

~~X~~  
Billott,  
(Surname.)

Leonard W  
(Christian name in full.)

2,212,267  
(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co I, 356 Inf  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

yes

(Yes or no.)

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

yes

(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:

National Cemetery Ft Leavenworth Kans  
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

Leavenworth Kans  
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here)

Mamie Sophia Billott

(Number and street or rural route.)

East Leavenworth

Mo  
(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Jm

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REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

Jm m. 11-27-'20.

FULL NAME ..... BILLOTT, Leonard W. ✓

RANK ..... Pvt. ✓ SERIAL ..... 2212267 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Co. I, 356th Inf. ✓ 89 Div

DATE OF DEATH ..... Dec. 20 / 18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... Mo.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. .... 20 11 A  
Date Grave Row Block

Suresnes, #34

Cemetery

President Harding

Pvt. Leonard W. Billott

5/17/33

Sur

I Decline 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 pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Minnie Sophie Billott

(Name)

East Leavenworth, Platte County, Missouri.

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Billott, Leonard W. (Sur)

Mrs. Minnie Sophie Billott,  
East Leavenworth, Mo.

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? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

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

QM 293 A-M  
Billott, Leonard W. (Sur)

January 2, 1932.

Mrs. Minnie Sophie Billott,  
East Leavenworth,  
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

It is noted you previously stated your health was not good and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers and widows in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Billott, Leonard W. Pvt. (Sur) M

June 17, 1931

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Mrs. Minnie S. Billott,  
E. Leavenworth, Mo.

1931 JUN 19 - AM 11:52  
OCS M & R BR  
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,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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

Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 295 A-C

Billott, Leonard W. 34 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Minnie S. Billott  
East Leavenworth, Mo.

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  
Billott, Leonard W. 34 M

October 8, 1929.

Mrs. Mimmie S. Billott,  
East Leavenworth,  
Missouri

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<br>(Years)  | Health<br>(Good)      (Poor)                        |
| 5. What language do you speak?  | English - (Yes) | (No)<br>Other language<br>(Specify language spoken) |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Billett, Leonard W.

May 4, 1929.

Mrs. Minnie S. Billett,  
East Leavenworth,  
Missouri.

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 Leonard W. Billett, Company I, 366th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON July 28, 1922.

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FILE: 293.8 C-R - #77982  
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Leonard W. Billott, Private,  
Co. 1, 356th Infantry.  
TO: Mr. John Billott, West Leavenworth, Mo.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 20 Row 11  
Block A, The American Cemetery of the Suresnes, Department of Seine, France

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

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

For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

JUL 28 1922

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Assistant.

G.R.S.

DATE October 20th 1921

1. NAME Billott, Leonard W SERIAL No. 2212269 <sup>7</sup>

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I 356th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Limoges - Haute Vienne CTY. NAME 151 NUMBER

212

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL ~~BATTLE AREA~~ GRAVE LOCATION 212 Limoges, (Hte. Vienne)

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES None.

CONCENTRATED TO Dec. 29, 1918. 212

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Limoges, (Hte. Vienne) 151

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W. R. Nichols

W. R. Nichols, Major, C.A.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10-20-21. 20. 11. Block A.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

*4/8/24*  
**AUDITED BY**  
*J.O.E.*  
**el**

SURISNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34 SURISNES (SEINE).

CEMETERY

MAR 24 1922



# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

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Place Limoges, Cem. 151,

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 15, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BILLOTT, Leonard W. SERIAL NUMBER 2212269<sup>7</sup>  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I, 356th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 15, 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 212, Limoges, Cem. 151,  
By: Group 4 Unit Sect. 7.

3. Reburied (date): October 20th, 1921. In (give complete location): Suresnes Cemetery. - Block A - Row 11 - Grave 20.  
By: Group Field Operations Branch. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Metal Casket and Blanket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.  
Wooden box. Uniform.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
Autopsy performed on skull. Body tag corroded to pieces, illegible.  
Body one side identified; other side previously exhumed. Now Regular.  
No evidence to disprove identity.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Indiscernable

(b) Weight (estimated) due to decomposition.

(c) Hair—Color None left.

Quantity None.

Characteristics None.

(d) Hair on face—Color None appearing.

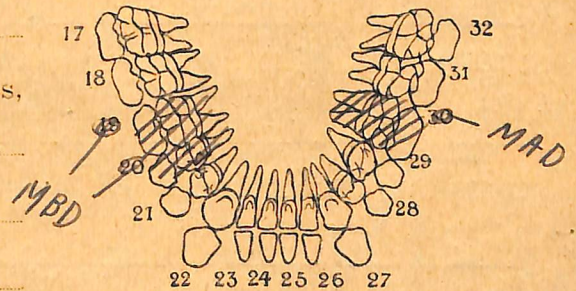
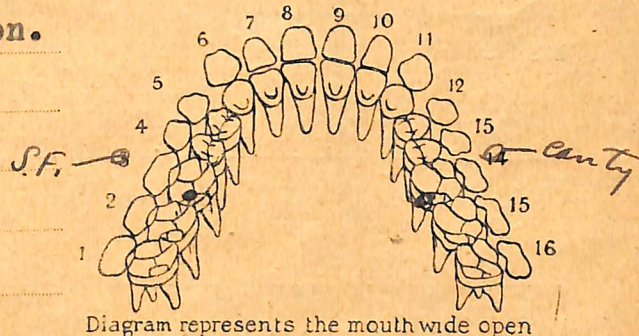
Location None.

Quantity None.

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

Indiscernable due to decomposition.

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



D-60270

F.C. Stark, Checker.






7. Disinterment supervised by Frank L. Kaelin Approved: O.E. Davis  
FRANK L. KAELIN. O.E. DAVIS, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by R. G. Richards Approved: R. P. Harbold  
R. G. RICHARDS R. P. HARBOLD,  
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (Title) Major, Q.M.C.

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

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

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

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

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

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SER.



MAR 24 1922

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STATION Limoges, Cem. 151,

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE

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 Billott, Leonard W  
2. No. 2212269  
3. Rank Pvt.  
4. Org. Co. I 356th Inf.  
5. D.D. 12-28  
6. C.D. Died of pneumonia

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 212 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery Amer.  
20. Dept. or County Haute Vienne  
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 151

19. Commune or town Limoges  
21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 15, 1921

By FRANK L. KAELIN.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BILLOTT, Leonard W.  
Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 2212269  
Organization Co. I, 356th Inf.

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

F.C. Stark  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

F.C. STARK

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).

Body tag corroded to pieces, illegible. Body one side identified; other side previously exhumed. Row Regular. No evidence to disprove identity. Autopsy performed on skull.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box. 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 Oct. 15, 1921 By FRANK L. KAELIN

31. Casket sealed by FRANK L. KAELIN.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Frank L. Kaelin  
FRANK L. KAELIN.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Billott, Leonard W. Ser. No. 2212269  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. 1. 356th Inf.  
 (d) Cause Pneumonia  
 (c) Date of death 12-28-18 of death

7 (11-24)  
 2-4-22 Examined  
 for concentration  
 Surveys # 34  
 att 2/23/22

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

(a) Grave No. 212 Row --- Plot --- Sect. --- TYP. ILH  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Minnie S. Billott, (Mother), Gen. Del. East Leavenworth, Mo.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; no card ) CKR 5

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Minnie Sophia Billott (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address East Leavenworth, Mo  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at yes - Hill Cemetery, St. Leavenworth, Kansas  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S. ---

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

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

Examiner's Initials AB Date 5-6- 1920

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

---, dated ---  
 confirmed request in Par. IV. item ---, above, or requesting that  
No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials gob Date 5/6/ 1920

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

No request for disposition (Mother) Mrs Minnie Sophia Billott, E. Leavenworth, Mo. Request for photo.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes - MHS  
 Examiner's Initials MHS Date 5-7- 1920

May

Concentrated into P. A. C. 34

Rechecked  
 9.30.22  
 11-27-20

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made May 7, 1920

Typed by O. J. B., Checked by [initials], May 7, 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- ( cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
( letter on MAY 13, 1920

**PARAGRAPH 1 - TO BE RETURNED**  
**PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED**

*E. A. L. (12-1-20)*

IX. CORRECTIONS

| CHANGE OF ADVICE      | ACTION TAKEN |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Desires body be       |              |
| Body to be shipped to |              |
|                       |              |
|                       |              |
|                       |              |
|                       |              |
|                       |              |

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Telegram 6-10-20 from J. Billott, father  
& nearest of kin, requests that body  
remain in Europe. 6-15-20 J.*

*Europe advised by cable body not to be returned 6-16-20 CB  
Cable # 483, Par. # 2-A, 6/17/20, "Do not return" 4/25/21  
AH.*

*26-15-20*

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

151-16  
O.J.B.

MAY 12 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Minnie Sophia Billott, East Leavenworth, Mo.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Leonard W. Billott.

*Push Answer*

*Telegram letter 20  
Father requests  
body left in  
Europe*

The records of this office show that you have requested that his  
body be interred in National Cemetery at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

*I would prefer his body to remain in France*

*Remain in Europe*

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:

Noted on Form No. 115

Date

*6-15-20*

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

| NAME OF             | NO. & STREET                 | TOWN | STATE |
|---------------------|------------------------------|------|-------|
| Soldier's Widow     | <i>No Widow</i>              |      |       |
| Soldier's Children  | <i>No Children</i>           |      |       |
| (Name oldest first) |                              |      |       |
| Father              | <i>John Billott</i>          |      |       |
| Mother              | <i>Minnie Sophia Billott</i> |      |       |
| Brothers            |                              |      |       |
| (Name oldest first) |                              |      |       |
| Sisters             |                              |      |       |

Date *May 15-1920*

Signature *Minnie Sophia Billott*

Address *East Leavenworth Mo*

Relationship *Mother*

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

(OVER)

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

*986*

East Leavenworth mo  
May 15-1920

Quartermaster General  
Washington D.C.

Sir

I did request my Sons body to be shipped  
~~back~~ to the united States to be interred in the  
National Cemetery at Ft Leavenworth Kans. but since  
have changed my mind. as it was gods will  
that he died there. and I do not believe it would  
be right to move him. and it is my request to  
leave him rest in France. as his poor body is at  
rest and I pray that his soul is in heaven. May god  
bless you. from his Mother Minnie Sophie Billott

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper MUST be signed by the person who is the NEXT of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the names and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the legally appointed guardian of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
4. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File--77982

See Form 115  
2/23/22  
aH

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BILLOTT, Leonard W. Ser. No. 2212269 } TYP ILH  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 356th Inf. } DS  
 (c) Date of death 12-28-18 Cause of death Pneumonia } LM

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

(a) Grave No. 312 Row -- Plot -- Sect. -- TYP ILH  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Minnie S. Billott (Mother) Gen. Del. East Leavenworth, Mo.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases no card CKR MET E. A. D.

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

*A. G. O. Card, Minnie Sophia Billott (mother)  
 East Leavenworth, Mo. requests body be  
 returned and shipped to National  
 Cemetery, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. E. A. D. 12/2/20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192  
 (Letter of transmittal on 5-13 1920)

Par. 1. To be returned EAL 12-1-20

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   |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 6/10/20<br>Telegram | Father<br>J. Billott  | Requests body remain in Europe | 6/16/20 Overseas<br>6/17/20<br>advised by cable<br>body not to be returned.<br>4/25/21<br>E. A. D. (12-2-20) |

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

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 151 SHEET NO. 16

G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
 August, 1920

Concentrated into P. A. C. 34

| CLASS OF SERVICE | SYMBOL |
|------------------|--------|
| Day Message      |        |
| Day Letter       | Blue   |
| Night Message    | Nite   |
| Night Letter     | N L    |

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a day message. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

# WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM



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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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EAST LEAVENWORTH MO 1130A 10

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON DC

I REQUEST THAT LEONARD W BILLETT REMAINS BE LEFT IN EUROPE

GOVERNMENT REQUEST A 386 G

J BIMOTT.

JUN 10 PM 1 14

Noted on Form No. 115

Date 6-15-20

CHARGE TO  
GOVERNMENT RATE

# WAR DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM

## OFFICIAL BUSINESS

WASHINGTON

June 9, 1920.

John Billott,

.....  
East Leavenworth, Mo.  
.....  
.....

father

Private Leonard W. Billott

Necessary that you as.....of late.....

.....state whether you desire body returned to United States and  
buried National Cemetery, shipped to you or remain in Europe. In this case  
no other than.....wish is desired. Telegram signed by you  
necessary. Wire immediately, Government expense.

ROGERS  
Quartermaster General

**NIGHT**

OFFICIAL:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U.S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

BY:  
C. D. ANNIS,  
1st Lieut. Q.M. Corps,  
Chief, Overseas Project Sub-Section.

OSP:SS  
Compl. Dept.  
FILE NO: 293.3-Reg.Sec.Cem.Div. ( Billott, Leonard W. )

*Held*



77982  
**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Billett 2212269 Bernard  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt Co. I 356 Inf  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Dec. 29 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Linogas, France

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

American Military Cemetery

GRAVE NUMBER 212

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?  
Headboard? <sup>Yes</sup> Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? <sup>Yes</sup>

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? <sup>Yes</sup>

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

Minnie Billett (mother)

E. Leavenworth Mo.

REPORTED BY: Percy Kendall  
1st Lieut. Chaplain **OSP SS** Percy M. Kendall  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

G.R.S. #106

DISPOSITION OF BODY

77982

#982

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General.  
Graves Registration Service.  
Washington, D.C.

Feb 5, 1920.

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- ✓(b) G.R.S., Paris, France,
- ✓(c) Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of:

Pvt. Leonard W. Billott,  
#2212269  
Co. I. 356th Inf.

Grave Location:

Grave #212, American  
Cemetery, Limoges, Department of  
Hte Vienne.

Request for action checked below:

- ✓(a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- ✓(b) Permanent Burial in France. H.T.O.
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave,

has been made by:

Mrs. Minnie S. Billott, Mother  
East Leavenworth, Mo.

al:By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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Adjustment Made  
NOV 30 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

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

Date 11/22/20.

File No. 7798 Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed, Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname **Billot**, *Billott* ✓
- b. Christian name **Leonard W.** ✓
- c. Serial Number **2212267** (*2212269*) ✓
- d. Organization **Co. I, 356th Inf.** ✓
- e. Rank **Pvt.** ✓
- f. Date of death **12/28/18.** ✓
- g. Cause of death **Pneumonia.** ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION  
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |            |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1           | 2          | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |  |
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E. P. Sec 877-23-20*

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

CEMETERY NO: 151.

BY:

*H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

SHEET NO: 16.  
TYPED BY: rln.

Rec'd World War Div  
Date 11.28.20

S/713/LML

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 5, 1920.

Mrs. Mimmie S. Billott,  
East Leavenworth, Mo.,

1. In reply to your inquiry we beg to say that the records of the Graves Registration Service contain the following information as to grave location:

Case of:

Pvt. Leonard W. Billott, #2212269  
Co. I. 356th Inf.

Place of burial:

Grave #212, American Cemetery Limoges,  
Department of Hte Vienne.

2. The grave has been registered and suitably marked for present purposes, pending the adoption of a more permanent monument by the National Fine Arts Commission, which now has the matter under consideration.

3. While it is a sad duty on our part to convey information concerning the burial of men who were our valient comrades, it is a satisfaction to answer the queries of those who suffer so grievously by the casualties of War.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Notation has been made of your request for permanent burial of your son in France.

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

Date Jan. 30, 1920

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BILLOTT, Leonard W.

Serial Number

RANK Private ORGANIZATION Co. I, 356th Infantry.

| NO  | QUESTION   | REPLY  |
|-----|--|--|
| 1.  | Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?   | Ser. No. 2212269   |
| 2.  | Date of Death.   | 12-28-18   |
| 3.  | Cause and place of death   | Pneumonia.   |
| 4.  | Number of Casualty Cablegram   | 409  |
| 5.  | Date buried  | 12-29-18   |
| 6.  | Grave Location.<br>(a) Complete record required.<br>(b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.<br>(c) Note reinterments. | Original Burial: Grave No. 212<br>American Cty. 151, Limoges Hte Vienne  |
| 7.  | Who reported burial?   |  |
| 8.  | Confirmed by G.R.S.?   |  |
| 9.  | Report as to Grave Marker.   | Cross  |
| 10. | Identification Tags:<br>(a) Buried with body?<br>(b) Attached to grave marker?   | A. Yes.<br>B. Yes.   |
| 11. | Complete Emergency Address?  | Mrs. Minnie S. Billott, Mother.<br>General Delivery, E. Leavenworth, Mo. |
| 12. | Has above been notified?<br>(Give date)  | 1-22-19  |
| 13. | Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case.<br>(Reply in all cases if no information on record)                  |  |
| 14. | What is the Photograph No.?  | K-1380   |
| 15. | Inquiry made by?<br>Mrs. Minnie S. Billott, Mother<br>East Leavenworth, Mo.  |  |

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Dept.  
Directory Cards 5 x 8 Cards 4 x 6N.B. All Proper names to be  
typewritten, or printed in  
PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

No form 16

MCH 1-30-20

East Leavenworth mo  
Jan 19-1920

Chief Graves Registration Service  
A. E. F. Washington D. C.  
Gentleman

in regard to Private

Leonard W. Billott Co I 356 inf

American Cemetery

Limoges France. (Nante merne)

will say that I desire his  
body to remain where it is,  
buried. as I feel it would not  
be right to remove it. to

the United States. as I  
feel it would be an injustice  
to him. please advise the  
right Parties. in regard to it.  
and Oblige his mother Mrs Minnie S Billott

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Organization

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PT CO I 356  
INF

East Leavenworth mo

Mar 6 - 1919

Chief Graves Registration Service  
American E. F. France

Dear Sir,

Please send me photograph  
and Grave Location of my  
son Leonard William Billott  
deceased - Died Dec 28 - 1918  
and Oblige his mother  
Mrs Minnie Sophie Billott  
East Leavenworth mo

April 10, 1919

GRS Bulletin .004.5 sent even date

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

CODE SLIP

| HEADING      | SUB HEADING                     | NO. OF COLS | CODE |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------|------|
| NAME         | Billott Leonard W. Bil          | 3           | 29 2 |
| BURIED       | CEMETERY 34                     | 1           | 6    |
|              | GRAVE 20                        | 2           | 20   |
|              | ROW 11                          | 2           | 11   |
|              | BLOCK a                         | 1           | 1    |
| STATE        | Mo                              | 2           | 29   |
| RANK         | Pvt                             | 1           | 2    |
| DIVISION     | 89                              | 2           | 89   |
| ORGANIZATION | 356                             | 3           | 356  |
| ARM          | Inf.                            | 1           | 1    |
| MARITAL      | No                              | 1           | 2    |
| NAME         | Billott, Mrs. Minnie Sophie Bil | 3           | 29 2 |
| RESIDENCE    | STATE Mo                        | 2           | 29   |
|              | COUNTY Platte                   | 2           | 83   |
|              | CITY East Leavenworth           | 3           | X XV |
| RELATION     | Mother                          | 1           | 1    |
| OTHER        |                                 | 1           |      |
| ELIGIBILITY  | Yes                             | 1           | 1    |
| NATIVITY     |                                 | 1           |      |
| RACE         |                                 | 1           |      |
| ENGLISH      | yes                             | 1           | 1    |
| ATTENDANT    |                                 | 1           |      |
| HEALTH       | Bad                             | 1           | 2    |
| NO. OF SONS  |                                 | 1           |      |
| DATE OF TRIP | MO. YR. 1933                    | 1           | 4    |
| ACCEPTANCE   | No                              | 1           | 2    |

Declined Jan 5-17-33

AUDITED

DEC 31 1931

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Billott, Leonard W. (Sur)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Minnie Sophie Billott,  
East Leavenworth, Mo.

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? Yes-if-Possible  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) Mrs Minnie Sophie Billott

QM 293 A-M  
Billott, Leonard W. (Sur)

January 2, 1932.

Mrs. Minnie Sophie Billott,  
East Leavenworth,  
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

It is noted you previously stated your health was not good and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers and widows in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

MB *at*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Billott, Leonard W. Pvt. (Sur) M

June 17, 1931

*plus*  
Mrs. Minnie St Billott,  
E. Leavenworth, Mo.

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 Minnie Sophie Billott*  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Billott, Leonard W. 34 M

June 7, 1930

*Sophie*  
Mrs. Minnie S. Billott  
East Leavenworth, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

*I will be unable*  
(Write answer here)

*to make the trip*

*Mrs Minnie Sophie Billott*  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Billott, Leonard W. 34 M

October 8, 1929.

Mrs. Minnie S. <sup>phoe</sup> Billott,  
East Leavenworth,  
Missouri

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 <u>59</u> Health <u>not so good</u>  |               |
|   | (Years)                                  | (Good) (Poor) |
| 5. What language do you speak?  | English - (Yes) (No) <u>No</u>           |               |
|   | (Specify language spoken) <u>English</u> |               |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*J. T. Harris*  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

East Leavenworth mo  
May 9 - 1929

John T. Harris  
Major G.M. Corps Assistant  
Washington

Dear Sir

Replying to your letter of May 4<sup>th</sup>  
in regard to my son Leonard W. Billott  
Private Q.M. 293.A.C.

Will say that my son was not married  
I thank you for the opportunity to enable  
the war mothers and widows the  
pleasure of visiting the graves of our  
beloved ones. hoping I will be one that  
will be able to take advantage of  
the opportunity to go when the time  
comes.

Very Respectfully

Mrs Minnie Sophie Billott

Private Leonard W. Billott's Mother.



293 A.C. Billott  
Leonard W. Billott's Mother

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QH 295 A-C  
Billott, Leonard W.

May 4, 1929.

*John*  
Mrs. Minnie S. Billott,  
East Leavenworth,  
Missouri.

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 Leonard W. Billott, Company I, 566th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

5/24

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

LPH

**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**Billott**      **2212269**      **Bernard**  
(Surname.)      (Number.)      (First Name and Initials.)

**Pvt**      **Co. I 356 Inf**  
(Rank.)      (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL **Dec. 29 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Limoges, France**

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

**American Military Cemetery**

GRAVE NUMBER **212**

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

Headboard **Yes**..... 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:

**Minnie Billott (mother)**

**E. Leavenworth Mo.**

REPORTED BY: **Percy Kendall**

**1st Lieut. Chaplain** *Percy M. Kendall*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

*Billott, Leonard W.*

*3, 212, 267*

*Pvt. Co. I, 356 Inf.*

*France*

*Limoges - France*

**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

*R*

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**Billott 2212269 Bernard**  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

**Pvt., Co. I., 356th Inf.**  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

**Died Dec. 28, 1918**

DATE OF BURIAL **Dec. 29, 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL.....

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

**American Military Cemetery,**

**Limoges, Haute-Vienne, France.**

GRAVE NUMBER **212**

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

Headboard? **Yes** 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: *H. S. Dummire*

**H. S. Dummire, 1st Lt., QMC.,  
Q.M., Base Hospital #28.**

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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