921.**

To point of Concentration: **Mouzon Morgue.**

Convoyer **Truax.** Signature Shipping Officer **C. W. Denny, 1st Lt. CAC.**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Nov 21, 1921.**

By G.R.S. Representative **M. B. Birdseye, 1st Lt. QMC.**

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

To Permanent Cemetery **Oise-Aisne Amer Cty 608.**

Convoyer **P. DeWasch.** Signature Shipping Officer **B. Birdseye, 1st Lt. QMC.**

40. Received: Date **22 NOV 1921**

G.R.S. Representative **G. F. WAUGH**

41. Reinterred **9/22/22, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)**
(Date)

42. Grave No. **14, BIE.A** Section

43. Plot **32** Row **32**

G.R.S. Representative **W.D. Cleary**
W.D. Cleary
1st Lt. Chaplain USA
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Place Meicon, No 20.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov 21, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Bethea, William A. SERIAL NUMBER 1085406
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Bty A. 111th F. A.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov 21, 1921. From (give complete location): Grave 17, Cem No 20.

By: Group 3 Unit Det Sec. 6.

3. Reburied (date): 9/22/22 In (give complete location): Gr. 14, Blk. A. Row 32 Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)

By: Group reburial group Unit metal lined casket Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Decomposed, features unrecognizable. Wooden box and U.S. Uniform.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: NONE Tag found on body corroded reads (Bethea, -085406)

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

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

(b) Weigh, (estimated) Imp to det.

(c) Hair—Color Nut brown (app)

Quantity Thick

Characteristics Wavy

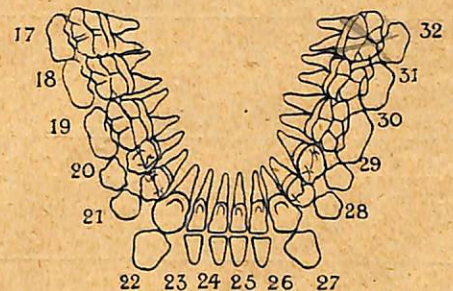
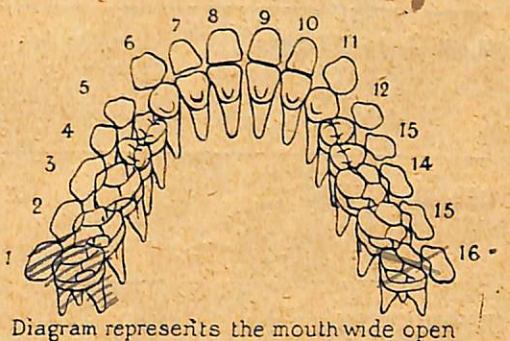
(d) Hair on face—Color None visible.

Location None visible.

Quantity None visible.

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Imp to det.

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) MBD 1. Under 16, 32.
None visible.



7. Disinterment supervised by D. B. Sullivan

Approved: W. D. Cleary

(Title) 1st Lt. CAC.

8. Reburial supervised by I. D. Hays

Approved: W. D. Cleary
(Title) 1st Lt. Chaplain USA

G.R.S. Form #120
Shipping Inquiry.

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

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FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: Mrs. Eliza J. Bethea, 1404 Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas.
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. William A. Bethea,

Records of this office show your request to be as follows:

Remains to be ~~not returned to United States~~ ~~interred~~

~~Shipped to~~

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in ~~France~~.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow			
Children(Name oldest first)			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers			
Sisters			

Date

Signature

Address

Relationship

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

JUN 30 1920

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file

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: Mrs. Eliza J. Bethea, 1404 Congress Ave., Austin, Texas.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. William A. Bethea

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

no change

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
→ Soldier's Widow	<i>Was not married</i>		
→ Soldier's Children	1. <i>No Children</i> 2. 3.		
→ Father	<i>Dead.</i>		
Mother	<i>115-W-30 St.</i> <i>Mrs. Eliza J. Bethea</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Texas</i>
Brothers	1. (Name oldest first) 2.		
Sisters	<i>none.</i> <i>115-W-30 St.</i> <i>Mrs. Jess Eggers</i>	<i>Austin</i>	<i>Texas</i>
Date	<i>7-6-20</i>	Signature	<i>Mrs. Eliza J. Bethea</i>
Address	<i>115-W-30 St.</i>	Relationship	<i>Mother</i>

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at government expense.

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

21904

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bethea.....1085406.....William A.....
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Battery "A" 111th F. A.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. Sept., 13, 1918. 2:30 P.M.

PLACE OF BURIAL. American Cemetery.....

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

.....Place reserved for cemetery...

.....near the Base Hospital Camp Meucou...

.....about 12 Kilo. N. of Vannes, France

GRAVE NUMBER.....#7.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross?..X.....

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:

REPORTED BY: *G. W. H. Taylor*
G. W. H. Taylor, Chaplain
111th F. A.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

2 OCT 1918



Classification _____

Adjustment _____

CEMETERY DIVISION
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
REGISTRATION SECTION

Date 9/21

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files.

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

	CORR.	ADD. DATA		CORR.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number		<i>Re</i>	Burial Information		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rank			Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablegram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files RES 7-10-20

O.K. ~~Organization Files~~ _____

O.K. ~~State Files.~~ _____

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

Cemetery Audit Department
 Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By O'Ellis

1 Cards attached.

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

21904

Reference-21904.

February 20, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO: Mrs. E. J. Bethea, 209 W. 8th St., Austin, Texas.
SUBJECT: William Arthur Bethea, Battery A, 111th Field Artillery,
American E. F.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the
regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these head-
quarters he is buried in Grave No. 17, American Cemetery, CAMP OF MEU-
CON, Department of the MORBIHAN; the records here further show that
he died on September 12, 1918.

By direction

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

(Enclosures-2)

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

MBD-dn

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21904

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
A.P.O. 717 FRANCE.

January 29th, 1919.

MEMORANDUM for Capt. Dix:

Attached letter, case of William Arthur Bethea, Btry. A, 111th Field Artillery, received from the Central Records Office, is forwarded to you for proper action.

Burial information is shown on attached sheet.

[Handwritten Signature]
A. C. LAPERRIERE,
2nd Lieut., Q.M.C.



ACL/mck.

201. Bertha, William Arthur,

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Central Records Office, A.G.D., P.O. 902, Am. E. F. January 27, 1919
To : Chief, Graves Registration Service, APO #17, Am. E. F.

1. It is requested that this Office be supplied with all available information relative to the burial of Private William Bethea.

2. The Records of this Office show the above mentioned soldier to have died of Pneumonia on September 12th 1918.

EARLE BOOTHE
Adjutant General.

By:
Capt. A.G.D. U.S.A.

9th Ind.

Am. Ex. Forces, Hq. S.O.S., O.G.R.S., France, January 27th, 1919.
To: Central Records Office, A.P.O. 902, A.E.F.

1. Returned. Records of this office show William Arthur Bethea, Btry. A, 111th F. A., to have been buried September 13th, 1918, in Grave #17, American Cemetery Camp of Meucou (Morbihan).

2. Letter forwarded with your indorsement has been retained by this office.

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

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7th Ind.

Hqrs. 36th Division, Statistical Section, Amer. Ex. F., A.P.O. 796, 11th Dec., 1918.
To: Central Records Office, A.G.D., Amer. Ex. F., A.P.O. 902 - FORWARDED.

1. Inviting attention to the attached letter from Mrs. E. L. Bethen, and advising that there is no record of soldier mentioned as being with the 36th Division.

2. It is requested that any information that you may have concerning this soldier be given to his mother.

W. E. Cabeen,
Major, A.G.D., U.S.A.

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3rd Ind.

Personnel Adjutant, 132nd F.A., A.P.O. 711, December 4th, 1918. To:
Personnel Adjutant, 111th Ammunition Train, A.P.O. 711. FORWARDED.

1. No record of the soldier named ever having been in this regiment.

(signed) Walter Graner
Walter Graner
Captain, 133rd Field Artillery
Personnel Adjutant.

4th Ind.

Hq. 111th Ammunition Train, Personnel Office, A.P.O. 711, A.E.F., 5th Dec.
1918. To: Personnel Adjutant, 61st F.A. Brigade A.P.O. 711, A.E.F.

1. Returned. William A. Bethea is not now and never has been a member of this Train.

(signed) S. A. Stewart
S. A. Stewart
Captain, 111th Ammunition Train
PERSONNEL ADJUTANT.

5th Ind.

Hq. 111 Trench Mortar Battery, A. P. O. #711, December 6, 1918.
To: Commanding General, 61st F. A. Brigade, A.P.O. #711. RETURNED.

1. William A. Bethea is not now and has never been a member of this command.

Lewis Maverick,
Capt. 111 Trench Mortar Btry.
COMMANDING.

(DFP. 6-61)

6th Ind.

Personnel Adjutant, 61st F. A. Brigade, A.P.O. #711, December 5, 1918.
To - Personnel Adjutant, 36th Division, A.P.O. #796. Forwarded.

1. Inquiry in this Brigade shows that the above man has not, nor has he been a member of any organization pertaining to the Brigade. ^{never}

2. These papers are forwarded to your office in view of the possibility of his being assigned to another unit within the 36th Division.

John T. Williams,
1st Lieut., F. A.

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Wrapper Ind.

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(Wrapper contains, letter fm. Mrs. E. J. Bethea, regarding her son William Arthur Bethea)

Personnel Officer, 61st F.A. Brigade, APO 711, December 3rd, 1918.
To: Personnel Officers, All Organizations. IN TURN.

1. Inviting attention to the letter.

2. If this man is now, or has even been a member of your respective organization, indorse hereon, particulars as called for, with prompt return of these papers to these Headquarters.

By Command of Brigadier General STEPHENS

(signed) John T. Williams
JOHN T. WILLIAMS
1st Lieut. F.A.

1st Ind.

Personnel Adjutant, 131st Field Artillery, A.P.O. 711, Dec. 3, 1918. Yo-
Personnel Adjutant, 132nd F.A. FORWARDED.

No record of this man being in this Regiment.

(signed) W. A. McDuffee
W. A. McDUFFEE
Captain, 131st Field Artillery
Personnel Adjutant.

2d Ind.

Personnel Adjutant, 132d Field Artillery, APO # 711, Dec. 3d, 1918 - To:
Personnel Adjutant, 132d F. A. -FORWARDED.

1. There is no record of the soldier named ever having been in this regiment.

EMMETT L. WILKERSON,
Capt. 132d Field Artillery
Personnel Adjutant.

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TO: - REGISTRATION BRANCH, C.R.S.

21904
File Number 21904.

From: -

Date: Jan. 22. 1919

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Bethea, William Arthur

NUMBER 1085406

RANK

ORGANIZATION

Bat A 111th F A

No.	Question	Reply
1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	Note letter does not give number or organization. Burial info on soldier of above organization and number.
2	Date of Death	2 9-12-18
3	Cause and place of death	3 Broncho Pneumonia
4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4 CC 264
5	Date buried	5 9-13-18
6	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	6 Cty. No. 20. Grave No. 17 Amer. Cem. Camp of Meucou (Morbihan)
7	Who reported burial	
8	Has report been confirmed by C.R.S.	8 No
9	Report as to Grave Marker	9 Cross
10	Report as to Identification Tags	10 1 with body 1 on marker,
11	Who is nearest relative?	Mrs. E J Bethea Mother 209 W -8th St.
12	Has N/R been notified? (Give date)	11 Austin Texas. 12 Jan. 1st 1919
13	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply on all cases if no information on record)	
14	What is Photograph No?	None.

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IN REPLY, all PROPER names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

Austin Texas.

10-10-18.

21904

Brig. Gen. John A. Stephens.

Dear Sir.

On the sixth (6th) of Oct. I received a telegram from Washington D.C. Stating that my son William Arthur Bethea was dead, died on the 12th of Sept. with Bronchopneumonia. We have heard from him on the 22^d of Sept. stating he was in good health and doing fine also heard from him on the 2nd of Oct. stating he was well. We are in great hopes that the telegram is not true. I learned through an officer that you was his Brig. General. Hoping and Praying you will give this your earliest attention.

Trusting to hear from you soon as possible in regards to my boy and if dead please give me all the details you are permitted

Yours Very Sincerely

Awaiting

Mrs. E. J. Bethea

209 N. 8th

Austin, Texas

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133 no -

132 no -

131 no -

no record Comp Insp.

C O P Y.

Austin, Texas, 10/10/18.

219104

Brig..Gen. John A. Stephens.

Dear Sir.

On the sixth (6th) of Oct. I received a telegram from Washington D.C. stating that my son William Arthur Bethea was dead, died on the 12th of Sept. with Bronco Pheumonia. We have heard from him on the 27th of Sept. stating he was in good health and doing fine, also heard from him on the 2nd of Oct. stating he was well. We are in great hopes that the telegram is not true. I learned through an officer that you were his Brig. General. Hoping and praying you will give this your earliest attention.

Trusting to hear from you as soon as possible in regards to my boy and if dead please give me all the details you are permitted.

Yours very sincerely,

(signed) Mrs. E. J. Bethea,
209 W. 8th St.,
Austin, Texas,
U.S.A.

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