

QM 293 A-M  
Bonney, Joseph W.

July 6, 1932

Mrs. Flora E. Bonney,  
18 Pleasant Street,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed a card, showing the location of the grave of your son, the late Private Joseph W. Bonney, in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery in France.

You may be interested in knowing that this cemetery is located about 60 miles from Paris, just outside the village of Belleau and about  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Chateau Thierry. The cemetery lies at the foot of the hill upon which stands the famous Belleau Wood.

A photograph of the grave of your son has not as yet been received in this office, however, it will be forwarded to you immediately upon receipt.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE IN EUROPE  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE  
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IN REPLYING  
PLEASE ADDRESS  
CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES  
REGISTRATION SERVICE

FILE NO. 293 Bonney, Joseph W.

PARIS, FRANCE  
June 7, 1932

SUBJECT: Concentration of Remains.

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C.

1. In compliance with paragraph 1, 1st indorsement your office of May 5, 1932 (QM 293 A-M Bonney, Joseph W.), on letter this office of March 19, 1932 (file 293 Unknown U-2538 - X-293 Bonney, Joseph W.), inclosed herewith are G.R.S. Forms 114-A, 16-A and 1-A covering permanent concentration of the remains of the late Private Joseph W. Bonney, 1656916, Company H, 18th Infantry, into Grave 86, Block B, Row 1, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, (Aisne).

2. The name has been added to the Cemetery Organization Directories and the Combined Directories.

3. Photograph of the grave will be furnished your office for transmittal to the mother as soon as the headstone has been erected.

*R. H. Jordan*  
R. H. JORDAN,  
Lieut-Colonel, Q.M. Corps,  
Chief.

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QM 293 A-M  
Bonney, Joseph W.

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War Dept. OQMG, Washington - May 5, 1932 - To - Chief, American Graves  
Registration Service in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. Identification is confirmed, and at the request of the mother,  
the remains will be interred in one of the American cemeteries in Europe.  
The authorized inscription for the headstone follows:

Joseph W. Bonney - Pvt. - 13 Inf. - 1 Div. - Massachusetts - July 20, 1918

2. The Cemetery Organization Directories and Combined Directories  
should have this addition made to them.

3. Upon erection of the headstone, it is requested a photograph  
of the grave be forwarded this office for transmittal to the mother.

For The Quartermaster General:

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JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M  
Bonney, Joseph W.

May 5, 1932

SUBJECT: Recovery of Remains  
TO: The Adjutant General.

1. The remains of the late Private Joseph W. Bonney, SN 1656916, Company H, 16th Infantry, 1st Division, have been recovered from la Trou-a-Sable, Commune Noyant-et-Aconin, Aisne, 53 NE East 179.930 - North 289.550, and will be permanently interred in Europe upon the request of the mother, Mrs. Flora E. Bonney, 18 Pleasant Street, Fitchburg, Mass.

2. Identification was established by means of identification tags found on the body, together with Masonic pocket-piece.

3. The name of this veteran should be removed from your list of Unlocated World War Dead.

For The Quartermaster General:

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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COPY TO AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION:

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QM 293 A-M  
Bonney, Joseph W.

May 5, 1932

Mrs. Flora E. Bonney,  
18 Pleasant St.,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 30th, requesting that the remains of your son, the late Private Joseph W. Bonney be interred in one of the American cemeteries in Europe.

In compliance with your request, instructions are being issued under even date that the remains of Private Bonney be interred in an American cemetery with his former comrades, and that a photograph of the grave be forwarded upon erection of the headstone.

It is noted you have heretofore declined to make a pilgrimage, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, and it is possible you may now desire to visit the grave of your son. Should you desire to make the journey during the coming summer, it is requested you advise this office promptly in order that arrangements may be made for you. As previously advised the journey is made at the expense of the United States Government, and personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the pilgrimage is provided from the time of their arrival in New York until they entrain for their homes. You are assured the journey is not only made at the expense of the Government, but that everything possible for your comfort and needs will be provided, should you make the journey.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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Fitchburg Mass

April 30, 1932

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General -

Dear Sir: -

In answer to your inquiry concerning the disposition of the body of my son Joseph W. Bonney.

I feel very thankful that his body has been found and to know that he will not be numbered among the unknown.

I have decided to have him buried in one of the American cemeteries in Europe and will appreciate it very much if you will send me a photograph of the head stone and tell me just where the grave is located.

Sincerely Mrs Flora E Bonney

18 Pleasant St



QM 293 A-M  
Bonney, Joseph W.

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Should you desire the remains of your son returned to you, shipment will be made at the expense of the Government to the place designated by you. All expenses of the funeral however must be borne from personal funds. The Veterans Administration has authority to pay an amount not exceeding \$107.00 toward the burial expenses of veterans who do not leave assets in excess of \$1,000.00, and in the event you desire the remains returned to the United States, it is possible you may be entitled to this amount.

The personal effects found on the remains of your son are being forwarded to you, and it is requested you advise at your earliest convenience as to whether you desire the remains of Private Bonney returned to you, or interred in one of the American cemeteries in Europe.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in advising your wishes in the premises.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl:  
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OM 293 A-M  
Bonney, Joseph W.

April 21, 1932

Mrs. Flora E. Bonney,  
18 Pleasant St.,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to inform you that the remains of your son, the late Private Joseph W. Bonney, Company H, 18th Infantry, have been recovered from an isolated grave in le Trou a Sable, Commune of Moyant-et-Aconin, Aisne, France, and are being held in the mortuary awaiting disposition advice.

The records show that your son was killed in action at Soissons on July 20, 1918, and buried on the field of battle. In view of the fact that the battle continued after the death and burial of your son, it was not possible to mark his place of burial, and although efforts have been made over a period of years to recover his remains, until recently these efforts had not met with success. The remains of your son were identified by means of his identification tags and a Masonic pocketpiece found on the body.

A request signed by you, is on file in this office, that the remains of your son be returned to the United States for private interment. However, as a number of years have elapsed since this request was made, it is possible you may desire his remains to rest with his former comrades in one of the American cemeteries in Europe. These cemeteries have recently been beautified with trees, shrubs, lawns and walks, and headstones of beautiful white Carrara marble are erected at the graves. Should you elect to have the remains of your son interred in one of these cemeteries, a headstone properly inscribed will be erected at his grave and a photograph thereof furnished you if desired. The graves in these cemeteries will be perpetually cared for by a grateful Government in a manner befitting those of this Nation's fallen heroes.

QM 293 A-M  
Bonney, Joseph W.

April 21, 1932

Mr. Albert H. Clark, Secretary,  
Eliot Lodge, A. F. & A. M.,  
100 Bradford Street,  
Needham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of April 14th, in reply to office letter of April 13th, and desire to express my appreciation of your kindness in furnishing the desired information.

You will no doubt be interested to know that the information contained in your letter completes the identification of the remains of the late Private Joseph W. Bonney, Company H, 18th Infantry, which were recently recovered from their original grave in France.

The mother, Mrs. Flora E. Bonney, 18 Pleasant Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, is being advised under even date of the recovery of the remains of her son.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M  
Bonney, Joseph W.

April 21, 1932

SUBJECT: Effects.

TO: Governor, U. S. Soldiers Home, Washington, DC

1. Forwarded herewith effects found on the remains of the late Private Joseph W. Bonney, SN 1656916, Company H, 18th Infantry, recently recovered in the Commune of Noyant-et-Aconin, Aisne, France.

2. It is requested the effects be forwarded to the mother, Mrs. Flora E. Bonney, 18 Pleasant Street, Fitchburg, Mass.

For The Quartermaster General:

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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Effects  
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QM 080 A-M  
Masonic Order - Mass.

April 13, 1932

293 X Bonney, Jos. W.

Mr. Albert H. Clark,  
Sec'y, Eliot Lodge, Jamaica Plains,  
100 Bradford Street,  
Needham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

There is on file in this office a Masonic pocket piece bearing the inscription "Made A Mason Eliot Lodge No. Entered April 15, 1914, Passed May 18, 1914, Raised June 15, 1914".

It will be appreciated if you will furnish the names of men who entered the Order as of the date given and to whom this pocket piece may have belonged.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAN. H. HUBACH,  
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps  
Assistant.

ELIOT LODGE, A. F. & A. M.  
INSTITUTED A. L. 5866  
MASONIC HALL  
670 CENTRE STREET  
JAMAICA PLAIN, MASS.

ALBERT H. CLARK  
SECRETARY  
100 BRADFORD STREET  
NEEDHAM, MASS.

April 14, 1932.

James H. Laubach,  
Lt. Col., Q.M. Corps,  
War Department,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of April 13, 1932, QM 080 A-M  
Masonic Order, Mass. I will say that four members of our lodge  
~~received their degrees~~ as specified in your letter; namely,  
Joseph Wesley Bonney, Donald C. MacPherson, Frank A. Dallen and  
Otto A. Piesendel. Only one of them saw service in the War  
Department.

The pocket piece you mention was probably the property  
of Bro. Joseph W. Bonney, born June 17, 1889 at Fitchburg, Mass.  
he was an electrician. He entered the service in September,  
1917 and was assigned to Camp Devens, Mass. 301st Machine  
Gun Battalion.

He died in ACTION July 20, 1918 and at that time he was  
with Co. H., 18th Infantry at the Battle of Soissons, Chateau  
Thierry Drive.

Very truly yours.

*Albert H. Clark*  
Secretary.



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Masonic Order

4/11/1932

QM 293 A-M  
Bonney, Joseph W.  
Co. H, 18 Inf.

Letter to

Mrs. Flora E. Bonney, 18 Pleasant St. Fitchburg, Mass.

Advising the remains of her son, the late Private Joseph W. Bonney, 1656916, Co. H, 18 Inf., 1 Div. have been recovered from an isolated grave in an open field, known as le Trou a Sable, Commune of Noyant-le-Aconin (Aisne) and are being held in the mortuary of the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne) awaiting disposition advise from this office.

The records of this office contain a request signed by you for the return of the remains of your ~~son~~ son, the late Private- etc. for private interment. It is requested that you advise this office as soon as possible as to whether you still desire the remains of your son returned to the United States for private interment, or left in France to be interred ~~with in the Meuse-Arh in the same cemetery~~ one of the American Cemeteries in Europe-- where rest so many of his former comrades.

Tag on body, and silver Masonic medal from Eliot Lodge.

The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.

1. The remains of the late Private Joseph W. Bonney-- etc. have been recovered from a shell hole in an open field known as le Trou-a Sable, Cmme. Noyant-et-Aconin, Aisne. 33 NE. East 179.930 - North ~~289~~. 289.550. And are being in the mortuary of the Oise-Aisne American Cty. awaiting disposition advice.

2. The mother of the above mentioned late soldier has ~~the~~ been advised of the ~~recovery~~ recovery.

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3. To The U.S. Soldiers Home, Washington, D.C.

1. The attached envelope of effects were found on the remains of the late Private Joseph W. Bonney, 1656916, Company H, 18 Infantry, 1 Division, when re covered in March, 1932, from a shell hole in an open field known as ~~le Trou a Sable~~ le Trou a Sable, Cmme. Noyant-et-Aconin, (Aisne) Map 33 NE. East 179/930 - North 289.550.

2. It is request that these personal effects be transmitted to the nearest of kin of the above mentioned soldier.

3. The records of this office show the nearest of kin- as mpothor- Mrs. Flora E. Bonney, 18 Pleasant Street, Fitchburg, Mass.

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4. The American Battle Monuments Commission, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D.C.

The name of the late Private Joseph W. Bonney, 1656916, Company H, 18 Infantry, 1 Division, could be eliminated from your List of Unlocated World War Dead.

*Ind. to G. R. S. in ltr. upon receipt of reply  
E. Kensett Vail from W/K as to disposition*

E. Kensett Vail

Investigator.

April 11, 1932

From: Investigation

To: Cemetery Audit.

Cty 608

Oise-Aisne American Cty.  
Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne.)

MORGUE

Remains of soldier listed as U-2638  
Recovered March 12, 1932  
From ----Shell hole in an open field known as le Trou a Sable,  
Cmme. Noyant-et-Aconin, (Aisne) 33 NE. E 179.930-W. 289.550  
and  
Held in the morgue of the Oise-Aisne American Cty. #608  
Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

ARE THOSE

of  
The Late Pvt. Joseph W. Bonney- ~~105916~~, Co. H, 18 Inf. 1 Div.  
KIA July 20, ~~1918~~. 1918. 1/656916

No. corr. rel. to disp.  
AGO Disp. Card -shows r  
request for return of remains  
for private interment.

E. Kensett Vail

CASE OF BONNEY: Joseph W. 1656916 Pvt. Co. H, 18 Inf., 1 Div. KIA 7/20/18  
Recovered-Isolated grave in open field known as Le Trou a Sable, Cmme. Noyant-et-  
GRAVE Aconin, Aisne. 33NE. E 179.93-N.289.55 on March 12, 1932 Held in morgue  
Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. #608

DECISION Remains recovered March 12, 1932 from above isolated grave ARE THOSE of  
the late Pvt. Joseph W. Bonney, Co. H, 18 Inf.

DENTAL CHARTS AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS

CAMP	LOCAL BOARD	FROM RELATIVES	OF BODY	A.D.
			F. 2-3-7-8-9-14-15-28	
17-32	19-30	Information not requested.	cav. 4	11-12-10- 24-25-27-29
			Ext. 19-30	
HEIGHT	5ft 11 inc.		Est. 6ft 2 in.	
WEIGHT	137 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs		175 lbs.	
HAIR	Black		impossible to det.	
SHOE SIZE	9C		9EE	
REMARKS	28yrs 3 mos. when ind. Sept. 22, 1917.			

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body

YES ~~ES~~ -~~Jose~~-h Co. H. 18 Inf.  
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Found on Marker

No marker

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Silver Masonic Medal from Eliot Lodge .1st Aid pocket and 45 Ammunition.  
Upper teeth irregular. Tooth 12 may have been double.  
Left radius fractured, upper third.

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Original burial of body \_\_\_\_\_

Original burial of man \_\_\_\_\_

*E. Kensett Vail*

E. Kensett Vail

Investigator

Concur: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Officer in Charge.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <b>BONNEY</b>	<b>BON</b>	3	2 9 4
<i>Joseph W.</i>	CEMETERY <i>1764</i>	1	4
BURIED	GRAVE <i>56</i>	2	56
	ROW <i>1</i>	2	01
<i>7C 29571</i>	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	2
STATE	<i>Mass</i>	2	25
RANK	<i>Priv</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>1</i>	2	01
ORGANIZATION	<i>18</i>	3	018
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>Wd</i>	1	2
NAME <b>Bonney</b>	<b>Bon</b>	3	2 9-4
<i>Mrs Flora E</i>	STATE <i>Mass</i>	2	25-
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Worcester</i>	2	14
<i>18 Pleasant St.</i>	CITY <i>Fitchburg</i>	3	048
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE			
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	1
ATTENDANT			
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE 29/514/	<i>No</i> <i>Age 75</i>	1	2 75

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bonney Joseph W (AM)

July 11 1932

Mrs Flora E Bonney  
18 Pleasant St  
Fitchburg Mass

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,

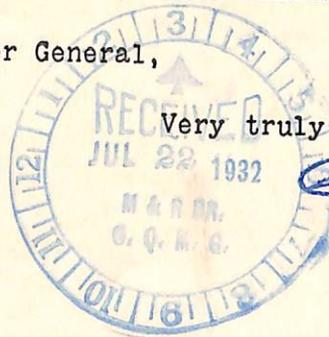
  
CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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

No  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) Mrs Flora E Bonney



QM 293 A-M

Bonney, Joseph W. (AM-U) M

March 15, 1932.

Mrs. Flora E. Bonney,  
18 Pleasant Street,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in honor of your son, the late Private Joseph W. Bonney. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

While it is regretted to advise that the remains of your son have not been located and you will understand no grave can be shown you as that of your son, there is more than an even chance that his remains have been recovered and, lacking means of identification, been interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery in France under a cross inscribed: "Here Rests in Honored Glory an American Soldier Known but to God." The name of your son, together with the names of other veterans who lost their lives in this section and whose remains have not been located, will be inscribed in the memorial chapel now under construction in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery. While the names will not be inscribed by the coming summer, the itinerary prepared for the mothers and widows of these heroes will include a visit to this cemetery.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor, and you are assured that should you make a pilgrimage every consideration will be given your physical condition at all times. Properly qualified personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that you will experience no difficulty in making the journey and it is sincerely hoped you will reconsider and decide to make a pilgrimage this summer. In the event you decide to make the journey, it is requested that you notify this office at the earliest practicable date in order that arrangements may be made for you. You are assured that all necessary expenses will be borne by the Government, and everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 12, 1931

Bonney, Joseph W. Pvt.(AM-U) M

Mrs. Flora E. Bonney,  
18 Pleasant St.,  
Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? No

Write answer here

Mrs Flora E Bonney  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 11, 1930.

Bonney, Joseph W. 1764-U M Pvt.

Mrs. Flora E. Bonney,  
18 Pleasant St.,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>No</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>75</i> Condition of Health <i>Poor</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>no other</i>

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bonney, Joseph W. 1764-U M

June 25, 1930

Mrs. Flora E. Bonney,  
18 Pleasant St.,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

*yes*  
*Mrs Flora E Bonney*  
*18 Pleasant St. Fitchburg Mass.*

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

If so, give her name and address:

*no*

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

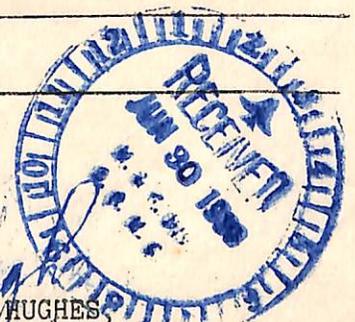
*no*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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



QM 293 A-M  
Bonney, Joseph W.

August 10, 1932

Mrs. Flora E. Bonney,  
18 Pleasant Street,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your former request, there are enclosed photographs, together with the negative, showing the grave of your son, the late Private Joseph W. Bonney, in the Aisne Marne American Cemetery in France.

This cemetery is situated in a green fertile valley, thickly wooded and the graves therein are tenderly cared for by a veteran of the World War. While it is regretted you do not feel able to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, you are assured his grave will ever receive the care and honor befitting one who so gallantly sacrificed his life for his Country.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl:  
Photographs  
Negative

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HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE IN EUROPE  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE  
20, RUE MOLITOR

IN REPLYING  
PLEASE ADDRESS  
CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES  
REGISTRATION SERVICE

FILE NO. 004,511

PARIS, FRANCE

July 26, 1932.

Subject: Photographs of Graves.

To: The Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C.

1. With reference to 1st Indorsement from your office, file No. QM 293 A-M, Bonney, Joseph W., dated May 5, 1932, subject "Concentration of Remains", there are forwarded herewith two prints and the film of a photograph of the grave of the late Pvt. Joseph W. Bonney, 18th Infantry, 1st Division, whose remains are now buried in Grave 86, Block B, Row 1, Aisne-Marne American Cty., Belleau (Aisne), France.

X 293 A-M Mills, Harold C. (AM), dated June 27, 1932, subject "Photograph of Grave", there are enclosed herewith two prints and the film of a photograph of the grave of 1st Lieutenant Harold C. Mills, Grave 42, Block B, Row 9, Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau (Aisne), France. Please note that these photographs are desired by your office for delivery to Mr. W.P. Ladd, Dean of Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.

6 encls.  
Photographs (4)  
Films (2)



*R. H. Jordan*  
R. H. JORDAN  
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Chief.

*0.943  
Bonney Joseph W*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bonney Joseph W (AM)

July 11 1932

Mrs Flora E Bonney  
18 Pleasant St  
Fitchburg Mass

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

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



Identity

etc.

Give me all  
letters in case when  
written up.  
~~What is the name of the~~

G.R.S. Form #114-B

2288

FULL NAME.....BONNEY, Joseph W.....

RANK.....Pvt.....SERIAL.....1656916.....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION.....Co. H, 18th Inf. 1st Div.....

DATE OF DEATH.....July 20, 1918.....

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME.....MASSA.....

EDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.....

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION...6-3-32.....86.....1.....B.....  
Date Grave Row Block

.....Aisne-Marne American Cemetery #1764.....  
Cemetery

Bonney, Joseph W. 1,656,916  
 (Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number)  
 Pvt. Co. H, 18th Inf.  
 (Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased. Mother  
 Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? Yes  
 (Yes or no.)  
 If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? No  
 (Yes or no.)  
 If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

Flora E Bonney American Western Union  
 (Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)  
25 Goodwin St Fitchburg Mass.  
 (Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) Flora E Bonney  
25 Goodwin St Fitchburg Mass.  
 (Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card. 3-6713

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
 WASHINGTON

DATE February 18, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Bonney, Joseph W.	Pvt.	1656916	Co. H-18th Inf.	7/20/18

STATE	CTY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK
Massachusetts	1764U			

NAME	Check relationship	Living - Deceased	
		Living	Deceased
MOTHER		:	:
STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)		:	:
MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)		:	:
MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)		:	:
WIDOW (Who has not remarried)		:	:

Veterans Bureau Claim Number XC 29571  
 29/156/

8526  
Memo.

Wm 293-809-15-21

Aisne-Marne American Cemetery,  
---Old Aisne-American-Cemetery---  
Place Serignes-et-Nesles, Aisne,  
Belleau, Aisne.  
Date March 14, 1932.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

BONNEY, Joseph W.

1. REMAINS OF -Unknown U.S. Soldier - U-2538. SERIAL NUMBER 1656916  
RANK Private ORGANIZATION Co.H. 18th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : March 12, 1932. From (give complete location) : Open field known as le Trou a Sable, in the Commune de Noyant-et-Aconin, Aisne.  
Coordinates. N.289.550 E.179.930. Map Soissons 1/20,000.

By : Group Russell H. Dutcher. Unit Chateau Thierry-Soissons Sector.

3. Reburied (date) : June 3, 1932. In (give complete location) : Grave Eighty-Six, Row 1, Block B., Aisne-Marne Amer.Cty. Belleau, (Aisne).

By : Group Superintendent. Unit Superintendent Nature of reburial ODUS Blanket & French casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment : Found buried in a shell hole 1m50 deep, in ODUS uniform, field shoes size 9 EE, 1st aid packet and 45 ammunition, 1 nickel 25 cts. piece, French, 2 bronze 5 cts. and 3 bronze 10 cts. pieces, French, and a silver Masonic Lodge Medal, forwarded as personal effects. Flesh of body entirely decomposed and skeleton disarticulated.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? Yes. (1) On grave marker ? No grave marker.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment and general remarks :  
Identification tag found on body reads, - Jose-h Co.H. 18 Inf. and on reverse side, - 165- - -6.  
Silver Masonic Medal from Eliot Lodge, found on remains.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 6 ft 2.

(b) Weight (estimated) 175 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color Imp to det.

Quantity do.

Characteristics do.

(d) Hair on face—Color do.

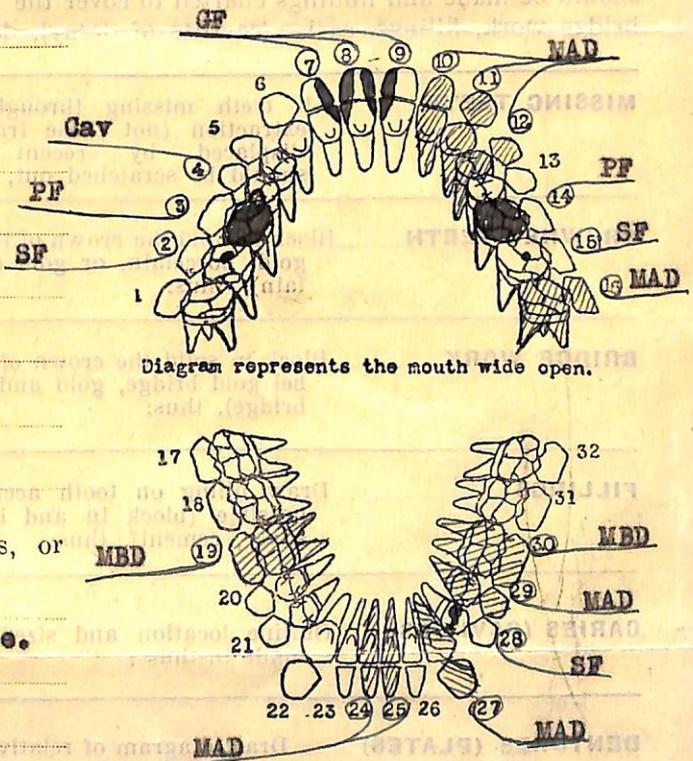
Location do.

Quantity do.

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Upper teeth irregular.  
Tooth #12 may have been double.

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

Left Radius fractured, upper third.



7. Disinterment supervised by Russell H. Dutcher, Investigator.

Approved : William E. Moore Superintendent.

8. Reburial supervised by Adolph G. Kaess,

Approved : Adolph G. Kaess, Superintendent.

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

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

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

**MISSING TEETH** ..... All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:



**CROWNED TEETH** ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



**BRIDGE WORK** ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:



**FILLINGS** ..... Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



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



**DENTURES (PLATES)** ..... Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp".

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

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

G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

STATION \_\_\_\_\_

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE June 3, 1932.

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 <u>BONNEY, Joseph W.</u>	10. Name _____
2. No. <u>1656916</u>	11. No. _____
3. Rank <u>Private</u>	12. Rank _____
4. Org. <u>Co.H, 18th Infantry</u>	13. Org. _____
5. D.D. <u>July 20, 1918</u>	14. (a) D.D. _____
6. C.D. <u>Killed in action</u>	(b) D.B. _____

Recovered March 12, 1932 from a shell hole, in an open field known as le Trou a Sable, in the Commune of Noyant-et-Aconin, Aisne, Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____	15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
<u>Map Soissons 1/20,000, coordinates North-289.550;</u>	
8. Plot _____ Row _____	16. Plot _____ Row _____
<u>East-179.930.</u>	
9. _____	17. _____

18. Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Commune or town \_\_\_\_\_

20. Dept. or County \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Country \_\_\_\_\_

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. \_\_\_\_\_

23. Disinterred (Date) March 12, 1932 By Russell H. Dutcher

24. Inscription on grave marker : No Marker

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? None On body? Yes (1)

Russell H. Dutcher  
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 Flesh of body entirely decomposed and skeleton disarticulated  
Buried in OD US uniform, field shoes size 9EE, 1st aid packet and 45 caliber  
28. Nature of burial ammunition. One 25 centime piece, two 5 centime pieces and  
three 10 centime pieces (French).

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No

30. Body prepared and placed in casket : Date March 12, 1932 By Russell H. Dutcher

31. Casket sealed by William E. Moore, Superintendent, O/A cemetery.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

William E. Moore  
William E. Moore,  
Superintendent.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-33474

32. Designation of body:

Name BONNEY, Joseph W. Serial No. 1656916

Rank Private Organization Co.H, 18th Infantry

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) June 3, 1932. By William E. Moore

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

*William E. Moore*  
William E. Moore,  
Superintendent.

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

Oise-Aisne American Cemetery

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date June 3, 1932.

To Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne American Cemetery.

(Name)

Convoyer William E. Moore Signature Shipping Officer

*William E. Moore*  
William E. Moore,  
Superintendent

40. Received: Date June 3, 1932.

G.R.S. Representative

*Adolph G. Kaess*  
Adolph G. Kaess,  
Superintendent.

41. Reinterred June 3, 1932. (Date)

42. Grave No. Eighty-Six 86 Section Block B

43. Plot Row One 1

G.R.S. Representative

*Adolph G. Kaess*  
Adolph G. Kaess,  
Superintendent.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name BONNEY, Joseph W. Ser. No. 1656916  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 18th Inf. TYP. -----  
 (c) Date of Death 7-20-18 (d) Cause of Death KIA CKR -----

II. Registration Card

(a) Grave No. ----- Row ----- Plot ----- Sec. ----- Block -----  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Flora E. Bonney, Mother, 19 Pleasant St., Fitchburg, Mass.

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name Flora E. Bonney (b) Mother  
 (c) Address 25 Goodwin St Fitchburg Mass  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U.S.? Yes  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U.S. at No  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival in U.S. Fitchburg, Mass.  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. -----

IV. G.R.S. Files, Correspondence shows as follows

Apr. 30, 1935  
"I have decided to have him buried in  
one of the American Cemeteries in Europe"  
Mrs. Flora E. Bonney  
18 Pleasant St  
Fitchburg, Mass.

Examiner's Initials ----- Date -----

1764 3000  
 COUNTRY FRANCE Cemetery No. MORGUE 608 Sheet No. 4195

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COUNTRY FRANCE Cemetery No. 1764 608 Morgue Sheet No. 3000  
4195

293 Unknown U-2538.  
X-293 Bonney, Joseph W.

March 19, 1932.

SUBJECT: Recovery of Remains.

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C.

1. Inclosed herewith is G.R.S. Form 16-A for the remains of Unknown U.S.Soldier U-2538, recovered by the personnel of this Service.

2. These remains were discovered and reported by a farmer, and were recovered from a shell hole, in an open field known as le Trou a Sable, in the Commune of Noyant-et-Aconin, (Aisne), Map Soissons 1/20,000, coordinates North-289.550; East-179.930.

3. The following personal effects found with the remains are enclosed herewith:-

One 25 centime piece (French - nickel)  
Two 5 centime pieces (French - bronze)  
Three 10 centime pieces (French - bronze)  
One Masonic Medal (silver)

4. Badly corroded identification tag found with the remains reads:- Jose-h Co.H. 18 Inf. - reverse side 165---6.

5. The records of this office show that on July 20, 1918, the 1st Division was in action south of Soissons. Attention is invited to the not recovered case of:-

Private Joseph W. Bonney, #1656916, Co.H, 18th Infantry, 1st Division, reported killed in action July 20, 1918.

6. There is no burial information, dental chart, etc., on file in this office for this late veteran to check against U-2538.

7. These remains are being held in the Oise-Aisne Mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to disposition.

Incls: 2  
GRS Form 16-A 3/14/32  
Env. cont. P.E.

R.H.JORDAN,  
Lieut., Colonel, Q.M. Corps,  
Chief.



QM 293 A-M

March 15, 1932.

Bonney, Joseph W. (AM-U) M

Mrs. Flora E. Bonney,  
18 Pleasant Street,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in honor of your son, the late Private Joseph W. Bonney. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

While it is regretted to advise that the remains of your son have not been located and you will understand no grave can be shown you as that of your son, there is more than an even chance that his remains have been recovered and, lacking means of identification, been interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery in France under a cross inscribed: "Here Rests in Honored Glory an American Soldier Known but to God." The name of your son, together with the names of other veterans who lost their lives in this section and whose remains have not been located, will be inscribed in the memorial chapel now under construction in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery. While the names will not be inscribed by the coming summer, the itinerary prepared for the mothers and widows of these heroes will include a visit to this cemetery.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor, and you are assured that should you make a pilgrimage every consideration will be given your physical condition at all times. Properly qualified personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that you will experience no difficulty in making the journey and it is sincerely hoped you will reconsider and decide to make a pilgrimage this summer. In the event you decide to make the journey, it is requested that you notify this office at the earliest practicable date in order that arrangements may be made for you. You are assured that all necessary expenses will be borne by the Government, and everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Sheet #2

Opin. Joseph W. Bonney, Co. H, 18 Inf. cont.

1. GLE. Killed by "High Explosive) Date of burial- "Not known. Place of burial- Soisson battle field. ( 2nd Lt. C.F. Warren.)
2. R.C.S. report--- He was hit by a machine gun bullet in the heart. I saw him fall. Was probably buried near Soissons on the battle field.
3. Location of recovery--- West of the road to Chateau Thierry. (Rte Nat'l No. 37)  
East of the road to Villers-Cottereis  
Near Vis?neux Near Aconin.  
East of Berzy-le Sec.  
West of Bazancy. ( Aisne.)
4. Berzy-le-Sec. was one of the towns taken by the 1st Div. during the Soissons battle.
5. 1st Div. was active in the Soissons Drive July 18 to 22 inc., 1918.
6. From recoveries- listed-- the 18th Inf. was in the location ~~of~~ from which the remains of the soldier was recovered.
7. The 18th Inf. was a part of the 1st Infantry Brig., 1st Division.

Note--- 5/8 card lists burial as shown on C\*L. of Soissons.  
This information was evidently taken from the G.L.B.,  
G.L.B. not explicite--- Soldier was killed during the Soissons Drive-- hence killed in the Soissons battle--- therefore would have been buried on the Soissons battle field--- but where----- Lt. Warren does not know date of burial-- nor specific location according to report with his name affixed thereto.

The location of objectives for the 1st Division-- were apparently -- all south of Soissons--- Berzy-le-Sec, Ploisy, Missy-aux-Bois, etc.

Joseph W. Bonney served two years as wireless tele. operator, in the Navy. Discharged March, 1909-- per phone adv. AGO on 4/8/1932.

Records of the AGO. do not show religion nor if a member of any lodge.

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~~Records of the Enlistment papers show Joseph Bonney~~  
Enlist. Pers. section-- Navy-- papers for Joseph W. Bonney-- do not show either ~~either faith~~ religion or a member of any lodge--- at the time this man served- the information was not always solicited-- however- at the present time this information is to religion etc. is noted on the enlistment papers.

Hence

The investigator is of the opinion that the remains of the soldier recovered from a shell hole in the open field known as Le Trou a Sable, Cmme. Noyant-at-Aconin, (Aisne) E179.93 N. 289.55 *are those of Joseph W. Bonney - Co H 18 Inf.*

1. Dental chart checks as to extracted teeth.
2. Tag -- Co. H. 18 Inf. org. of which Pvt. Bonney was a member when killed.
3. Legible--- ~~Joseph~~ Jose h. 165 - 6  
Christian name of soldier. first three and last figure of Pvt. Bonney's serial number.

*E. Kensett Vail*  
E. Kensett Vail

Investigator.

A.G.O. Disp card-- req. return of remains for private interment.

Of Aisne American Cemetery.  
Place Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date March 14, 1932.

1. REMAINS OF Unknown U.S. Soldier U-2538. SERIAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
RANK \_\_\_\_\_ ORGANIZATION Co.H. 18th Inf.

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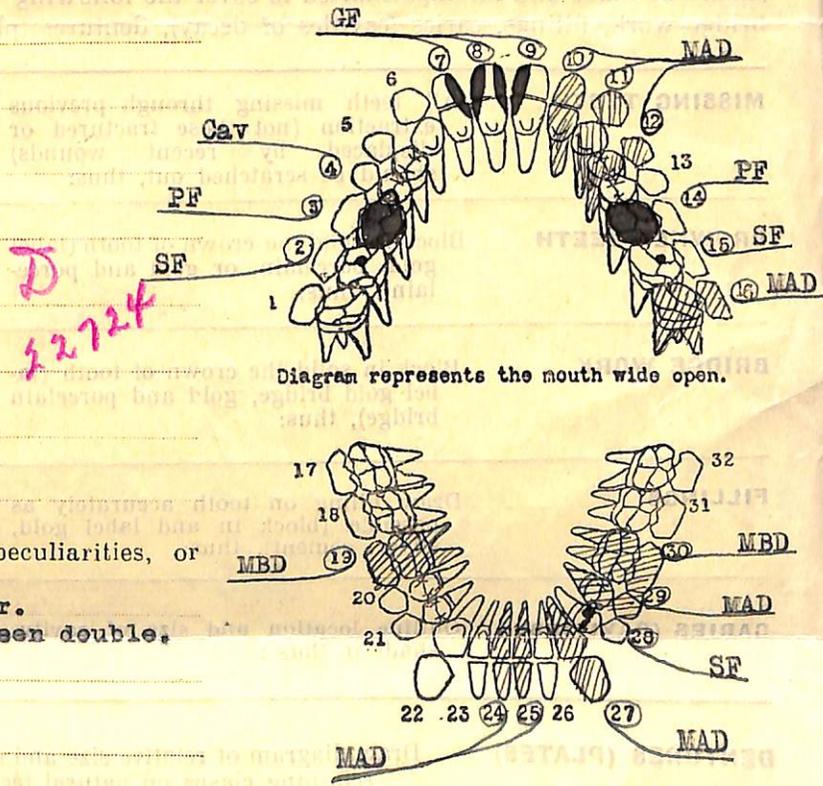
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6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ?

Estimated.  
(a) Height (actual measurement) 6 ft 2.  
(b) Weight (estimated) 175 lbs.  
(c) Hair—Color Imp to det.  
Quantity do.  
Characteristics do.  
(d) Hair on face—Color do.  
Location do.  
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Upper teeth irregular.  
Tooth #12 may have been double.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)  
Left Radius fractured, upper third.

7. Disinterment supervised by Russell H. Dutcher Investigator. Approved : William E. Moor Superintendent.

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

**MISSING TEETH** ..... All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:

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**CROWNED TEETH** ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:

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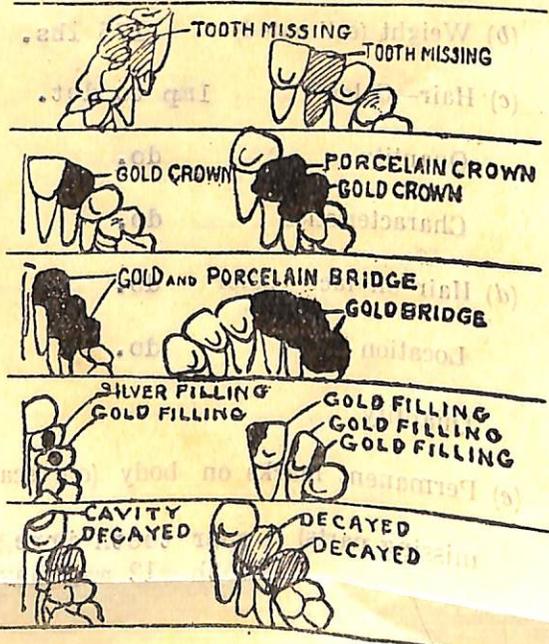
**BRIDGE WORK** ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:

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**FILLINGS** ..... Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:

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**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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 12, 1931

Bonney, Joseph W. Pvt.(AM-U) M

Mrs. Flora E. Bonney,  
18 Pleasant St.,  
Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

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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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

Form 8 W-A

Date 10/28/1930

SUBJECT: Information required for the Comterial Division.

TO: Office of The Adjutant General, World War Division, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

- a. Surname BONNEY *OK* g. Date of death July 20, 1918 *OK*
- b. Christian name JOSEPH *OK* h. Cause of death KIA *OK*
- c. Serial number 1658916 *1656916* i. Date of discharge \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Rank at time of death Pvt. *OK* j. Place of death not stated
- e. Organization Co. H, 18 Inf. *OK* k. Place of burial not stated
- f. Emergency address Mrs Catherine Miller, friends, 32 Millet St, Dorchester mass l. Date enlisted \_\_\_\_\_ Inducted Sept 22/17
- m. Place of enlistment or induction Boston, Mass
- n. List of organizations with which he served Co F, 301 Inf, 35 Eng, 2nd Co March Regt Depot, Co A, 146 ml Bn, 3rd Co 1st Inf Regt, Co H, 18 Inf
- p. All ranks held during service Cpl, Pvt.

BODY DESCRIPTION

- a. Age at enlistment 28 3/12 yrs c. Height 71 e. Weight 137 1/2
- b. Color of hair black d. Shoe size 9C f. Fractures none shown

DENTAL CHARTS

At camp														By Local Board																	
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Lower right							Lower left							Lower right							Lower left										

Statements of Comrades no record

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV.  
OCT 30 1930

C. H. Bridges,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.  
By: J. T. H. K.  
NOV 6 1930

27/789/  
WE. K. VAIL  
rm 2106

For The Quartermaster General

1930

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FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Statement of witnesses

Name of witness

Address of witness

Occupation of witness

Place of residence

Date of deposition

Name of witness

Address of witness

Occupation of witness

Place of residence

Date of deposition



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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

1930

WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 11, 1930.

Bonney, Joseph W. 1764-U M Pvt.

Mrs. Flora E. Bonney,  
18 Pleasant St.,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age  
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bonney, Joseph W. 1764-U M

June 25, 1930

Mrs. Flora E. Bonney,  
18 Pleasant St.,  
Fitchburg, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

Co. H, 18 th Inf.  
1 st Div.

<sup>E</sup>  
DONNY, Joseph W - Pvt. 1658916

On July 21st 1918 in the Scissons drive he was hit by a machine gun bullet in the heart. I saw him fall. Was probably buried near Scissons on the battle field.

Informant: Lewis, William W - Sgt. 47547  
Co. H, 18 th Inf.  
Home : Wilmot, Ark.

Signed : James H. George - 1st Lieut.  
18 th Inf.

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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**BONNEY 1656916 Joseph**  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

**Pvt. Co. H. 18th Infantry**  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: **SOISSONS**

CAUSE OF DEATH: **High Explosive**

DATE OF BURIAL: **not known**

PLACE OF BURIAL: **Soissona battle field**

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

**FILE**

GRAVE NUMBER: **not known**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: Headboard? Bottle?

Was one buried with body?

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

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here. **1016 Soissons**

NEAREST RELATIVE: **not known**

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

**2nd Lieut. C.F. Warren**

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

G.R.S. FORM NO. 12.

*Handwritten initials and a large 'C' in a circle.*

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : G.O., Co. "H", 18th Infantry

SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis  
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: O. Q. M. S.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 2421

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

8526



~~Report No.~~  
~~General List No.~~ 1016-2597

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

File No. 8526 Registration. Date 8-10-21  
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., 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.

- a. Surname. Bonney ✓
- b. Christian name. Joseph W. ✓
- c. Serial number. 1656916 ✓
- d. Organization. Co H, 18th Inf. ✓
- e. Rank. Priv. ✓
- f. Date of death. 7-20-18 ✓
- g. Cause of death. HA ✓
- h. Authority (C. C. No.) 215 ✓
- i. Emergency address. Catherine Miller, 32 Millet St., Dorchester, Mass. ✓
- j. Relationship. Friend ✓

**BODY DESCRIPTION.**

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

- a. Age at enlistment. 28 yrs. 3 mos. ✓
- b. Color of eyes. Blue ✓
- c. Color of hair. Black ✓
- d. Height. 5' 11" ✓
- e. Weight. 137 1/2 lbs. ✓
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.) Moles right arm. Wart center of back. ✓

**DENTAL CHARTS.**

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

- a. Strike out teeth missing:
 

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Upper right								Upper left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Lower right								Lower left							

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

By

H. J. Conner

H. J. CONNER,  
Captain, Q. M. C.

Donnelly - Ints - E. P. S. - Wg. 8 - 8/16/21

Rec'd World War Division.

AUG 10 1921

REC'D MAIL SECTION,  
W. W. Div., A. G. O.

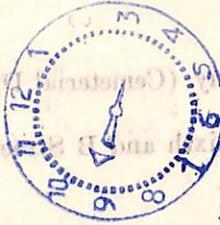
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

U. S. Patent 2-7-2  
This station registered U. S. Pat. 2-7-2

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AUG 17 1921  
G. R. S.

File No. 8388 Registration

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

a. Surnames

b. Christian name

c. Serial number

d. Organization

e. Rank

f. Date of death

g. Cause of death

h. Authority (C. G. No.)

i. Emergency address

j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page 2 of the Service Record)

a. Age at 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:

Upper right 87654321 12345678  
Upper left

Lower right 87654321 12345678  
Lower left

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

H. J. CONNER  
Captain, U. S. Army

By

REC'D MAIN SECTION  
W. W. DIV. A. G. O.

AUG 18 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

Date 1-27-20.

MEMORANDUM TO

A.G.O.

Miss Glancy, 1560.

Confirming telephonic conversation of 1-20-20.

re. case of Joseph W. Bonney, # 1653916.

the records of this office show that Pvt. Joseph W. Bonney, Co. H,  
18th Inf. has no reburial record.

Original burial	No record.
Date of original burial	No record.
Date of reburial	No record.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.  
By:

ER

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, Q.M.C.,  
Graves Registration Service.

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

Date *1-20-20*

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Bonney, Joseph W.* Serial Number *1653916*

RANK ORGANIZATION

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	<i>✓</i> <i>prot # 1656916</i> <i>Co. H. 18th Inf.</i>
2.	Date of Death.	<i>2/ 7-20-18</i>
3.	Cause and place of death	<i>3) K/A</i>
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	<i>4) # 215</i>
5.	Date buried	<i>5) not given</i>
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	<i>6) not given</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	<i>10) a) not given</i> <i>B) not given</i>
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	<i>11) Athlean R Miller</i> <i>Friend 32 Miller St.,</i> <i>Dorchester Centre, Mass.</i>
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	<i>12) 2-25-19</i>
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	<i>A Blag. H-220</i> <i>Slaney</i> <i>1560</i>

Released by Information Control Dept.  
 Directory *no record*  
 Cards 5 x 8 *no record*  
 Cards 4 x 6

N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

*no form #16 no Romayne Div.*  
*no G.T. 4.*  
*M.J.F. 1/20/20*