

DATE Oct. 1st 1921.

OCT 6 - 1926

1. NAME BILLETS, Peter SERIAL No. 2301059  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B 112th Inf.  
 GRAVE LOCATION Argonne, Amer. Romagne/s/Montfaucon & DIVISION 28  
 CTY. NAME 188 NUMBER 1232 Sec. 94  
 GRAVE 188 ROW Sec. 94 PLOT 4

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Nothing of record  
 GRAVE GRAVE COMMUNE COMMUNE DEPT. DEPT.  
 # 1 Isolated. Varennes, Meuse C-156

COORDINATES 271.8N 301.4E Verdun 35S.E.

CONCENTRATED TO 6-13-19 188 Sec. 94 4  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
Meuse Argonne 1232  
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Sept 28/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME N.Y.

Data from Form 1  
SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

*Wm M. Cline*

Wm M. CLINE  
Captain Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 1st 1921 29 32 H  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty #1232, Romagne-sus-Montfaucon, Meuse.  
 CEMETERY

A.G.O.  
OCT 6 1926  
WAR DIV.

Robert C. Davis,  
Major General  
The Adjutant General  
By *JK*  
OCT 7 1926

AUDITED BY

2024-30-20

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.



Date 26th June 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of :

NAME: BILLETS, Peter

NUMBER: 2301059

NAME: Unkn

ORGANIZATION: Co B 112th Inf

DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL MADE BY GROUP:

UNIT:

DISINTERMENT: (Date)

FROM: (Give complete location)

13th June 1919

Isolated grave VARENNES MEUSE

35 SE E 301.4 N 271.8

REBURIED (Date)

IN: (Give complete location)

13th June 1919

Grave No 188 Sec 94 Plot 4

ARGONNE AMER CEMETERY NO 1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

1232

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

Burial good; buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

CONFIRMED No. D. ....

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Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found on bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot, direct, as is required by G. C. 170, G.H. O, 1918, after being carefully examined for clues of identity in doubtful cases, a report thereon will be made and reported to the Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt Lewis

JMB

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

G.O. Group Unit

CODE SLIP

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Billets,</i>	<i>B L L</i>	3	<i>292</i>
<i>Peter</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>29</i>	2	<i>29</i>
<i>Enl 7-20-17</i>	ROW <i>32</i>	2	<i>32</i>
<i>Born 12-22-96</i>	BLOCK <i>H</i>	1	<i>8</i>
<i>C 75679</i>	STATE <i>New York</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RANK	<i>Art.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>28</i>	2	<i>28</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>112</i>	3	<i>112</i>
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Billets,</i>	<i>B L L</i>	3	<i>292</i>
<i>Mrs. Michael</i>	STATE <i>Pa</i>	2	<i>44</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Lackawanna</i>	2	<i>35</i>
<i>mother dead</i>	CITY <i>Dickson City</i>	3	<i>072</i>
RELATION	<i>Stepmother</i>	1	<i>3</i>
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	
NO. OF SONS			
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	
29/514/PJ	<i>Age</i>		

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MAR 1 1932  
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	GRAVE <i>29</i>	2	29
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STATE	<i>N.Y.</i>	2	37
RANK	<i>Priv</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>28</i>	2	28
ORGANIZATION	<i>112</i>	3	112
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Billets</i>		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>head</i>	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514			

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 13, 1932

Billets, Peter (M A) S

Mrs. Michael Billets,  
217 Lincoln St.,  
Dickson City, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

No.  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Julia Billets

QM 298 A-M  
Billets, Peter (MA) SM

March 16, 1932.

Mrs. Michael Billets,  
217 Lincoln Street,  
Dickson City, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private Peter Billets, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

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

Should you reconsider and desire to visit your stepson's grave this coming summer, it is requested that you so notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the United States but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Dickson City Pa  
Nov. 16, 1937.  
(m-a)  
Billets, Peter

Dear Sir.

In answer to your letter  
the late private Peter Billets  
was never married and his  
~~mother died at the age of~~  
when Peter was 1 year old and  
his father married when Peter  
was 2 years of age. and  
this is Peter's step mother  
caring for him since the  
age of 42 years.

married 10-24-04 certificate  
Jan 12-22-96  
Mrs. Michael Billets

217 Lincoln St.

Dickson City Pa



Handwritten initials and scribbles.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Billets, Peter (MA)

November 13, 1931.

Mrs. Michael Billets,  
217 Lincoln Street,  
Dickson City, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested you advise as to whether or not the late Private Peter Billets was married and is survived by a widow. It is also requested you advise as to whether he is survived by his natural mother. If he is survived by a widow or his natural mother, it will be appreciated if you will furnish the name and address of each.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,



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

Enclosure:  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Billets, Peter Pvt (M-A) SM

July 2, 1931

Mrs. Michael Billets,  
217 Lincoln Street,  
Dickson City, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

No.  
Write answer here

*Mrs. Michael Billets*  
Sign here

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-M

IN REPLY REFER TO Billets, Peter Pvt. 1232SM

February 14, 1931

Mrs. Michael Billets,  
217 Lincoln St.,  
Dickson City, Pa.

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeterias of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the stepmother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	no.
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	no.
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age 55 Condition of health Poor.
4. Do you speak English?	no.
5. What other language do you speak?	Polish, Russian.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*  
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

Billets, Peter 1232 SM

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Michael Billets  
217 Lincoln Street  
Dickson City, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Billets, Peter 1232 -Sm

Mrs. Michael Billets,  
217 Lincoln Street,  
Dickson City, Pa.

Dear Madam:

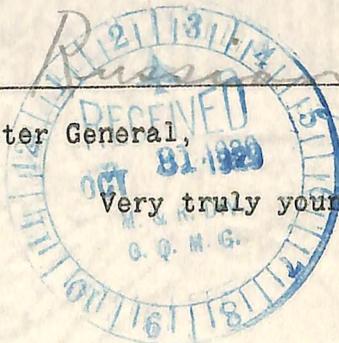
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries,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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)      (No) <i>no.</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)      (No) <i>no</i>
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) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age      Health <i>55      poor</i> (Years)      (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*  
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  
Billets, Peter  
1232

October 22, 1929.

*Appl. letter sent  
"10-7-29" "10-28-29"*

Mrs. Michael Billets,  
217 Lincoln Street,  
Dickson City, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late Private Peter Billets, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Billets.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Billets at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Billets at the time of his son's death?

*Nov. 4, 1904*

*yes*

*yes*

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,



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

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Dear Sir,

In answer to the following questions

Mrs. Billets was married to Mr.

Billets father of Peter Billets

Nov. 4, 1904.

Dickson City Pa  
July 8, 1929

Dear Sir -

In answer to your letter The  
step mother of peter Billets is  
aline and lives at 217 Lincoln  
St. Dickson City Pa.

Very Truly Yours.

Michael Billets

217 Lincoln St

Dickson City Pa

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Billets, Peter.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Michael Billets,  
217 Lincoln St.,  
Dickson City, Pa.

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 Private Peter Billets, Co. B, 112th 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.

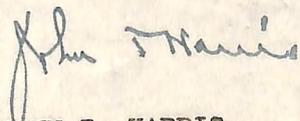
Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived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

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 13, 1932

Billets, Peter (M A) S

Mrs. Michael Billets,  
217 Lincoln St.,  
Dickson City, Pa.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

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(Write answer here)

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

QM 293 A-M  
Billets, Peter (MA) SM

March 16, 1932.

Mrs. Michael Billets,  
217 Lincoln Street,  
Dickson City, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Billets, Peter (MA)

November 13, 1931.

Mrs. Michael Billets,  
217 Lincoln Street,  
Dickson City, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested you advise as to whether or not the late Private Peter Billets was married and is survived by a widow. It is also requested you advise as to whether he is survived by his natural mother. If he is survived by a widow or his natural mother, it will be appreciated if you will furnish the name and address of each.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Billots, Peter Pvt (M-A) SM

July 2, 1931

Mrs. Michael Billots,  
217 Lincoln Street,  
Dickson City, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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QM 293 A-W  
Billets, Peter 1232 SM

February 14, 1931

Mrs. Michael Billets,  
217 Lincoln Street,  
Dickson City, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, please advise whether or not the late Private Peter Billets is survived by his natural mother or a widow, and if so, the name and address of each.

It is requested that the enclosed form be completed and returned to this office, in order that your desires may be recorded and arrangements made accordingly.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
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U.S.M.C. & A.D.M.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Billets, Peter 1232 SM

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Michael Billets  
217 Lincoln Street  
Dickson City, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

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

QM 293 A-C  
Billets, Peter  
1332

October 22, 1929.

Mrs. Michael Billets,  
217 Lincoln Street,  
Dickson City, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 3, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late Private Peter Billets, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Billets.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Billets at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Billets at the time of his son's death?

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  
Billets, Peter 1232 -Sm

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Michael Billets,  
217 Lincoln Street,  
Dickson City, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Billets, Peter.

Mr. Michael Billets,  
217 Lincoln St.,  
Dickson City, Pa.

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 Private Peter Billets, Co. B, 112th 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,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Billets,

Peter

2, 301, 059

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. B 112 Infantry

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Father*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*Yes*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mike Billet*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

*217 Lincoln St. Durham City Pa*

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Noted G. C.

Date 5-10-21

1232 Sec. 94-10

MAC & company  
5-11-21

12-12-20

Drawn by [unclear]

October 4, 1923.

Mr. Michael Billets,  
217 Lincoln St.,  
Dickson City, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private Peter Billets, Company B, 112th Infantry, is Grave 29, Row 32, Block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with 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.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed 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.H. CHEAL  
Assistant.

Co B, II2th Infantry  
28th Division

Billets, Peter pvt 2301059  
Home: Dickson City, Pa.

Was killed by machine gun bullet Sept. 27th 1918 on 2nd day of Argonne Drive near Varennes. He was known as a good soldier with unflinching good humour. The ground where he fell will go down in history as the scene of one of the hardest fought battles of our history he did his duty and made the supreme sacrifice on the altar of liberty.

Informant: Finley, James F. sgt I247057  
Co B. II2th Infantry  
Home: Conneant Lake, Pa.

Emergency address:  
Michael Billets ( father )  
217 Lincoln, St,  
Dickson, Pa.

Searcher: H.B. Dewees, Ist Lt, Inf.

**FILE**

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1-14-30

CASE OF .....

GRAVE .....

DECISION .....

DENTAL CHART

Date of Enlistment		Report on Disinterment			
A.G.O.		Emergency Address			
Missing	Dental Work	Dental Work	Missing B.D.	Dental Work	Miss A.D.
U.R.					
U.L.					
L.R.					
L.L.					

Above discrepancies can ..... be accounted for as follows: .....

BODY DESCRIPTION

A.G.O. Report	E/A Report	Report on Disinterment
Height:		
Weight		
Hair		
Fractures		

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body .....

Found on Cross .....

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on Body .....

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from .....

This man reported buried originally .....

Organizations of other men buried around original location .....

Investigator

Concur: .....

APPROVED: .....



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

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

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter on **MAY 24 1921**, 192

*Sec 94*

*RPW*

*Par. 2 Not to be returned.*

IX.

REMARKS

Multiple horizontal dashed lines for writing remarks.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE September 29th 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BILLETS, Peter  
 2. No. 2301059  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co. B 112th Inf.  
 5. D.D. 9-28  
 6. C.D. K.I.A.

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 188 Sec. 94  
 8. Plot 4 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery Argonne, Amer.  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec. 94

19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon  
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 29th 1921

By Martin Styles.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Peter Billets  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. None.  
 Organization Co. B. 112 Inf.

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

Clarence J. Hughes

*Clarence J. Hughes*  
 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). No effects. Identification card, "Peter Billets 217 Lincoln St. Dickson City Pa. Emergency address "Mike Billets 217 Lincoln St. Dickson City Pa.

27. Condition of body Collar ornament "U.S." Other papers with name, "Peter Billets" all Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Uniform burlap and wooden nox.

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. 29th 21 By Martin Styles.

31. Casket sealed by Martin Styles.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*Martin Styles*  
 Martin Styles.

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-6532

32. Designation of body:

Name BILLETS, Peter Serial No. 2301059

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B 112th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne, Amer. Cty. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 29th 1921. By Martin Styles.

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 Geo. C. Bland. 1st Lieut. C.M.C.

36. Remarks

placed with Body. Tag on peg over body reads, " Peter Billets  
Co. B. U.S.A. 230-059.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) September 29th 1921

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne sous Montfaucon.

Convoyer W. J. ROYED Signature Shipping Officer Albert M. Jackson. Capt. C.A.C. ewr

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

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred

Moose Argonne Cemetery # 1232 (Date) Sept 29th 1921

42. Grave No. Gr 29 bl ck H row 32 Section

43. Plot Row

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger, Capt QMC.

Jit.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BILLETS, Peter. SERIAL NUMBER 2301059

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B. 112th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Sept. 29, 1921 From (give complete location) :

Gr 188, Sec 94, Plot 4, Cty. 1232.

By : Group 3 Unit Sec 2.

3. Reburied (date) : Oct. 1st 1921 In (give complete location) :

MeuseArgonne Cemetery # 1232 gr 29 block H row 32

By : Group re-burial 3 Unit  Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

wooden box and burlap and uniform, badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
Identification card, "Peter Billets, 217 Lincoln, St., Dickson Cty. Pa." Emergency address, "Mike Billets, 217 Lincoln St., Dickson City Pa." Collar ornament "U.S." Other papers with name "Peter Billets" all again placed with body. Tag on peg over body reads "Peter Billets, Co. B. U.S.A. 230-059" no effects.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ? 1, 16, partly erupted.

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine. 8, 28, 29 M.A.D. 10, Porc. Fill

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

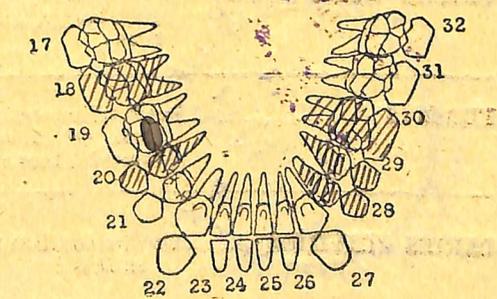
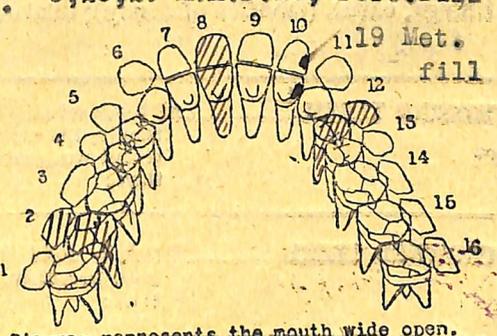
Location do

Quantity do

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

missing parts) do

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



7. Disinterment supervised by Martin Styles  
Martin Styles.

Approved: Geo. C. Bland  
Geo. C. Bland 1st Lt. MC.  
(Title)

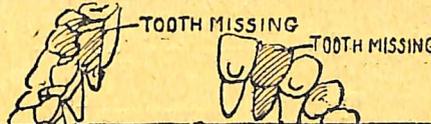
8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Shields  
W. B. Shields

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

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

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

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

<b>MISSING TEETH</b> .....	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b> .....	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b> .....	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :	
<b>FILLINGS</b> .....	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b> .....	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b> .....	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.

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File **30455**

(a) Name **BILLETS, Peter** ..... Ser. No. **2301059** .....  
 (b) Rank **Pvt.** ..... Organization **Co. B. 112th Inf.** .....  
 (c) Date of death **9-28-18** ..... (d) Cause of death **k/a** .....  
} TYP **hmp**  
 ..... **B. J.**

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

(a) Grave No. **188** ..... Row **----** ..... Plot **4** ..... Sec. **94** ..... TYP **hmp** .....  
 (b) Emerg. Address **Mr. Michael Billets (father) 217 Lincoln, St.,**  
**Dickson City, Pa.**

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

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on ..... , 192  
*Sec 94* { letter of transmittal on **MAY 24 1921** ..... , 192

**Par. 2 Not to be returned.** *LPW*

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

COUNTRY ..... CEMETERY No. .... SHEET No. ....

Co B. 112th Infantry  
28th Division

Billets, Peter pvt 2301059  
Home: Dickson City, Pa.

30455 me  
Was killed by machine gun bullet Sept. 27th 1918 on 2nd day of Argonne Drive near Varennes. He was known as a good soldier with unfailing good humour. The ground where he fell will go down in history as the scene of one of the hardest fought battles of our history he did his duty and made the supreme sacrifice on the altar of liberty.

AMERICAN HERO (PARIS)  
Informant; Finley, James F. sgt I247057  
Co B. 112th Infantry  
Home: Conneant Lake, Pa.

Emergency address:  
Michael Billets ( father )  
217 Lincoln, St,  
Dickson, Pa.

Searcher: H.B. Dewees, 1st Lt, Inf.