

G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

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MAY 14 1926

FULL NAME ..... BISSETT, George M. ✓

RANK ..... Cpl. ✓ SERIAL ..... 2110931 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Co. B. 58th Inf. ✓ 4th Div

DATE OF DEATH ..... 10-7-18 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... N. Dak. ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. —

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 10-23-21 16 5 D  
Date Grave Row Block

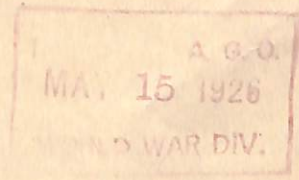
1232 - Meuse-Argonne

Cemetery



Adjutant General

6 MP  
MAY 18 1926



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Co B. 58th Infantry  
4th Division

BISSETT, George Cpl. 2110931  
Home:...

Missing in action September 30th; 1918

I last saw Cpl. Bissett on Sept. 29th, 1918 when he received orders to fall back. I called to him but he kept on going ahead.

Informant; Milton, Alfred A. Pvt 1661153  
Co B. 58th Infantry  
Home: R.F.D. 6 Fairfield, Conn.

S/A

Signed; A.G. Anderson, 2nd Lieut.

Date 26th June 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name BISSITT George M.Number 2110931Rank Pvt.Organization: Co. B. Inf

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

10th June 1919Isolated Grave BRIEULIES SUR MEUSE35NE. 312.9E 283. N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

10th June 1919Grave No. 10 Sec. 102 Plot. 1ARGONNE AMER CEMETERY #1232ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good Buried in uniform Body badly decomposedWas one identification tag found upon the body? NoWhat other means of identification were found upon the body? None**CONFIRMED No. D**12247

Note:

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

Supervised by Lt. LeneilerR. H. ROSENTHAL  
2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.S.AFHH

C.O. Group

Unit

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Bissett	3	299
BURIED	Cemetery 1232	1	1
	Grave 16	2	16
	Row 5	2	05
	Block 12	1	4
STATE	no state	2	40
RANK	Cpl	1	2
DIVISION	4	2	04
ORGANIZATION	58	3	058
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME	Bissett	3	299
RESIDENCE	STATE N. Dak.	2	40
	COUNTY Cass	2	09
	CITY Amenia	3	XXX
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.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no age	1	2

**AUDITED**  
NOV 80 1931

*Rm*

*Am*

*SPM*

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QM 293 A-M  
Bissett, George M. MA

September 30, 1932.

Mrs. Kate Bissett,  
Amenia,  
North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of September 8, 1932, stating that you do not desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal George M. Bissett.

It is indeed regretted that your physical condition will not permit you to accept the offer of the Government at this time. However, should your health improve and you desire to make the pilgrimage next year, it is requested that you notify this office, and arrangements will be made for you.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past three years many women who were in poor health made the trip and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received. Should you make the pilgrimage you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
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  
Bissett, George M. (MA)\*

Sept. 8, 1932.

Mrs. Kate Bissett,  
Amenia, N. D.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	No
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health: 67. Poor health & deaf
3. Do you speak English?	Yes
4. What other language do you speak?	None

Mrs. Kate Bissett  
Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE  
PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 13, 1932

Bissett, Geo. H. (M A)\*

Mrs. Kate Bissett,  
Amenia, N. D.

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?

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

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

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Bissett, George M. Cpl.

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. Kate Bissett.....

(Name)

.....Amenia, Cass County, No. Dakota.....

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bissett, George M. Cpl. (MA) M\*

July 14, 1931.

Mrs. Kate Bissett,  
Amenia, North Dakota

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.

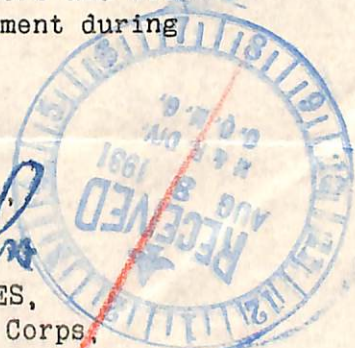
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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?

yes  
Write answer here

*Mrs Kate Bissett*  
Sign here

QM 293 A-M  
Bissett, George M., Cpl. 1232 M

March 19, 1931.

Mrs. Kate Bissett,  
Amenia,  
North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 11th, advising that you are unable to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal George M. Bissett, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France, for which you had accepted invitation to sail on the America, May 13, 1931.

It is regretted that circumstances are such as to prevent your making the journey at this time. Your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1932, and you will be communicated with when pilgrimage arrangements are being made for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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~~Copy for Col. Ellis~~

~~Copy for Capt. Shannon~~

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EASTVIEW GRAIN and STOCK FARM  
DUNCAN BISSETT

AMENIA «:» NORTH DAKOTA

March 11th - 1931

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A. W. Hughes  
Captain I. M. Coates  
Wash. D. C.

1232  
Bissett, Geo. M. <sup>Cass Co</sup>  
Cpl. Co. B, 58th Inf. (16)

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Decline America - May 13-

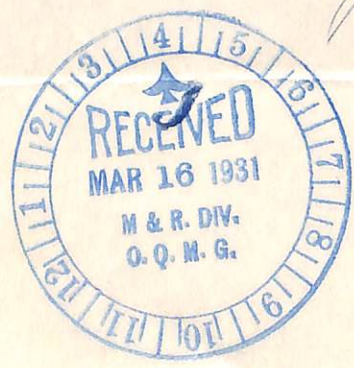
Dear Sir  
I am writing to you to-day to let you  
know that I cannot go on that pilgrimage to  
France in May 13-31

We cannot afford the price it cost for my  
husband to travel with me, and on account  
of my health, I am unable to go alone.

I am very sorry for I surely would like to  
go, I hope that I have not put you to any extra  
trouble I wish to thank you for all you have done  
for us I remain

Yours very respt

Mrs Duncan Bissett  
Mrs Kate Bissett



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,  
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED  
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Bissett, George M. 1232 N. Dak. Cass County

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find  
the name and address of the person in the United  
States whom I desire to be notified in case I be-  
come seriously ill or other emergency arises while  
I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

John D. Bissett noted

Address

Amenia, N.D.

Very truly yours,

(Your name)

Mrs Kate Bissett

(Your address)

Amenia,  
N.D.



QM 295 AM  
Bissett, George M. 1282 M

February 12, 1931.

Mrs. Kate Bissett,  
Amenia,  
North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of February 2, 1931 together with acceptance of the invitation to make the pilgrimage to Europe, sailing on the America, May 13, 1931.

Notation has been made that your husband is making arrangements to accompany you at personal expense, and arrangements will be made for you to be quartered together in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris, and the same cabin aboard ship. However, no authority exists for transportation of friends or relatives in the busses chartered by the Government to convey the pilgrims from Paris to the cemeteries, and they cannot be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Copy for Colonel Ellis -  
Copy for Capt. Shannon.

America

5-13-31  
1232

Bissett, George M.

Decline by letter 3-11-31

I ~~accept~~ the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of  
the Government of the United States under the pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Kate Bissett

(Name)

Amenia, Cass County, North Dakota

(Town or City)

(State)

EASTVIEW GRAIN and STOCK FARM  
DUNCAN BISSETT

AMENIA «:» NORTH DAKOTA

Feb 2nd - 1931

Accept  
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The Quartermaster General  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find card  
accepting the invitation to Europe for Grief  
Star Mother & Widow on May 13<sup>th</sup> 1931.

I have written to the steamship Co. at  
New York City, asking about fares & recreation  
for my husband Duncan Bissett to go with  
me as I am very deaf and cannot go alone  
I hope that they will get everything fixed  
up satisfactory for we are both anxious to  
take the trip. I remain

Mrs Kate Bissett  
Amenia  
No, Dak



QM 292 A-41  
Bissett, George M. - 1232

July 30, 1930.

Mrs. Kate Bissett,  
Amenia, North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 24, 1930, inquiring as to whether or not your husband could accompany you on the pilgrimage to the grave of the late George M. Bissett, as authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

Under the law providing for this pilgrimage, the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of relative or friend accompanying the pilgrim, nor can it make any arrangements for him. This must be entirely a personal matter.

It may be possible for your husband to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris, but no authority exists for transportation of friends or relatives in the busses chartered by the Government to convey the pilgrims from Paris to the cemeteries. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

If your husband desires to accompany you under these conditions, it is suggested he take the matter up with the Steamship Company, as to cost of transportation, when you are notified as to the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made for you and the date of sailing.

It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey without your husband inasmuch as competent personnel has been provided to care for the women making the pilgrimage from the time they leave home until they return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities have been arranged

QM 293 A-1  
Bissell, George M. - 1333

for and you are assured that the trip will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but everything necessary for your care and comfort will be provided.

Your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows who will make the pilgrimage in 1931 and you will be further communicated with relative thereto.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

George M. Bissett  
P 32

Armenia Post Office  
July 24<sup>th</sup> - 30

The Quarter Master General  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir I am signing up to go  
to France in 1931. I would like  
to ask if my husband may  
accompany me. I am very deaf  
and would not like to travel alone  
without him.

Would you please send information  
concerning my husbands expenses

Thanking you I am  
Yours Truly

Mrs Kate Bissett



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bissett, George M. 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Kate Bissett  
Cass County  
Amenia, North Dakota.

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? Yes

(Write answer here)

*Mrs Kate Bissett*  
(Sign here)

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bissett, George M. 1232

March 4, 1930.

Mrs. Kate Bissett,  
Amenia, Cass County,  
North Dakota.

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. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
		<i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
		<i>No</i>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
		<i>No</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>64</i> Health	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>Yes</i> (No)	(Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bissett, George M.

February 12, 1930

Mr 37  
Mrs. Kate Bissett  
Amenia  
Cass County, N. Dakota

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 Corp. Geo. M. Bissett, Co. B, 58th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

*No*

2. If so, give her complete address.

*No*

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

*Yes, Mother*  
*Mrs Kate Bissett*  
*Amenia*  
*Cass Co*  
*No, Dak*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE 1/15/30

NAME **Bissett, George M.** RANK **Cpl.** SERIAL **2110931** ORGANIZATION **Co. B, 58th Inf., 4th Div.** DATE OF DEATH **10/7/18**

STATE **No. Dak.** CTY. NO **1232** GRAVE **16** ROW **5** BLOCK **D**

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOTHER	:	✓	:	<i>Mrs. Kate Bissett</i>
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	<i>Amenia</i>
NAME		:	:	:	<i>Cass County</i>
AND	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	<i>N-Dak.</i>
ADDRESS		:	:	:	
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	_____
	<i>W</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WIDOW - <i>single man</i> (Who has not remarried)	:	:	:	_____
		:	:	:	_____

Veterans Bureau Claim Number  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bissett, Geo. M.

June 29 1929.

Mr. Duncan Bissett,  
Amenia, N. D.

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M  
Bissett, George M. MA

September 30, 1932.

Mrs. Kate Bissett,  
Amenia,  
North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of September 8, 1932, stating that you do not desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal George M. Bissett.

It is indeed regretted that your physical condition will not permit you to accept the offer of the Government at this time. However, should your health improve and you desire to make the pilgrimage next year, it is requested that you notify this office, and arrangements will be made for you.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past three years many women who were in poor health made the trip and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received. Should you make the pilgrimage you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

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CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bissett, George M. (MA)\*

Sept. 8, 1932.

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Amenia, N. D.

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2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

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

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bissott, Geo. W. (M A)\*

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Kate Bissott,  
Amenia, N. D.

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? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bissett, George M. Cpl. (MA) M\*

July 14, 1931.

Mrs. Kate Bissett,  
Amenia, North Dakota

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Bissett, George M., Cpl. 1232 M

March 19, 1931.

Mrs. Kate Bissett,  
Amenia,  
North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 11th, advising that you are unable to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal George M. Bissett, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Remagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France, for which you had accepted invitation to sail on the America, May 13, 1931.

It is regretted that circumstances are such as to prevent your making the journey at this time. Your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1932, and you will be communicated with when pilgrimage arrangements are being made for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Copy for Capt. Shannon

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QM 293 AM  
Bissett, George M. 1232 H

February 12, 1931.

Mrs. Kate Bissett,  
Amenia,  
North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of February 2, 1931 together with acceptance of the invitation to make the pilgrimage to Europe, sailing on the America, May 13, 1931.

Notation has been made that your husband is making arrangements to accompany you at personal expense, and arrangements will be made for you to be quartered together in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris, and the same cabin aboard ship. However, no authority exists for transportation of friends or relatives in the busses chartered by the Government to convey the pilgrims from Paris to the cometeries, and they cannot be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Copy for Colonel Ellis -  
Copy for Capt. Shannon.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bissott, George M. 1232-M

January 29, 1931

Mrs. Kate Bissott,  
Amonia,  
N. D.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "America" on May 13, 1931.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before February 24, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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November 21, 1930.

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Bissett, George M. Corporal 1232 M  
Schroeder, George L. Pvt. 1st cla. 1232 M  
Johnson, Levi D. Corporal 1232 M  
Dekken, Tom T. Pvt. 606

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Mrs. C. Dell,  
Amenia, N. D.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your request of November 15, 1930, an order has this day been issued that American flag be forwarded to the following named mothers of deceased members of the American forces, provided flags have not previously been sent:

Mrs. Kate Bissett, Amenia, North Dakota, mother of the late Corporal George M. Bissett, Company B, 58th Infantry, 4th Division.

Mrs. Minnie Schroeder, Erie, North Dakota, mother of the late Private George L. Schroeder, Company L, 59th Infantry.

Mrs. Jessie Johnson, 1542 5th Avenue S, Fargo, North Dakota, mother of the late Corporal Levi D. Johnson, Company D, 18th Infantry.

Mrs. Mary Dekken, Erie, North Dakota, mother of the late Private Tom T. Dekken, Company C, 47th Infantry.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Bissett, George W. - 1232

for and you are assured that the trip will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but everything necessary for your care and comfort will be provided.

Your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows who will make the pilgrimage in 1931 and you will be further communicated with relative thereto.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-1  
Bissett, George M. - 1232

July 30, 1930.

Mrs. Kate Bissett,  
Amenia, North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 24, 1930, inquiring as to whether or not your husband could accompany you on the pilgrimage to the grave of the late George M. Bissett, as authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

Under the law providing for this pilgrimage, the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of relative or friend accompanying the pilgrim, nor can it make any arrangements for him. This must be entirely a personal matter.

It may be possible for your husband to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris, but no authority exists for transportation of friends or relatives in the busses chartered by the Government to convey the pilgrims from Paris to the cemeteries. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

If your husband desires to accompany you under these conditions, it is suggested he take the matter up with the Steamship Company, as to cost of transportation, when you are notified as to the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made for you and the date of sailing.

It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey without your husband inasmuch as competent personnel has been provided to care for the women making the pilgrimage from the time they leave home until they return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities have been arranged

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bissett, George M. 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Kate Bissett  
Cass County  
Aronia, North Dakota.

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

Bissett, George M. 1232

March 4, 1930.

Mrs. Kate Bissett,  
Amenia, Cass County,  
North Dakota.

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. 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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bissett, George M.

February 12, 1930

Mrs. Kate Bissett  
Amenia  
Cass County, N. Dakota

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 Corp. Geo. M. Bissett, Co. B, 58th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bissett, Geo. M.  
1232

September 4, 1929

Mr. Duncan Bissett,  
Amenia, N. Dak.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~June 29, 1929~~ making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

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

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bissett, Geo. H.

June 29 1929.

Mr. Duncan Bissett,  
Amonia, N. D.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Corp. Geo. H. Bissett, Co. B, 58th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

October 18, 1925.

Mr. Duncan Bissett,  
Amenia,  
N.D.

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the  
Dear Sir: permanent grave of

Corporal George M. Bissett, Company B, 58th Infantry,  
is Grave 16, Row 5, Block D, Meuse-Arconne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-  
Montfaucon (Aisne), France.  
This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be  
maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked  
by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank,  
division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which  
he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with  
the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without  
waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost  
care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by  
those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will  
be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the  
last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

Assistant,  
R. L. FOSTER

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ZDX

O. Q. M. G.  
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM

OCT 18 1925  
B. O. C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 84538

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BISSETT, George M. Ser. No. 2110931
(b) Rank Corp. Organization Co. B, 58th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10-7-18 (d) Cause of death k/a
TYP. b
CKR. Zp

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

(a) Grave No. 10 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 102 TYP. b
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Duncan Bissett (father) Amenia, North Dakota.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases 1/1/1/1/1/1 CKR. Zp

no card in file. #111 5/23/21

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name (b) Relationship
(c) Address
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.?
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials Date, 192

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

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

Examiner's Initials Date, 192

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

m. a. Feb. 11/20/19 - Jack Williams (Amer. Legion). Fargo, N.D. Give father address. Duncan Bissett, Amenia, N.D.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials Date 5/23, 1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232- Sec. 102 SHEET No. 14

JUN 11 1921

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

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

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter on JUN 6 1921, 192

*Section 102*

*Par. 2 Not To Be Returned (JEN)*

IX.

REMARKS

Multiple horizontal dashed lines for writing remarks.

WRITE IN

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 9, 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 Bissett, George M  
 2. No. 2110931  
 3. Rank Cpl.  
 4. Org. Co. B 38th Inf.  
 5. D.D. 10-7-18  
 6. C.D. NIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 10 Sec. 102  
 8. Plot 1 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery Argonne Amer.

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 - Sec.102

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept 9, 1921

By Edmo Maire

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BISSETT, George M.

Serial No. 2110931

Rank Cpl.

Organization Co. B. 38th Inf.

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

*G. J. Rasch.*

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). Cpl. chevrons on blouse, two gold rigs found on body are engraved G.M.B. \$1.12 U. S. money and 26.80frs french money. Rings and money sent to effects depot. "82 USNG. collar orn. on blouse.

27. Condition of body disarticulated features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial box U. S. Uniform wrapped in burlap.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 9, 1921 By Edmo Maire

31. Casket sealed by Edmo Maire

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*Edmo Maire*

AUDITED BY  
2025-4-23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-5601

32. Designation of body:

Name Bissett, George M Serial No. 2110931

Rank Cpl. Organization Co. B 38thInf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amer. Cem. #1232 - Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. By Edme Maire

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 H. S. Harpole, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 9, 1921

To point of Concentration Morgue Cem. 1232.

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date Sept 9, 1921

G.R.S. Representative Mrs. Defautt Morgue Sept.

41. Reinterred Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232 October 23, 1921 (Date)

42. Grave No. 16 Section

43. Plot Block D, Row 5

el G.R.S. Representative Tom Ward, Capt., Q.M.C.

Rommel Sous Montfaucon

Place .....

Sept. 9, 1921.

Date .....

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

2110931

1. REMAINS OF BISSETT, GEORGE M. SERIAL NUMBER.....  
RANK..... Cpl. ORGANIZATION..... Co., B. 38th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 9, 1921. From (give complete location):  
Gr. 10 Sec. 102 Pt. 1 Meuse-Argonne Cem., #1232.  
By: Group..... Maire Unit..... Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): ..... In (give complete location):  
Oct. 23, 1921. Meuse-Argonne American Cty. #1232. Grave 16 Block D. Row 5.  
By: Group..... Reburial S. Unit..... Nature of reburial Unlined casket/

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Box U.S. uniform wrapped in burlap.  
disarticulated features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? NO On grave marker? No  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

U.S.N.G. Collar ornament on blouse. Cpl. Cherrons on blouse.  
Two gold rings found on body. One engraved "G.M.B." \$1.12 U.S. money and 26.80 francs French money. Rings and money sent to Effect Dept.

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 determine

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity None

Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

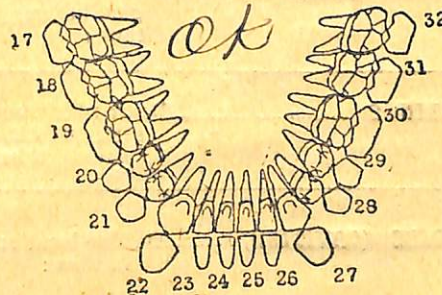
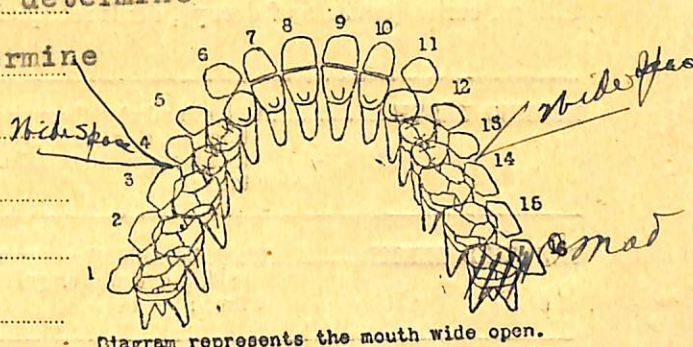
Location None

Quantity None

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

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

None visible



7. Disinterment supervised by E. Maire S. Approved: H. S. Harpole 1st Lt. QMC  
(Title).....

8. Reburial supervised by ..... 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), bicuspid (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

**MISSING 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 :



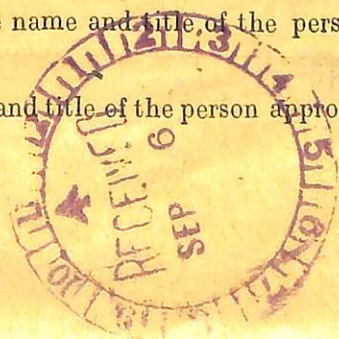
**CARIES (CAVITIES)**.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



**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.



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 84538

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BISSETT, George M. Ser. No. 2110931  
 (b) Rank Corp. Organization Co. B, 58th Inf. } TYP. b  
 (c) Date of death 10-7-18 (d) Cause of death k/a } 30

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

(a) Grave No. 10 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 102 TYP. b  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Duncan Bissett (father) Amonia, North Dakota.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ////// CKR. 30

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
Sec 102 { letter of transmittal on JUN 6 1921, 192  
Par. 2 Not To Be Returned (JEN)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. \_\_\_\_\_, 192

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_

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JUN 11 1921  
H.S.

Address reply to  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
Munitions Building

~~WAR DEPARTMENT~~ bpm  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON  
November 26, 1919.

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Graves Registration Service.

Mr.Jack Williams,State Adjutant,315 Broadway,Fargo,N.Dakota.

Location of Grave.

1. Replying to your letter of November 20th, I have to advise that the records of this office show Corporal George M.Bissott,#2110931, Co.B., 58th Infantry, originally buried in Isolated Grave #2, Brioules-sur-Meuse,Meuse, disinterred and reburied May 10,1919 in Grave #10, Section 102, Plot #1, Argonne American Cometary, Romagne-sous-Montfaucou, Meuse.

2. We have this day forwarded the above information to Mr. Duncan Bissott,Amenia,North Dakota.

By authority of the Quartermaster General,

Charles C.Pierce,  
Major,Q.M.C.,  
Chief,Graves Registration Service.

By:

Charles J.Wymore,  
Captain,Q.M.C.,  
Graves Registration Service.

✓  
D. P. S. MAILING  
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## OFFICERS

C. L. DAWSON,  
State Commander,  
Beach, N. D.

F. R. LANDERS,  
Vice State Commander,  
Minot, N. D.

WM. H. GREENLEAF,  
Historian,  
Grand Forks, N. D.

State Headquarters:

# The American Legion

JACK WILLIAMS, State Adjutant  
315 Broadway, Fargo, North Dakota



## OFFICERS

ROY BAIRD,  
Finance Officer,  
Dickinson, N. D.

C. S. MOORE,  
Chaplain,  
Lisbon, N. D.

WM. STERN,  
Sergeant-at-Arms,  
Fargo, N. D.

Fargo, N.D. Nov. 20, 1919.

Bureau of Grave Registration,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly do what you can with the following case and help out anxious parents, to find out just what became of their son, Corporal George M. Bissett, Company B, 58 Infantry, Fourth Division, was last seen on the Argonne Front on September 29, 1918 at five o'clock in the evening.

Government records give no definite information and he has never been reported dead. His description is as follows: Age 29, height, five feet eight inches, weight 180 pounds, eyes brown and hair black.

So far his parents have received no information of any kind from the government. We would appreciate very much your prompt action on this case and also a personal letter to his father and one to this office. His fathers address is Duncan Bissett, Amenia, N.D..

Hoping for an early reply, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*Jack Williams*  
State Secretary.

J. W/O

Address reply to  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
Munitions Building

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ WAR DEPARTMENT ~~XXXX~~ bpm  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

November 26, 1919.

293.5 (Bissett, George M.) G.R.S.

Graves Registration Service.

Mr. Duncan Bissett, Amenia, N.D.

Location of Grave.


1. Referring to a letter dated November 20th, from Jack Williams, State Adjutant, The American Legion, 315 Broadway, Fargo, North Dakota, I have to advise that the records of this office show Corporal George M. Bissett, #2110931, Co.B., 58th Infantry, originally buried in Isolated Grave #2, Brioulles-sur-Meuse, Meuse, disinterred and reburied May 10, 1919 in Grave #10, Section 102, Plot #1, Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

By authority of the Quartermaster General;

Charles C. Pierce,  
Major, Q. M. C.,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

By:

Charles J. Wynn,  
Captain, Q. M. C.,  
Graves Registration Service.



CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
A.P.O. 902. FRANCE

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201. Bissett, Duncan  
(S.P. C-22-19)

June 7th, 1919.

MEMORANDUM for: Chief, Graves Registration Service,  
A.P.O. 717.

It is requested that this office be furnished  
with all available information as to the burial place of:

Corporal George M. Bissett, #2110931.

The above mentioned soldier, late of Co. B,  
58th Infantry, was reported as missing in action since  
October 7th, 1918, and is now reported as buried by Graves  
Registration Service, per subpara. #61. C.C. #5535.

H. M. HEBBY,  
Adjutant General.

ACL:WHA.

1st Ind.

Chief, Graves Registration Service, Headquarters, S.O.S. Am.E.F. June 19, 1919  
TO: Central Records Office, A.G.D. A.P.O. 902, Am. E.F. Returned.

1. Records of the Graves Registration Service show Private GEO. M.  
BISSETT, (2110931), Co. B., 58th Infantry, to have been buried in Grave 569,  
Commune of Briailles-sur-Meuse, Department Meuse, Map reference: Map 35NE,  
Coordinates E312.75 - N282.85. Grave is marked by a cross to which is attach  
one identification tag.

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

1st Ind.

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A.G.O., 201 (Bissett, George M.) CD  
War Department, May 14, 1919.

To the Commanding General, American Expeditionary Force,  
for investigation in connection with the opinion of the Judge  
Advocate General of April 4, 1918, on presumption of death, and  
letter from this office of March 6, 1919.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Adjutant General

GM-MEH

Received  
A. G. O.

JUN 4 - 1919  
G. H. Q. A. E. F.



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

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Reference-

March 5, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO: Esther Sloan, Erie, N. D.  
SUBJECT: Corporal George M. Bissett, Co. B, 58th Infantry,  
American E.F.

1. In reply to your letter of inquiry, I am very sorry to have to inform you that my field force has not as yet succeeded in obtaining any definite burial information regarding this soldier. You may rest assured that every possible effort will be made to locate the grave, and, if necessary, a special search will be made of the area where he died and is, no doubt, buried.

2. Careful note is being made of your name and address, and immediately the burial information is received, you will be informed.

By direction

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

(Enclosures-2) per

MBD-dn

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

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Eric N. Doh  
U.S.A.

Jan. 7-1919.

Lieut. Col. Charles C. Pierce:-  
70 Graves Registration Service  
Tours, France,

Dear Sir: -

I am writing to you to  
see if you can find out  
anything for me concerning  
George M. Bissett (Corp.)  
of Co. B. 58<sup>th</sup> Inf. 4<sup>th</sup> Div.  
He has been reported  
missing since Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> '18

we have not heard any  
further word only we have  
gotten back some of the  
letter's that we had written  
to him and on the envelope  
was written wounded  
and Hospital.

If you can not find  
out any thing about  
him could you tell me  
where I could write  
to get some information?

I thank you in advance

I am

your's truly

Esther Sloane

Eric, N. D.

U. S. A.

Capt. Davis

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In attached case, the  
CRO advises that last  
report is, that this man missing

in action Oct 7, @ 291.

Major Davis directs that letter

be written giving this information

and requesting ~~if~~ if the name <sup>or locate</sup>

of Hoop was given on any

of the envelopes referred to  
as being returned

J.P.V.

Co. B. 58 Inf.

Bissett George Cpl. 211093I.

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Missing Oct. 7th, 1918.

Cpl. George Bissett 211093I Co. B. 58 Inf., missing in action Oct. 7th, present whereabouts unknown.

Informant: Lyons, Searcher,  
Jan. 27th, 1918.

Inquirer: B. Hanna,  
Fargo,  
North Dakota.

(Per telegram.)

Mac.

FILE

Co B. 58th Infantry  
4th Division

23176 B  
BISSETT, George, Cpl. 211093I  
Home:...

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Missing in action September 30th; 1918

I last saw Cpl. Bissett on Sept. 29th, 1918 when he received orders to fall back. I called to him but he kept on going ahead.

Informant; Milton, Alfred A. Pvt I661153  
Co B. 58th Infantry  
Home: R.F.D.6 Fairfield, Conn.

S/A

Signed; A.G. Anderson, 2nd Lieut.

Correspondence from:

Senator P. J. McCumber  
U. S. Senate

Information in regard to George M. Bissett. Reported missing.

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G.R.S. Form No. 3; *119*  
 Name For: G.R.S. representative, G.R.S.  
 SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

I. Items checked are to be completed:

- Surname: **BISSETT**
- Number: **2110931**
- First name: **George M.**
- Rank: **Pvt.**
- Company: **Co. B**
- Organization: **58th Inf.**
- Date of death: **10/7/18**
- Cause: **m.d.g.**
- Place: **Buried**

Location of hospital:

- Number " "
- Class " "
- Relative: **Duncan Bissett**
- Relationship: **Father**
- Address: **Aspenia, N. Dakota**
- Authority:
- C. b. logram No: **74 SP 61 CC 553**
- Telegram from:

dated:

- Reported to Washington:
- C.C. Nos:
- (UnderSCORE the "official" C.C.)
- Remarks:
- Show present status on reverse side.

**CHARLES C. PIERCE,**  
 Lieut.-Colonel, O.M.C., U.S.A.

Initials of Reporter:

*OX* *✓ MS*

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Is dated

Comme Briouilles-sur-Meuse.

Reported by G.R.S.



G. R. S. Form No. 8-W; Central Records  
Card Sec. #3. Liaison.  
Mar. 9, 1920.

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.  
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

✓ Surname: Bissett ✓  
 ✓ Number: 2110931 ✓  
 ✓ First name: George M. ✓  
 ✓ Rank: Corp. ✓  
 ✓ Company: "B" ✓  
 ✓ Organization: 58th Inf. ✓  
 ✓ Date of death: 10-7-18 ✓  
 ✓ Cause: k/a ✓  
 ✓ Place:

✓ Location of hospital:

✓ Number " "

✓ Class " "

✓ Emergency address Duncan Bissett,  
 Amenia, (no. Dan  
 (no. Dak.)

✓ Relationship: Father

✓ Authority:

✓ Cablegram No:

✓ Telegram from:

dated:

Reported to Washington:

C.C.Nos.

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

Remarks:

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

Rec'd World War Div.

Date: 3/12/20

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1. U. S. Form No. 1. Hq. G. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 2110931

3. Bisset George M.  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt. B Inf.  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Isolated  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Brioules Meuse  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 589  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross?  Headboard? Bottle?   
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker?   
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

CMME. Brioules-sur-Meuse (Meuse)  
(C-230) SHT. 35 N.E. COORD { 6. 312.75  
7. 282.85

12. "A" sketch 90  
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery  
282.6 N 312.85 E

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed Sgt. Baker  
GROUP No. 34 "A" G.P.S. Unit G. R. S.

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