

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BISHOP, 724094 BENJAMIN F  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corp., 3rd Anti-Aircraft Sec.,  
(Rank.) Battery C, C.A.C. (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 2nd September 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Cimetiere ste Marie.

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

Le Havre, Department seine Infer-  
ieure, France.

GRAVE NUMBER D-4, Division 65

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

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

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

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

REPORTED BY :

*Jose L. Hunter, Chaplain Col. (major)*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Walnut Grove, Miss

July 17, 1932

War Department:-

I want to thank you for offering me the opportunity of visiting my son's grave and I regret so much that I am too feeble to make the trip without one of my children, being 78 years of age and have only been on a train once in my life - I feel like I know too little about traveling to think of making the trip and I would need someone with me all the time - Regretting that I cannot go and thanking you so much for the opportunity

FEB 9 - 1926

DATE

1. NAME BISHOP, Benjamin F. ✓  
 RANK Cpl. ✓ ORGANIZATION 3rd Anti A.C. Bn. Bat. C, CAC. ✓  
 GRAVE LOCATION St. Marie French Municipal Cty. LE HAVRE (Seine-Inf) 68  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

4 D Amer.  
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE-AREA GRAVE LOCATION Grave 4, Row D, Amer. Plot, LE HAVRE, (Seine Inf.)  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Ste. Marie French Municipal Cemetery #68.

CONCENTRATED TO Original burial.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Original burial.

DATE OF DEATH Aug. 31, 1918. ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Miss. ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none. ✓

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR G.V.S. QUACKENBUSH,  
 Lieut.-Col., Q.M.C., Chief, Operations Division.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 8.16.22 9 20 1 Block B  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

gc 4 A.G.O. Somme American Cemetery #636, Bony, Aisne.  
CEMETERY

FEB 9 1926  
 WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY

24 1928

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## 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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LIST OF PAPERS

File under No. 293.8 *Benj. F. Bishop # 724098*  
*Cpl. 3rd Anti Air Craft. Bn.*

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SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
	<i>Ft. Myer, Va</i>	<i>2/6/25</i>	<i>McCreight</i>	<i>for Mrs. Besse</i>
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Records from  
European Claims Unit  
Ft. Myer, Va. No. 14.  
DO NOT DETACH  
THESE PAPERS

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bishop Benj. D.</i>	<i>Bis</i>	3	<i>299</i>
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>636</i>	1	<i>5</i>
	GRAVE <i>9</i>	2	<i>09</i>
	ROW <i>1</i>	2	<i>01</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>Miss.</i>	2	<i>28</i>
RANK	<i>Cpl.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>C.A. ①</i>	2	<i>48</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>3rd</i>	3	<i>003</i>
ARM	<i>Anti A. G. Co</i>	1	<i>3</i>
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Wm. D. G. Bishop</i>	<i>Bis</i>	3	<i>299</i>
RESIDENCE	STATE <i>Miss</i>	2	<i>28</i>
	COUNTY <i>Leake</i>	2	<i>40</i>
	CITY <i>Walnut Grove</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
HEALTH	<i>Poor</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	
29/514/EAB	<i>Apr</i>		

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QM 295 A-11  
Bishop, Benjamin F. (Son)

August 6, 1932

Mrs. I. C. Bishop,

Walnut Grove, Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 17th advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Benjamin F. Bishop, during the summer of 1933 unless accompanied by one of your children.

It is believed that you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey alone, as properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for your comfort and needs, and doctors and nurses will be available from the time of arrival in New York City until return thereto. Arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that special attention be given pilgrims enroute to and from New York. During the past three years many women who were in poor health and of advanced age made the trip and spoke very commendably of the excellent care and attention they received throughout the journey. Should you make a pilgrimage, you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare, and that every consideration will be shown you at all times.

There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to bear any part of the expense of relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims on their journey, nor can it make any arrangements for them. However, should one of your children desire to accompany you at personal expense, arrangements can be made for her to be with you for the greater part of the trip. In the event one of them decides to do this, it is requested this office be notified, and more detailed information will be furnished.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bishop, Benjamin F. (Com)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. I. C. Bishop,  
Walnut Grove, Miss.

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.

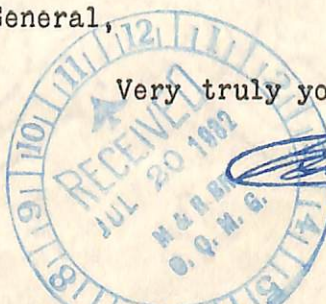

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

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.

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

*No, I could not make*  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

*Mrs. I. C. Bishop*

OM 293 A-1  
Bishop, Benjamin F. (Son)

September 4, 1931

Mrs. I. O. Bishop,  
Walnut Grove,  
Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that you are physically unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Benjamin F. Bishop, unless accompanied by some member of your family.

There is no provision of the law which would permit the Government to bear any part of the expense of anyone accompanying you on the journey, nor can it furnish them with medical attention or assume any responsibility for them.

Should one of your children desire to accompany you at personal expense, it is suggested she communicate with the United States Lines, 45 Broadway, New York City, who will furnish complete information as to steamship fares and reservations. Arrangements should also be made with the American Express Company, 1414 F St., N.W., Washington, D.C., for hotel accommodations and transportation in Europe. Arrangements should be made for cabin class accommodations aboard ship and first class accommodations at hotels in Europe.

If you decide to have one of your children accompany you under the above circumstances, it is requested this office be notified and a formal invitation to make a pilgrimage will then be sent you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 15, 1931

Bishop, Benjamin F. Cpl. (Som) M

Mrs. I. C. Bishop,  
Walnut Grove, Miss.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to ~~form~~ letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*

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



*Am Very sorry, but am too feeble to go unless one of my children could go with me - Thank you - Mrs. I. C. Bishop*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bishop, Benjamin F. Cpl. (Som) M

June 15, 1931

Mrs. I. C. Bishop,  
Walnut Grove, Miss.

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?

*Am too feeble*  
Write answer here

*Mrs. I. C. Bishop*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bishop, Benjamin F. (Son) M

May 9, 1931.

Mrs. I. C. Bishop,  
Walnut Grove,  
Miss.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Corporal Benjamin F. Bishop was married and is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*

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

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*He was not married.*

*Very truly,*

*Mrs. I. C. Bishop*



QM 293 A-11  
Bishop, Benjamin F. 636M

June 27, 1930.

Mrs. I. C. Bishop,  
Walnut Grove, Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 14<sup>th</sup> in which you state you are not able to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son the late Benjamin F. Bishop, authorized by the Act of Congress, approved March 2, 1929.

In connection with your inquiry as to whether or not you would be allowed a sum of money in lieu of the pilgrimage, you are advised that there is no provision of the law which would permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who is unable or does not desire to make the pilgrimage.

Arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that special attention be given the women making the pilgrimage. Upon arrival in New York, the mothers and widows will be assigned in groups under the personal supervision of an officer of the Regular Army. Personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the pilgrimage and you need feel no hesitancy in making the journey alone.

In view of the foregoing, if you decide you would like to make the journey, it is requested that you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Walnut Grove, Miss.  
June 19, 30

War Dept.,

Office of the Quartermaster General  
Washington.

In reply to your  
letter, D.M. 293 A.F.C. concern-  
ing pilgrimages during the  
year 1931 I wish to say that I  
am very sorry that I cannot go  
as there's no place in the world  
that I'd rather go, but as I am  
about 77 years of age I am a-  
fraid to undertake the trip  
I just wondered if you would  
not give me the cash instead  
of the trip as it would be a  
great help to me or in

Regretting that I cannot make  
the trip I remain sincerely,  
Mrs. J. C. Bishop

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bishop, Benjamin F. 636 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. I. C. Bishop  
Walnut Grove, Miss.

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, C. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? no

(Write answer here)

Mrs. I. C. Bishop  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bishop Benjamin F 636 -M

October 7, 1929.

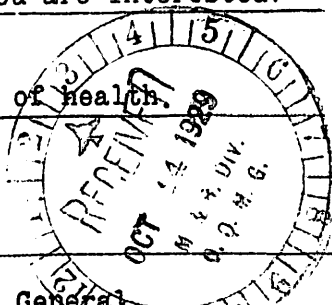
Mrs. I C. Bishop,  
Walnut Grove,  
Mississippi.

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) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>76</i> Health <i>Feeble</i>	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General

There's nothing that would give me more pleasure but age too feeble to go alone.

Very truly yours, *John T. Harris*

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

Encl. Thanking you the same.  
Act Envelope Very truly - Mrs. I. C. Bishop

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bishop, Benjamin F.

May 15, 1929.

Mrs. I. C. Bishop,  
Walnut Grove,  
Miss.

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 Corporal Benjamin F. Bishop, 3rd Anti Aircraft Battalion, Battery C, C.A.C., whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

QM 293 A-M  
Bishop, Benjamin F. (Som)

August 6, 1932

Mrs. I. C. Bishop,

Walnut Grove, Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 17th advising that you are unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Benjamin F. Bishop, during the summer of 1933 unless accompanied by one of your children.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Bishop, Benjamin F. (Com)

Mrs. I. C. Bishop,  
Walnut Grove, Miss.

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.

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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?

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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

OM 283 A-M  
Bishop, Benjamin F. (Son)

September 4, 1931

Mrs. I. C. Bishop,  
Walnut Grove,  
Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that you are physically unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Benjamin F. Bishop, unless accompanied by some member of your family.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

August 15, 1931

Bishop, Benjamin F. Cpl. (Suz) M

Mrs. I. G. Bishop,  
Walnut Grove, Miss.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Bishop, Benjamin F. Cpl. (Som) M

June 15, 1931

Mrs. I. C. Bishop,  
Walnut Grove, Miss.

Dear Madam:

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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



QM 293 A-M  
Bishop, Benjamin F. 036M

June 27, 1930.

Mrs. I. C. Bishop,  
Walnut Grove, Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 18th in which you state you are not able to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son the late Benjamin F. Bishop, authorized by the Act of Congress, approved March 2, 1929.

In connection with your inquiry as to whether or not you would be allowed a sum of money in lieu of the pilgrimage, you are advised that there is no provision of the law which would permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who is unable or does not desire to make the pilgrimage.

Arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that special attention be given the women making the pilgrimage. Upon arrival in New York, the mothers and widows will be assigned in groups under the personal supervision of an officer of the Regular Army. Personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the pilgrimage and you need feel no hesitancy in making the journey alone.

In view of the foregoing, if you decide you would like to make the journey, it is requested that you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bishop, Benjamin F. 636 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. I. C. Bishop  
Walnut Grove, Miss.

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

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bishop Benjamin F 636 -1

Mrs. I. C. Bishop,  
Walnut Grove,  
Mississippi.

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

QM 293 A-C  
Bishop, Benjamin F.

June 24, 1929.

Mrs. I. C. Bishop,  
Walnut Grove, Mississippi.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 13, 1929, making inquiries in connection with the Gold Star Mothers' pilgrimage to Europe.

It is regretted to advise that the law does not permit of any person substituting for the deceased's mother, nor will it be possible to permit other members of the family to accompany the mothers and widows at private expense. It is necessary that the groups be limited to the mothers and widows for whom the pilgrimage is authorized, due to the fact that the American cemeteries in Europe are located near small towns having limited facilities for the accommodation of tourists.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

*Letter of 6-24-29  
Returned in line 111  
JTH  
6-25-29*

C.O.M.G.:M.&R.DIV.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293 A-C~~

Bishop, Benjamin F.

May 15, 1929.

Mrs. I. C. Bishop,  
Walnut Grove,  
Miss.

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 Corporal Benjamin F. Bishop, 3rd Anti Aircraft Battalion, Battery C, C.A.C., whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE March 22, 1928

## 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 BISHOP, Benjamin F.

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. No. 724098

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

3. Rank Corpl.

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

4. Org. 3rd Anti A.C.Bn.

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

5. D.D. 8-31-18

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

6. C.D. Died with appendicitis &  
Peritonitis

(b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 20 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot Block B Row 5

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

17. \_\_\_\_\_

18. Cemetery Somme19. Commune or town Bony20. Dept. or County Aisne21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #63623. Disinterred (Date) March 22, 1928By J.J. DILLON

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BISHOP, Benjamin F.Serial No. 724098Rank Corpl.Organization 3rd Anti A.C.Bn

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

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).

27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_

28. Nature of burial Metallic casket

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date March 22, 1928 By J.J. Dillon31. Casket sealed by J.J. Dillon

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*J.J. Dillon*  
J.J. DILLON

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

32. Designation of body:

Name BISHOP, Benjamin F. Serial No. 724098

Rank Corpl. Organization 3rd Anti A.C.Bn.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Somme, Bony, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) March 22, 1928 By J.J. DILLON

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 \_\_\_\_\_

*J.J. Dillon*  
J.J. DILLON

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred March 22, 1928 Somme American Cty.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 9 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block B Row 1

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

*J.F. V. Brady*  
J.F. V. BRADY  
Superintendent.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BISHOP, Benjamin F. SERIAL NUMBER 724,098

RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION 3rd Anti A.C. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date) : March 22, 1928 From (give complete location) :  
Grave 20, Block B, Row 5

By : Group \_\_\_\_\_ Cty. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date) : March 22, 1928 In (give complete location) :  
Grave 9, Block B, Row 1

By : Group \_\_\_\_\_ Cty. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Metalic casket

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

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

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

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

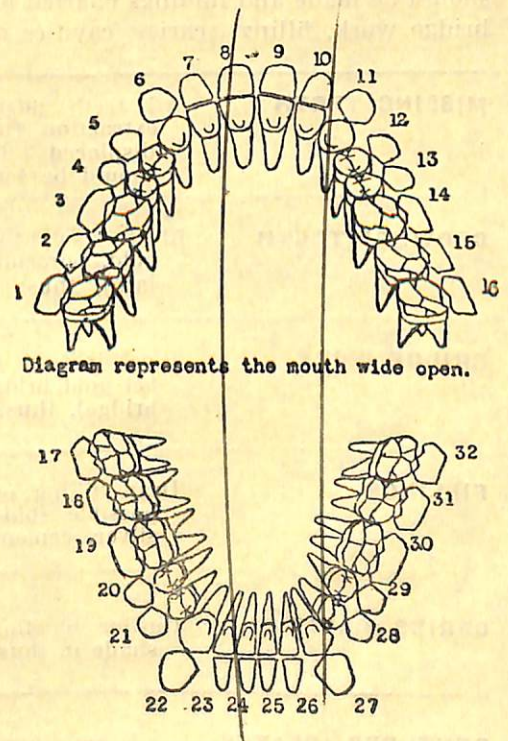
(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



7. Disinterment supervised by [Signature] Approved : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature] Approved : \_\_\_\_\_  
(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), 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.

<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.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 23, 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 BISHOP, Benjamin F.  
 2. No. 724098  
 3. Rank Cpl.  
 4. Org. 3rd Anti A.C. Bn. <sup>aircraft</sup> Bat. C, CAC.  
 5. D.D. 8-31-18  
 6. C.D. Appendicitis & Peritonitis

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 4 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot Amer Row D  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery St. Marie French Municipal Cty.  
 20. Dept. or County Seine-Inf.

19. Commune or town LE HAVRE  
 21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 68

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 23, 1921

By N.K. Tabler

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Benjamin F. Bishop  
 Rank Cpl.

Serial No. ---  
 Organization Co. 3rd. Anti. A.C. Bn.

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

Bernard J. Black  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
Bernard J. Black

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). FILE  
 Disc on body reads: " Benjamin F. Bishop, 724094 U.S.A."

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable. **DEC 15 1925**

28. Nature of burial In hospital sheet and in pine box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 23, 1921 By N.K. Tabler

31. Casket sealed by N.K. Tabler

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) N.K. Tabler

AUDITED BY  
202 2-10-25

293  
Bishop, Benjamin F.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-2577

32. Designation of body:

Name BISHOP, Benjamin F. Serial No. 724098

Rank Cpl. Organization 3rd Anti. A.C. Bn.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery American Cemetery # 636 BONY (Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) September 23, 1921 By N. K. Tabler

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 G. D. Gamble, Captain, QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) September 23, 1921

To point of Concentration Rouen, (Seine Inf.)

Convoyer Frank Atwell Signature Shipping Officer G. D. Gamble, Captain, QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Sept. 23, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative Hubert W. Beyette, Captain, QMC

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 3-OCT-1921

To Permanent Cemetery No. 636, Bony, (Aisne)

Convoyer Frank Atwell Signature Shipping Officer H. W. Beyette, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date 7 OCT 1921

G.R.S. Representative D. E. Lowry

41. Reinterred Aug. 16, 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 20 Section

43. ~~Box~~ Block B Row 5

G.R.S. Representative D. E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC

Bishop, Benjamin F.

724,098

(Name.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Armed Forces Serial number)

Corp

3rd Anti Aircraft Bn Btry C

Bat C.C.C.

(Rank and organization.)

CA

State your relationship to the deceased *mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *no*

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you }  
them interred in a national cemetery? } (Yes or no.)

If *no* desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs Isabelle C. Bishop  
Walnut Grove, Miss*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

checked by R

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Drawn by Mrs  
1-7-21 68-10

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

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File  
Sept. 22, 1922.

#17223

FILE: 293.8 C-R

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Cpl. Benjamin F. Bishop,  
3rd Anti-Air Craft Battalion.

Mrs. I. C. Bishop, Walnut Grove, Miss.

TO:

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 20, 5,  
B, Some American Cemetery at Bony, Department of Aisne,  
Block  
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:

EUROPEAN CLAIMS UNIT  
Fort Myer, Va.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Assistant.

MAILED  
SEP 22 1922

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Feb. 10, 1922.

293.8 C-R #17222-(Bishop, Benjamin F. Col.) Cty. 68, Sht. 10.

The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Comaterial Division)

Mrs. I. C. Bishop, Walnut Grove, Miss.

Permanent burial in France.

1. In reply to your letter of February 5, 1922, addressed to the U. S. Graves Administration, you are advised that the records of this office indicate that the remains of your son, the late Corporal Benjamin F. Bishop, 3rd Anti-Air Craft Battalion, Battery C, Coast Artillery Corps, are now in transit for concentration into the American Cemetery of the Somme. This cemetery is a permanent American Cemetery in France, and you are assured that the grave of your son will be marked by a suitable headstone and will be tenderly and fittingly cared for by this Government for all time.

2. When the reburial has been effected, you will be duly advised of the new grave location.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, O.M.C.

MAILED

FEB 11 1922

CEMETERIAL DIV.  
O. M. C.

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17222

Walden Grove, Miss

Feb. 5, 1922

U. S. Graves Administration  
Washington, D. C.

Recorder, Cemeterial Div., O. & M. G.  
File # 17222

Several months ago my son  
Cor. Benjamin F. Bishop, 3rd  
Anti Aircraft, who died  
in La Harve, France  
was to be removed to  
another place in France  
I have never heard whether  
he was or not or where -  
Please give me all the in-  
formation you can as to  
where he is now resting -

Bishop  
Benjamin

Thanking you for all  
information - I remain  
Very sincerely,  
Mrs. J. C. Bishop

Place Le Havre (Seine Inf.)  
Date Sept. 23, 1921.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BISHOP, Benjamin F. SERIAL NUMBER 724098  
RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION 3rd Anti-A.C. Bn. By C. CAC

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 23, 1921, Gr. 4, Amer. Plot, Row "D", St. Marie French Municipal Cem. 68, Le Havre.  
From (give complete location):  
By: Group One Unit F.S.8

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 16, 1922, Gr. 20, Bl. B, Row 5, Somme Cemetery, Bony (Aisne)  
In (give complete location):  
By: Group Reburial Unit  Nature of reburial Casket and shipping case

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
In hospital sheet and pine box. Semi decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes. On grave marker? Yes.  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
None.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine  
(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate  
(c) Hair—Color Apparently black  
Quantity Medium  
Characteristics Straight

(d) Hair on face—Color None  
Location   
Quantity

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible

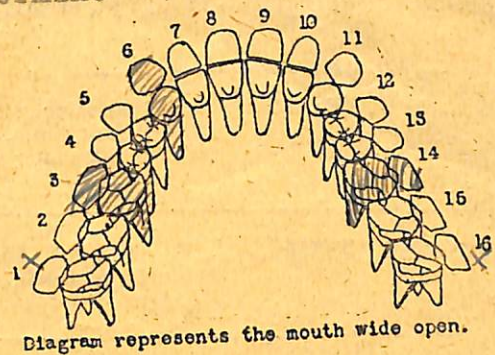
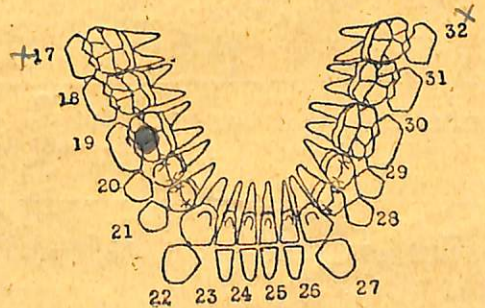


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) (1, 16, 17 & 32 Never erupted, 3 MBD, 6 MBD, 14 MBD, 19 SF)  
None visible. FILE

DEC 15 1925

7. Disinterment supervised by N.K. Tabler

Approved: G.D. Gamble  
(Title) Capt., C.M.C.






8. Reburial supervised by B.A. Bradford

Approved: D.E. Lowry  
(Title) 1st Lt. Q.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 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.
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 how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.—and the group and unit which made reburial.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, and how recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc.—and how the burial should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found on the body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".  
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been in military case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, photographs, 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 dental condition of body. Chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Charts are very important and should be very complete. Charts should be made with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for. Chart teeth at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, and label as follows: Incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (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

File #17222

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BISHOP, Benjamin F. Ser. No. 724098 TYP. als  
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization 3rd Anti Air Craft Bn. ~~Pat. C. A. G. of~~ CKR. B.  
 (c) Date of death 8-31-18 (d) Cause of death Appendicitis & Paritanitis

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

(a) Grave No. 4 Row D Plot Amer. Ser. Div. 65. TYP. als  
 (b) Emerg. Address Andrew Bishop, (Brother) Forrest, Miss.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. B. J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) Name Mrs Isabelle C. Bishop (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address Walnut Grove Miss  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. Remain Undisturbed

Examiner's Initials MRS Date 1-7-21, 1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from Andrew J. Bishop Walnut Grove Miss, dated 6-18-19

confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that information regarding death, burial and removal of body.

Examiner's Initials MRS Date 1-7-21, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: Mrs. J. C. Bishop mother Walnut Grove Miss 1/14/19, desires to know how son was buried and where, desires a photograph of

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes. PF grave, any information will be appreciated.

Examiner's Initials PF Date 1-7-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 68 SHEET No. 10

checked 11-17-21

10-14-21. See Transit to Somme 636 11-1-21 J

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by \_\_\_\_\_

cable on \_\_\_\_\_ 1920  
letter on **JAN 21 1921**, 1920

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned (yes)

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MAIL UNIT

MAY 16 1921

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be \_\_\_\_\_

Body to be shipped to \_\_\_\_\_

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

2/26/21 Conclausal advice to Europe should read "Bishop, Benjamin F., Corporal, 72 4095, 3rd Anti Air Craft Battalion" 3/3/21 4/14/21 (F#120) J.C. Bishop (mother) Walnut Grove Miss requests that the body remain in Europe at Suresnes Am. Cem Dept of Seine 4/5/21 cms

Letter 5/24/21 enq. advise mother it is impossible to state at this time whether body may be transferred to the Suresnes Amer. Cem. Advise concentration will be made according to a schedule based upon geographical location of temporary cemeteries. MK 5-282

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON.

APR 6 1921

**N R**

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.  
TO: Mrs. Isabelle C. Bishop, Walnut Grove, Miss.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Cpl. Benjamin F. Bishop Ser. No. 724098 -3rd Anti Air Craft Bn

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above named Cpl. Benjamin F. Bishop

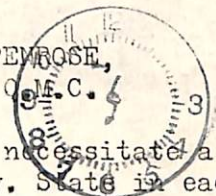
soldier remain in Europe at Jures American Cemetery Department of the Seine. *cmh*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

GEO. H. PEMROSE,  
Colonel, C. S. C.



If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

APR 18 1921

Was soldier married? \_\_\_\_\_

*Noted 7/15/21  
cmh 7/5/1921*

NAME OF	NO. AND STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children (Name oldest first)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother <u>Mrs. H. Bishop</u>		<u>Walnut Grove Miss</u>	
1 <u>Andrew J. Bishop</u>		"	"
Brothers, 2 <u>Leithas Bishop</u>		<u>Demaines Iowa</u>	
(Name oldest first) 3			
Sisters, 2 <u>Rosa Lee Bishop Brantley</u>		<u>Walnut Grove Miss</u>	
(Name oldest first) 3 <u>Bessie Bishop Mitchell</u>		<u>Philadelphia Pa.</u>	
		<u>Walnut Grove Miss</u>	

Date April 14 Signature J. C. Bishop  
Address Walnut Grove Relationship mother

Important - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper

I, the undersigned, am the \_\_\_\_\_ and nearest living next of kin of  
 (Relationship)  
 the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
 (Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

(R.R. station)

(State)

3. To be returned to the U.S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

*at Guresnes American Cemetery,  
 Department of the Army*

Signature

*Mrs. J. C. Bishop*

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. 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.
6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope-pay no postage.

Note:-INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #17222

*See 15  
11-1-21*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BISHOP, Benjamin F. Ser. No. 724098  
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization 3rd Anti Air Craft Bn. TYP. als  
Bat. C. C. A. C. *ok (1-17-21) B.J.*  
 (c) Date of death 8-31-18 Cause of death Appendicitis & Paritanitis

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

(a) Grave No. 4 Row D Plot Amer. Sect. Div. 65. TYP. als  
 (b) Emerg. Address Andrew Bishop, (Brother) Forrest, Miss.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD OKR B.J.

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

*A. G. O. Card - Mrs. Isabelle C. Bishop, (Mother), Walnut Grove, Miss., requests body not to be returned - Sunk 2/19/21*

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

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned *(FOR)*

MAR 12 1921

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

*2/26/21 Conceptional advice to Europe should read - "Bishop, Benjamin F., Corporal, 724098, 3rd Anti Air Craft Battalion"*

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 5/16 192

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY NO. 68 SHEET NO. 10  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A August, 1920  
 S-666/MB

MAR 10 1921

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May 24, 1921.

295,8-Com. File #17222 (Bishop, Benjamin F., Cpl.)

The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cometorial Division)

Mrs. I.C. Bishop, Walnut Grove, Ills.

Permanent Burial in France.

File O.S.P.  
7MBK 5-28-21

1. In reply to your notation on Graves Registration Service Form #120 dated April 14, 1921, referred to this office by our branch office at Hoboken, New Jersey, requesting that the remains of the late Corporal Benjamin F. Bishop, 3rd Anti-air Craft Battalion, be interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Department of the Seine, near Paris, you are advised that your request has been noted on the records of this office. Concentrations into permanent American Cemeteries will be made according to a schedule based upon geographical location of temporary cemeteries, consideration of rail transportation and available space for grave sites in the permanent American Cemeteries. It is impossible to state definitely at this time, therefore, whether your request for burial in the Suresnes American Cemetery Department of the Seine, near Paris, can be complied with.

2. This office is awaiting information from the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, in regard to this matter, and upon receipt of same, you will be duly advised to which one of the permanent American Cemeteries in France the body of the deceased will be removed.

3. The Government will maintain equally each of the permanent American Cemeteries after the same manner as the National Cemeteries in this country and as befits the final resting places of our heroic dead.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

RECEIVED BY MAIL UNIT

NOTED ON 115.  
7MBK 5-28-21

MAY 25 1921

CHARLES J. WYHNE,  
JP Captain, Q. M. C.

MAY 24 1921  
Cometorial Division  
Cemeterial Project Sub-Section

C.R.S.

FORWARD TO OSP

Form 120 & yellow copy of  
reply filed in OSP.  
7MBK 5-28-21

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

ADJUSTMENT MADE  
JAN 21 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

*Appendix*

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 1/10/21

File No. Requisition.

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.

FILE

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

*m-*

- a. Surname **Bishop** *OK*
- b. Christian name **Benjamin F.** *OK*
- c. Serial Number **724098** *OK*
- d. Organization **3rd Anti Air Craft Bn.** *OK*  
**(3rd Anti Aircraft Bn. Btry. C.C.A.)**
- e. Rank **Cpl.** *OK*
- f. Date of death **8/31/18** *OK*
- g. Cause of death **Appendicitis & Peritonitis** *OK*
- h. Authority (C.O.#) **Bat. C.C.A.C.** *OK*
- i. Emergency address **Andrew Bishop Forrest, Miss.** *OK*
- j. Relationship **Brother.** *OK*

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
- |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |            |   |
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*Sm.*

CW

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

CEMETERY NO: 68

*Donnelly M.F.  
2 P Sec 181  
1-11-21.*

BY:

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

SHEET NO: 10  
TYPED BY: JBC

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date..... 1/11/21

JAN 11 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
Quartermaster Corps  
Graves Registration Service  
Pier 2, Hoboken, N.J.

May 12, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.

MEMORANDUM For: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.C.M.G.,  
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #68.  
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 2970.

1. The Records pertaining to the following cases are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the bodies are to remain undisturbed in the present grave location in France.

2. Attention is invited to request on Shipping Inquiry of Mrs. I.C. Bishop, mother, that remains be left in Suresnes American Cemetery, Department of the Sea.

REFERENCE NO:

✓ 10

Bishop, Benjamin F., Corporal, Serial Number 724098, 3rd Anti Air Craft, Battalion.

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Wellnitz, Walter Freckerick, Private, Serial Number 2830813, Company L, 342nd Infantry.

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

By:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

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December 20, 1920.

293.8-Cem.#17222-(Bishop, Benjamin F. Corporal)

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division)

To: Mr. Andrew Bishop, Forrest, Miss.

Subject: Transmission of Souvenirs.

1. This office takes pleasure in forwarding the enclosed Memorial Day program, Address of the American Consul General and Photograph of the Ceremony in the American Cemetery at Havre, France, as souvenirs of that occasion.
2. The souvenirs are being forwarded to the relatives of the deceased soldiers and sailors whose remains are buried in the Cemetery of Sainte-Marie, Havre, France, in accordance with the request of the United States Consul General, John Ball Osborne, Chairman of the Havre Committee for the Observance of Memorial Day 1920, made through the Department of State to the War Department.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Incls.

LN

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.

MAILED  
DEC 20 1920  
G.R.S.

**FILE**

# 17222

(No) 052938  
~~001~~ Bishop Benjamin F.

Walnut Grove Miss  
June 18/19.  
The Adjutant General,  
War Department.

Washington D.C.

In regard to bringing the  
oversize dead back, I wish  
to ask some questions.

Bishop Benjamin F.  
died in the hospital at  
La Haye, <sup>France</sup> Was he put in  
a coffin or not? And  
if he is not brought  
home will he be taken up  
and moved to another  
place or not? And

how long before you  
think they could be  
brought back.

Yours truly  
Andrew J. Bishop  
Walnut Grove Miss.

File  
McC/BAL  
12/25/19  
Received Enlisted Division  
JUN 24 1919  
619 72 NMF

292.8 ( Bishop, Benjamin F. ) Int.  
Burial Records Section.

HRC - MIO

June 26, 1919.

Mr. Andrew J. Bishop,  
Walnut Grove, Miss.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of June 18, relative to the final disposition of the bodies of our deceased soldiers, I beg to advise you that while the Department is not advised in individual cases it may be stated that burial was made in caskets wherever possible to do so. The bodies will be returned to the United States in hermetically sealed metal or metal lined caskets, where it is the desire of the relatives to have bodies returned.

It is understood that many of the bodies are now resting in beautiful little cemeteries which have been established throughout France, and it is probable that most of those who remain in France will be assembled in a National Cemetery or a "Field of Honor", it must be stated however, that final action depends upon the authority of Congress. If the bodies are permitted to remain abroad every effort will be made to take care of the graves in a manner satisfactory to the relatives, and in honor to our dead.

The date to be set for the return of the bodies is dependent, among other things, upon the following considerations: The result of the deliberations of a commission now sitting in France to consider questions pertaining to exhumation, transportation and reburial; the transportation of troops now in France to this country and the tonnage available. It is to be noted that every effort will be made to expedite the work of the return.



*Handwritten notes:*  
1919  
Bishop  
Walnut Grove, Miss.

2/1/19

Walnut Grove, Miss  
Jan-14, 1919

Chief, Graves Reg. Service  
A. G. F.

Dear Sir :-

I'm writing you  
for a little information  
in regard to my son,  
Corporal Benjamin F.  
Bishop, 3rd Antiaircraft  
Battalion C. A. C. 724094  
who died in France  
Aug-31, 1918

I wish to know how  
he was buried - whether  
he was put in a coffin  
or wrapped in a blanket,  
Was he buried in a

soldiers cemetery. I have  
learned that He was  
buried in a cemetery  
at Le Havre - I would  
like to have a photograph  
of his grave when it is so  
that I can get one -

Any information that  
you can give me in  
regard to my son's <sup>and burial</sup> grave  
will be very much ap-  
preciated.

Thanking you very much  
Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. J. C. Bishop

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## PHOTOGRAPHY OF GRAVES AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

1. **PHOTOGRAPHY OF GRAVES** is entirely controlled by the Chief of the Graves Registration Service, American Expeditionary Forces, France. No photographs of graves should be taken except by the special photographers of this Service, who, under the operation of military orders, are assigned to the Staff of its Chief, by the American Red Cross.

2. An officer of the American Red Cross, designated as Director of Photography, is assigned to the Staff of the Chief, Graves Registration Service, for this work, under his direction, and funds are provided through the War Chest contributed by the American people. No funds should be sent to the Graves Registration Service, the Red Cross, or individual officers for this purpose from any private source.

3. Operators are now photographing graves in France, Belgium, Italy, Great Britain and Ireland, and it is expected that within a very few months the finished photographs will be transmitted to the relatives of our dead.

4. Owing to the difficulties of obtaining the necessary technical staff, and the inadvisability of setting up a large photographic laboratory in France, it has been decided to distribute these photographs through the Bureau of Communication, American Red Cross National Headquarters, Washington, D. C., and all applications for pictures should be filed there, as soon as notification of the location of grave has been received by a relative from the Chief, Graves Registration Service.

5. The photographers work under route instructions issued by the Chief, Graves Registration Service, and in the interest of economy and labor-saving, it has been decided that these operators will not be able to make special trips to distant points to take individual photographs in response to urgent requests received from the United States or elsewhere. The time so consumed would prolong the period of waiting on the part of many others.

6. It is the desire to furnish the best possible service to sorrowing friends at home, and with this end in view, it is earnestly requested that relatives of our dead will be as patient as possible in awaiting these photographs. It will be appreciated that if requests are forwarded directly to the Graves Registration Service of the Army in France, it will only add to the burden of the work, without achieving the end in view; as, for reasons given above, appeals for priority, precedence or favoritism in the listing of claims cannot be considered, and photographs can only be forwarded from Washington.

By direction of Lieutenant Colonel CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Chief, Graves Registration Service :

Maurice B. Dix.  
Captain, American Red Cross,  
Director of Photography,  
Graves Registration Service.

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

Reference-17222.

February 27, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.

TO: Mrs. I. C. Bishop, Walnut Grove, Mississippi.

SUBJECT: Corporal Benjamin F. Bishop, 3rd Anti-Aircraft Battalion,  
Battery C,

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in Grave No. D-4, Division 65, French Municipal Cemetery St. Marie, at LE HAVRE, Department of the SEINE-INFERIEURE; the above is regarded as unconfirmed burial information, as the grave has not as yet been visited by the inspection officers of this Service. There is every reason to believe, however, that the grave location, as given above is correct. As to manner of burial, kindly note that as deceased soldiers are buried by their comrades, these headquarters do not have this information.

By direction

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

(Enclosures-2)

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

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TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER

FROM: A.R.C.

DATE: 2/7/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BISHOP, BENJAMIN F. NUMBER:

RANK CORP. ORGANIZATION

3<sup>rd</sup> ANTIAIRCRAFT BN

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	1) Benjamin F. Bishop 724093 Corp. 3rd. Anti Air Craft Battalion Battery C. C. A. C.
2.	Date of Death	
3.	Cause and place of death	
✓ 4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) C.C.# 254
5.	Date buried	
✓ 6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	(6) Grave No. D-4 Div. 65 Cemetery # 60 ("French Municipal" st Marie) Le Havre (Seine Inferieure)
7.	Who reported burial	
✓ 8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	(8) NO
✓ 9.	Report as to Grave Marker	(9) Grave Marker Cross
10.	Report as to Identification Tags	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	
✓ 12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	(12) 12-20-18
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the photograph No.?	GBL/
	N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.	

RM  
2/18/19

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BISHOP, 724034 BENJAMIN F  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corp., 3rd Anti-Aircraft Sec.,  
(Rank.) Battery C, C.A.C. (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... 2nd September 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL... Cimetiere Ste Marie.

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

Le Havre, Department Seine Infer-  
ieure, France

GRAVE NUMBER... D-4, Division 65

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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

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

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

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REPORTED BY:

Joe L. Hunter, Chaplain B.A.B. (Major)  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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BISHOP, B.

CPL.

724094

U.S.A. Coast Art.  
3/A.A. Sec.C. Bty.

Cemetery Ste. Marie, Havre.

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Buried by Chap. Rev. Jos. L. Hunter  
U.S.A. att. Base.  
Sect. 4. Havre.

