

G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

12418

FULL NAME *Sol. Sig.* BOWIE, Benjamin ✓

OCT 6 - 1926

RANK Pvt. ✓ SERIAL 2073959 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. I, 365th Inf. ✓ *92nd Div*

DATE OF DEATH *Sept. 10, 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *California* ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

None ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 30 1 E
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

.....
Cemetery

Rec'd World War Div.

2 OCT 11 1927

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

Robert C. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.
By *RSK*

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bowie 2073959 Benjaminine
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)
Corp. Co. I. 365 Inf
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. Sept. 13 - 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL. St. Die

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

French & American
St - Die
Vosges

GRAVE NUMBER. 27

HOW MARKED : Name Peg? Cross? *Yes*
Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :
Was one buried with body? *Yes*
Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? *Yes*
If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here :

REPORTED BY : *St. W. Robinson* *Chaplain*
3/65
Inf.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



Stud
C.H.G.A.R.F.
18 SEP 1918
Received

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Bowie (2073959) Benj.

(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Cop. Co. 2 365 Inf.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL.

Sept. 13-18

PLACE OF BURIAL.

St. Die, France

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

French Cemetery

St. Die, France

Vosges

GRAVE NUMBER.

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Place St., Die, Vosges.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date August 22, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BOWIE, Benjamin SERIAL NUMBER 2073959

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I. 365 Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : August 22, 1921 From (give complete location) : St., Die, Am. Cem. No. 312.

By : Group 1 Unit Section 5.

3. Reburied (date) : Oct. 18, 1921. In (give complete location) : Meuse Argonne Cem. #1232. Row 1 Block H Gr. 30

By : Group Reburial Sec. Unit Unlined Casket. Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment : Badly decomposed. Blanket wooden box. Sheet and hospital shroud

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks : Strip and bottle, slip in bottle reads Benjamin Bowie, Pvt., Co. I. 365th Inf. No. 2073959, Tag on body reads: Benjamin Bowie, 2073959, Pvt., Co. I. 365 Inf.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ?
(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

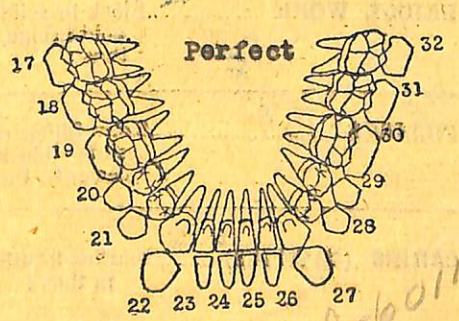
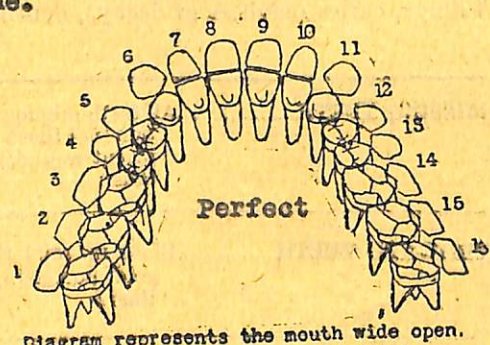
Location do

Quantity do

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

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

Left leg missing below knee.



7. Disinterment supervised by Joseph L. Meyer Approved : J. T. Lewis
JOSEPH L. MEYER (Title) Capt., C.A.C.

8. Reburial supervised by W. E. Sherrill Approved : James W. Younger
W. E. SHERRILL (Title) CAPT., QMC.

Place St. Die #312

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 10, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Bowie, Benjamin SERIAL NUMBER 2073959

RANK priv ORGANIZATION Co. I. 365th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): From (give complete location):

1-10-21 Grave #26 in cemetery #312
commune of St. Die, Vosges, France
By: Group #3 Unit Section II Field Forces

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

1-10-21 grave #26 in cemetery #312
commune of St. Die, Vosges, France
By: Group #3 Unit Section II FF Nature of reburial wooden box, blanket

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

Wooden box (sheet) badly decomposed

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

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

None

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) estimated 69 inches

(b) Weight (estimated) 155 lbs

(c) Hair—Color black

Quantity full head

Characteristics kinky

(d) Hair on face—Color none

Location none

Quantity none

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

missing parts) could not be determined due to decomposition

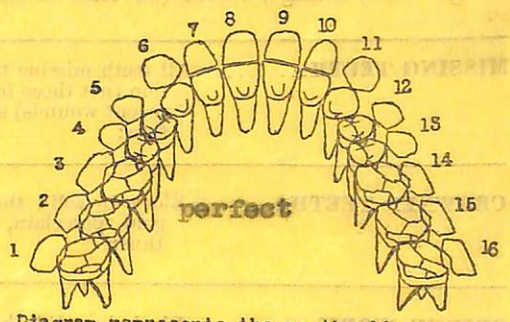
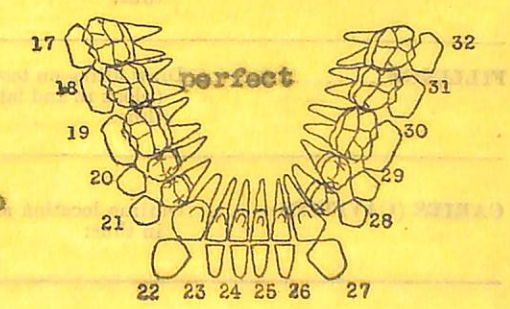


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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

Left leg amputated below the knee

7. Disinterment supervised by T. P. Madine Approved: C. J. Blake

(Title) 2nd Lt., C.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by T. P. Madine Approved: C. J. Blake

(Title) 2nd Lt., C.M.C.

Bowie, Benj. Post.

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY July 12, 1930

Los Angeles County, State of California

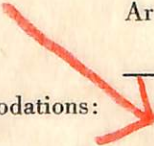
Name Bowie, Mrs Annie (L-2)

Address 1137 East 27th st., Los Angeles, Calif

Route going: AT&SF Chicago, Wab Buffalo, DL&W ~~New York~~

Return: Same Route.

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	✓ Lv	Los Angeles	AT&SF	4	6:00 PM	July 6
	✓ Ar	Chicago	"	"	9:15 AM	" 9
	✓ Lv	"	Wab	6	10:30 AM	" "
	✓ Ar	New York	DL&W	2	3:30 PM	" 10
	Lv	(Hoboken)				
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Accommodations:  Standard sleeper Los Angeles, Calif to Chicago, Ill. and Chicago, Ill. to New York, NY.

Elapsed Time: 90 Hrs. 30 Min. *4*

Extra Fare: *MS*

ABT

J. Marie (Nurse) **MEDICAL RECORD**

Bowie, Benjamin
Station: *St. G. I., 365 Inf.*
Party L. Group 1
Date: *July 23rd 1930*

Name *W^o Annie Bowie*

Home address *1137 E 27th St. Los Angeles. Cal.*

Address of Nearest friend or relative *Daughter, W^o Lola Bowie*
1362 Newton St. Los Angeles. California

Religion *Baptist.* Age *63*

History of Present complaint: *Indigestion & Stomach Pain*
July 26th Complains of frequency of
miclirition

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

June 30, 1930.

Mrs. Annie Bowie,
1137 E. 27th Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For the Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor,
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) July 23rd - pills of Magnesia & Brandy
July 26th - Urotropin tabs 1.T.D.S.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks: Aug. 30. To Cherbourg - Beach

Bowie, Benjamin

ITINERARY OF MEUSE ARGONNE GROUP

PARTY "L"

Mrs. Annie Bowie

Left on the American Merchant July 12, 1930. Colonel E. O. Davis, U.S. Cavalry, was in charge of the party. Dr. Sara Brown and two nurses, Mrs. Mary Lewis and Miss H. Forrest also went with the party. Major General S. F. Cheatham retired went with the pilgrims as observer.

July 21st - Arrived in Cherbourg harbor at day-break. The tender for the transportation of the pilgrims arrived alongside of the ship at 6:25 a.m. with the following personnel connected with the Paris office to assist in debarkation and entraining:

Major G.F.H. Bailey, Captain, N.J. Conway, Captain T. W. Stark, Lt. Freeman, Lt. M.H. Zwicker, Lt. Morin, Major Kinderman, Miss Eulon, three nurses and 1 civilian employes.

Train left for Paris at 8:21 a.m. arriving at the Gare des Invalides at 2:15 P.M. where it was met by the Executive Officer and members of the Paris staff including interpreters and nurses. This being the first contingent of colored pilgrims its arrival aroused considerable interest in Paris. Mr. N. Sissie, orchestra leader of the "Ambassadeurs" Restaurant, requested permission on behalf of some of the colored resident of Paris, to have members of his orchestra present at the railway station to welcome the mothers. Authority was granted and there was present upon the arrival of the train a large orchestra of negro musicians. As the party ascended the stairs from the track to the street, this orchestra played "Onward Christian Soldiers". Upon arrival at the head of the stairway, each pilgrim was presented with a purple aster by some member of the colored community of Paris. Upon arrival at the station entrance the party halted for a few minutes while the orchestra played the "Star Spangled Banner" and the "Marseillaise". Photographs and moving pictures were taken.

Conducted to the Hotel Imperator where pilgrims were assigned to their rooms and the remainder of the day was spent in getting settled and in resting.

July 22nd - The morning was given over to the transaction of personal business for the pilgrims, including the exchange of money, preparation of laundry and orientation concerning the pilgrimage.

In the afternoon the pilgrims left the hotel by motor bus and proceeded to the Arc de Triomphe where a wreath was laid on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at 3:30 p.m. There was present at this ceremony representing the French Government General Gouraud Military Governor of Paris, a group of about 100 colored residents of Paris. At the conclusion of the ceremony the party was conducted to the Restaurant Laurent where the usual tea and reception tendered by the US Government was held. Mr. Walter E. Edge General Pershing and Canon Webber Thomson were present at the tea. At the conclusion of the reception the pilgrims returned to the hotel for dinner and made preparations for their sightseeing trip the next day.

July 23rd and 24th - These two days were devoted to sightseeing and shopping in and about Paris ~~etc.~~. Boat trip on the River.

July 25th -29th - Left hotel at 7:15 a.m. on 25th and proceeded to Verdun where

Mrs. Annie Bowie, Los Angeles, California.

Arrived New York 3:30 pm 7-10-30 Met by *Capt Cintero*

Quartered at the Club Caroline with Mrs. Mamie Sills

Sailed on the American Merchant- occupied cabin Julia Washington and Eloise O'Brien

Returned to the United States and escorted to the Hotel Dumas where she was quartered by herself.

Left for home at 2:20 P.M. August 13th - Captain Darrell escorted her to the station

2 Bags

WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 ROOM 901
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

BOWIE, BENJAMIN — M.A.

Party L
 Number 2205

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. ANNIE BOWIE Actual cost of through Pullman.
 Name of Traveler

LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ... New York, to ... LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
 Home Address

CALIF. \$ 32.63

New York, to ... LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
 Destination

Via ... D. L. & W. TO BUFFALO - WAB TO CHICAGO - ATSF TO LOS ANGELES

LIMIT - OCT 31-30 AUGUST 13, 1930
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	HOBOKEN	DL&W	5	13	220 P	L		9.00
AR	CHICAGO	WAB	1-11	14	450 P			
LV	"	SANTA FE	3	14	905 P	L		23.63
AR	LOS ANGELES	"	3	17	815 A		W.F. 1023001	
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TOTAL 32.63

Remarks:

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Name..... BOWIE, Mrs Annie

Paris Hôtel..... IMPERATOR, 70 Rue Beaubourg
27th St.

Home address..... 1137 E. White Ave., Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California

Party..... L..... Group..... I..... Unit ~~\$\$~~. AMER. MERCHANT.

Date of arrival..... July 21, 1930..... Date of departure ~~\$\$~~. AMER. MERCHANT. Aug. 3, 1930

Relationship..... Mother

Name of deceased..... BOWIE, Benjamin

Rank..... Pvt..... Organization Co. I, 365th Inf.

Cemetery..... Meuse-Argonne

REMARKS

Annie Bowie



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2205

NAME BOWIE, MRS. ANNIE

S.S. AMERICAN AUG 12 1930
MER

HOME LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
CALIF.

R.R. *St. L. - Buffalo*
Wab. - Chicago
STATION *atf to Los Angeles*
TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE *10/31*

Baggage: 2 pieces (1 suit case and 1 handbag)
Room 27 - Club Caroline

Emergency address:
Mrs. Ada Williams,
granddaughter,
1362 Newton St.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Filed
H.B.D.

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER:
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS-1930

Date July 12/30

Case No.

PARTY L-East

NAME Mrs Annie Bowie

HOME ADDRESS 1362 Newton St
Los Angeles Calif -

HOTEL Y.W.C.A. (ed) W. 137th St.

DIAGNOSIS Cold in chest -

DISPOSITION

REMARKS Was seen last night by
Dr May Chim, a civilian doctor
about 11 P.M. and is to be seen
by her again this a.m. Sunday
Had a cold since last Sunday
(4 days) & when coughs make head
ache. Feels better this
a.m.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE: Dr May Chim -
44 Edgcomb Ave

MEDICAL OFFICER: Walter L. Perry,
Major, Medical Corps, USA

I saw this patient in lobby
of Y.W.C.A. ed, at 10:30 a.m.
this date, says she feels bet-
ter than last night.

W L Perry

FVR

WAR DEPARTMENT
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS
226 WEST 34TH ST., N. Y., N. Y., ROOM 901

VIA POSTAL TELEGRAPH

A. C. TIPTON,
Major, Inf. (DOL)

August 12, 1930

Ada Williams,
1362 Newton Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

YOUR GRANDMOTHER ARRIVED SAFELY FEELING FINE WILL LEAVE TOMORROW AND BE HOME
EIGHT FIFTEEN SUNDAY MORNING

COLONEL WILLIAMS

Mrs. Annie Bowie, Party "L", Y.W.C.A.

Mr. Runner:fvr

Pilgrimage, War Mothers & Widows,
Room 901, 225 W. 34th St.,
New York City, N.Y.

VIA POSTAL TELEGRAPH

Mrs. Ada Williams,
1362 Newton Street,
Los Angeles, California.

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.

July 11, 1930

MRS ANNIE BOWIE ARRIVED NEW YORK SAFELY FEELING FINE REMEMBER GRANDDAUGHTER'S
BIRTHDAY

COLONEL WILLIAMS

(The above message sent for Mrs. Annie Bowie, Party "L", Club Caroline).

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Bowie
Mrs. A.

COPY

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

Hoboken, N. J.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Bowie, Benjamin

312 - 7

3/1/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

2073959

Co. I, 365th Inf.

Date of Death - 9/10/18.

Adjustment Made

5-19 1922

21973

Original Forwarded
to Hoboken

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Date

3/26/21 B

DATE

March 21, 1921.

File No.

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Annie Bowie

Mother

Address

651 Cares Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

FILE

S/709/LML

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON

May 5th, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R- 21973- (Bowie, Benjamin, Pvt.)
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.
TO: Mrs. Annie Bowie, 651 Cares Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private Benjamin Bowie,
Company I, 365th Infantry.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 30, Row 1,
Block H, The American Cemetery of the Meuse-Argonne, Romagne-sous-
Montfaucon, Département of Meuse, France.

FILE

J. S. 26 m

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

*Unclaimed
5/22/22*

George H. Penrose
GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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MAILED
MAY - 5 1922
G.R.S.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

PM

DATE _____

1. NAME BOWIE, Benjamin SERIAL No. 2073959

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. I, 365th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION French Communal Cty. St. Die, Vosges. 312
CTY. NAME NUMBER

26

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 26. St. Die. Vosges.
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES E. 441-50. N. 166-10. Epinal N.E. 85.

CONCENTRATED TO No record of concentration.
~~Jan. 10, 1921, 26, St. Die, Vosges, No. 312.~~
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

~~Exhumed and reburied. "left leg amputated below the knee" per GRS Form 16-A, dated Jan. 10, 1921, signed C. J. Blake, 2nd Lt. OMC.~~

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Jan. 10, 1921. 26 (same grave) Saint Die. Vosges. No. 312.
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Stanley J. Grogan
STANLEY J. GROGAN, Capt. Inf. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/18/21 30 1 H
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Mensa).
CEMETERY

audited by
8/15
2-2321
mlc

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE August 22, 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 BOWIE, Benjamin 10. Name _____
- 2. No. 2073959 11. No. _____
- 3. Rank Pvt 12. Rank _____
- 4. Org. Co.I, 365th Inf. 13. Org. _____
- 5. D.D. Sept 10th 14. (a) D.D. _____
- 6. C.D. D.O.W.RIA (b) D.B. No discrepancy

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 26 Sec. _____ 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 8. Plot _____ Row _____ 16. Plot _____ Row _____
- 9. _____ 17. No discrepancy

- 18. Cemetery French Communal 19. Commune or town St.Die
- 20. Dept. or County Vosges 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 312

23. Disinterred (Date) August 22, 1921. By J.L.MEYER

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Benjamin Bowie Serial No. _____
 Rank Pvt. Organization Co.I, 365 Inf.

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

R. L. de Montyon
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
R. L. DE MONTYON

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).

Strip in bottle found on body reads Benjamin Bowie, Pvt., Co.I.
365th Inf. No. 2073959

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable

28. Nature of burial Wooden box, blanket sheet, hospital shroud.

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 August 22, 1921. J.L.MEYER

31. Casket sealed by J.L.MEYER

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Joseph L. Meyer
JOSEPH L. MEYER

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 3039

32. Designation of body:

Name BOWIE, Benjamin Serial No. 2075959

Rank Pvt Organization Co. I, 365th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne American Cty. at Romagne-sous-Monffaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) August 22, 1921. By J.L. MEYER #1232

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector J. Lewis

J.T. LEWIS, Capt., C.A.C. ght

36. Remarks None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) _____

To point of Concentration _____ (Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Sept 24th 1921

To Permanent Cemetery 1232, House-Argonne, Romagne (Name) Mont aucon

Convoyer R.E. Williams Signature Shipping Officer P. Overhiser

40. Received: Date Sept 27, 1921 P. Overhiser, 1st Lt. MC

G.R.S. Representative William M. ...

41. Reinterred House Argonne Cem. #1232. Oct. 18, 1921.

(Date)

42. Grave No. Row 1 Block H Gr. 30 Section _____

43. Plot _____ Row _____

G.R.S. Representative JAMES W. YOUNGER,
CAPT., QMC.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File No. 21973

(a) Name BOWIE, Benjamin Ser. No. 2073959
(b) Rank Pvt. QR 11-2 Organization Co. I, 365th Inf.
(c) Date of death 9-10-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA.

TYP. als
CKR.

In transit for
9-16-21 - In transit into Mexico
Concentration into Mexico
Argonne 1232
10-6-21

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

(a) Grave No. 26 Row - Plot - Sec. TYP. als.
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Annie Bowie, 651 Ceres Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt No card in file R L N 10-29-20

(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.

for response

Examiner's Initials Date, 1920.

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

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials P. L. N. Date 10-29-1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes. V.H.

Examiner's Initials V.H. Date 10-30-1920.

CONCENTRATED INTO PAC #1232

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 312 SHEET No. 2

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

ms 11-12-20

checked 10/21/20

VIII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

NOV Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on **NOV 9 1920**, 1920

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

IX. **CORRECTIONS**

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form #125 to Mrs Annie Bowie
651 Cares Ave, Los Angeles Calif returned
March 11/21
War Risk C/a rec'd Hoboken 1/10/21
Mrs. Annie Bowie (mother)
651 Cares Ave., Los Angeles Calif. V.K.*

1-15-21 Letter addressed to Mrs. Annie Bowie, 651 Cares Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif., returned - unclaimed. H-2-10-21 PW
(3/26/21 WREA Mrs. Annie Bowie (Mother) 651 Cares Ave. Los Angeles, Calif.
H-4/5/21 maf

mc

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

NOV 19 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

To: Mrs. Annie Bowie, 651 Ceres Ave., Los Angeles, California.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Benjamin Bowie, Serial No. 2073959,
Co. I, 365th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body no request has been made for the disposition of his remains.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, U. S. A.

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

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET	TOWN.	STATE.
Was soldier married? Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

*Noted
11-10-20
Unclaimed*

Date _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

Address... Relationship... , 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the _____ and nearest living relative of the within-named

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:

(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____ (Name.)

(R. R. station.) _____ (State.)
3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

See 115
10-6-20

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Ser. No. **File No. 21973**

(b) Rank **BOWIE, Benjamin** Organization **2073959** } TYP

(c) Date of death **Pvt. OR 11-2** Cause of death **Co. 1, 365th Inf.** } als *L*

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

(a) Grave No. Row Plot Sect. TYP

(b) Emerg. Address **26** als.

III. Files of soldiers dying from **651** **Los Angeles, Cal.** CKR *L*

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

No Card in file, no request for disposition (HS 11-10-20)

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192
(Letter of transmittal on **NOV 9 1920**)

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **NOV 15 1920** 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

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

COUNTRY CEMETERY NO. SHEET NO.

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

5-666/A.B

CONCENTRATED INTO BAW #1232

France

312

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ms 11-12-20

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
GENERAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

Done
March

MONMOUTH, N.J.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER	CEMETERY NO.	DATE
Bowie, Benjamin	312-7	3/1/21

SERVICE NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	Date of Death.
2073959	Co. I., 365th Inf.	9/10/18

C-51408

Copy forwarded to
Adjustment Department
Date 3/16/21

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE March 21, 1921.

NAME OF BENEFICIARY	RELATIONSHIP
Mrs. Annie Bowie,	Mother
Address 651 Cares Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.	
Cor. Sec.	

312-7
S/1/31/21.

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
CEMETERIAL DIVISION; GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,
ROOM 350, PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

January 15, 1921.

File No. 293.8, Cem. Div., Cor. Branch,
(Bowie, Benjamin,)

2/1/21

Mrs. Annie Bowie,
651 Cares Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

Return noted on 1/15
H-2-10-21 PM

Dear Madam:

In order to complete the records of this office and before final disposition of the remains of the late Benjamin Bowie, Private, Serial No. 2073959, Company I, 365th Infantry, can be determined, it is necessary that you state definitely whether or not he is survived by a widow, children, or father, and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

If the late soldier is not so survived, it is requested that you inform this office whether or not you desire the body left in France in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

By:

F. C. Pallas

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

*Unclaimed
L.F.*

21973
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bowie 2073959 Benjamin
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corp. Co. D 365 Inf
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. Sept. 13 - 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL. St. Die

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

French + American
St. Die
Vosges

GRAVE NUMBER. 27

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... *yes*

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

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

312

REPORTED BY: *St. U. J. Robinson* *Chaplain*
365 *Inf.*
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

18 SEP 1918

- 21973 -
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bowie (2073959) Benj ✓
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corp. Co. D. 365 Inf ✓
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. Sept. 13 - 18 ✓

PLACE OF BURIAL. St. Die, France ✓

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

French Cemetery
St. Die
Vosges

GRAVE NUMBER. 16

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... *yes*

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

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

312

REPORTED BY: *St. U. J. Robinson* *Chaplain*
365 *Inf.*
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

HOBOKEN, N.J.

Please Rush.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Bowie, Benjamin

312-17

12/14/20

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

2073959

Company I, 365th Inf.

C-67408

*copy find Sept
to adv. 7-21*

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE: _____

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

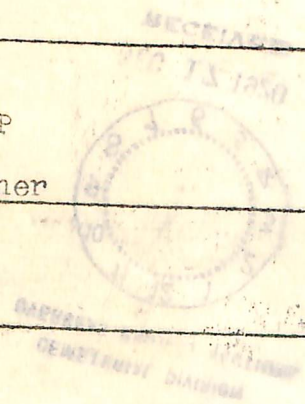
Mrs. Annie Bowie

Mother

Address

651 Cares Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Cor. Sec.



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

Copy

FILE

HOBOKEN, N.J.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Bowie, Benjamin

312 - 7

12/14/20

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

2073959

Company I, 365th Inf.

*Orig. File
in Hoboken
1-7-21*

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Adjustment Made

DATE

JAN 13 1921

File No. 21973

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Annie Bowie

Mother

Address

651 Cares Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON,

October 5, 1920.

AG201 (Bowie, Benjamin)WW
IN REPLY
REFER TO

FILE 21973

*Adjustment
made
Oct 11/20*

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Date of death of Private Benjamin Bowie.

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that Private Benjamin Bowie, #2,073,959, Company I, 365th Infantry, died September 10, 1918 from wounds received in action.

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted Oct. 27, 1917, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Mrs. Annie Bowie, (mother), 651 Ceres Ave., Los Angeles, California.

By order of the Secretary of War:

P. C. Harris
The Adjutant General.
perL *Eck*

FILE

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Bowie,	3	2 5 12
BURIED	Benjamin		
	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 30	2	30
	ROW 1	2	01
	BLOCK H	1	8
STATE	California	2	04
PANK	Put	1	2
DIVISION	92	2	92
ORGANIZATION	365	3	365
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	nb	1	2
NAME	Bowie,	5	2 5 12
RESIDENCE	Mrs. Annie		
	STATE Calif	2	04
	COUNTY Los Angeles	2	19
	CITY Los Angeles	3	036
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE	BLACK	1	2
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	1
	Age		

July 1930

Failed

65
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Archived
 OCT 12 1931
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QM 293 A-M
Bowie, Benjamin (MA)

May 31, 1932

Mr. L. S. Ray,
831 Tower Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 20th, making inquiry relative to the pilgrimage made by Mrs. Annie Bowie, to the grave of her son, the late Private Benjamin Bowie.

The understanding that the mothers and widows making pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe are required to submit to a medical examination before sailing is erroneous. Nurses and doctors are provided upon the arrival of the pilgrims in New York. The pilgrims are interviewed in order that any mother or widow suffering from any ailment whatever, may be given treatment. This is largely a precautionary measure and to assure that the best of care may be accorded each pilgrim.

The information given by a pilgrim to the physician or nurse is considered confidential and you will understand such confidences cannot be violated. The physical record of a pilgrim therefore can only be furnished upon receipt of a signed request of the pilgrim concerned. Your request for the physical record of Mrs. Bowie therefore cannot be granted.

With reference to your inquiry as to the date and place of birth of this pilgrim you are advised that upon application for her passport Mrs. Bowie stated she was born in Louisiana on March 20, 1867.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF
THE UNITED STATES

FOUNDED 1899

DAROLD D. DECOE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

ROBERT E. COONTZ
SENIOR VICE-COM.-IN-CHIEF
WASHINGTON, D. C.

JAMES E. VAN ZANDT
JUNIOR VICE-COM.-IN-CHIEF
ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA



NATIONAL SERVICE BUREAU
L. S. RAY, DIRECTOR
SUITE 831, TOWER BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 20, 1932

Re: Annie Bowie

Memorial Section,
Quartermaster General of the Army,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

We have the following inquiry from one of our members in Los Angeles and would appreciate your writing us in this regard:

"It being understood that the Gold Star Mothers who were sent to France at the expense of the National Government, were given a strict medical examination before being permitted to go on the trip, we would like, if consistent, to secure the physical record of

Mrs. Annie Bowie (colored)
1362 Newton Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif.

"Please also give us the day, month and year of Mrs. Bowie's birth, with the place of her birth."

Sincerely,

L. S. Ray

L. S. RAY,
Director



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*Benjamin Bowie
1232*

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Annie Bowie

2043 P.P. No.

Born March 20, 1867
in La.

NAME Bowie, Mrs. Annie

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ADDRESS 1137 E. 27th St., Los Angeles, Cal.

DATE Aug 17, 1930.

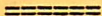
TO: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Annie Bowie.

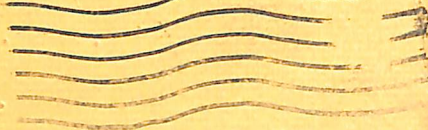
U.S. AIR DEPARTMENT



OFFICIAL BUSINESS



~~POSTAGE PAID~~ PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

Bowie, Benjamin

CALIFORNIA

M.

1137 E. 27TH ST.,
LOS ANGELES,
LOS ANGELES CO.

NAME ... BOWIE, MRS. ANNIE

HOME ADDRESS

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN

*Mrs. Ada Williams 1632 Newton St.
Los Angeles, Calif.*

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE

July 10

HOTEL

Club Carolina

ROOM NO.

27

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE

JUL 12 1930

VESSEL

S/S AMERICAN MERCHANT

CABIN NO.

26-C

DESTINATION

Cherbourg

CEMETERY

M A.

RETURN NEW YORK

AUG 12 1930

DATE

M
 NAME Bowie, Mrs. Annie HOME ADDRESS 1137 E. 27th St.
Los Angeles,
Los Angeles, Ca 1.
 S/S AMERICAN MERCHANT HOTEL Duma ROOM NO. 3A
 RETURN ON S. S.

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

AUG 13 1930

DATE

ROAD D.L.W. TRAIN 5 CAR L6 BERTH or SEAT L6
 ROAD TRAIN CAR BERTH or SEAT

REMARKS

MEDICAL RECORD

Party: Gold Star Mother

S. S. American Merchant Eastbound
Westbound

Name Mrs Anna Bowie

Home Address 1362 Newton Street - Los Angeles Cal.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Ada Williams (grand daughter)
1362 Newton Street Los Angeles. Cal.

Religion Baptist

Age 70

History of present complaint:

- ① Severe headache - duration since onset of trip.
- ② Fullness in chest - duration about 3 years.
at irregular intervals

(OVER)

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

- ① Headache - Strain of long trip from California.
② - Fullness of chest - Examination of heart shows occasional drop beat.
No signs of decompensation or congestion in lung.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

7/10/30 Sedative.

7/11/30 Sedative

Disposition: (include dates)

7/12/30 Headache gone.

Remarks:

May E. Quinn M.D.

PARTY "L", EAST.

MEDICAL REPORT.

JULY 12, 1930.

NAME MRS. ANNIE BOWIE 1362 NEWTON ST., LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

HOTEL Y.W.C.A.(COLORED) W. 137th St.,

DIAGNOSIS COLD IN CHEST.

REMARKS. WAS SEEN LAST NIGHT BY DR. MAYE CHINN, A CIVILIAN DR., ABOUT 11P.M., AND IS TO BE SEEN BY HER AGAIN THIS A.M. HAD A COLD SINCE LAST SUNDAY, (4 DAYS) AND WHEN COUGHS MAKES HEADACHE. FEELS BETTER THIS A.M. I SAW THIS PATIENT IN LOBBY OF Y.W.C.A. (COLORED) AT 10:30 A.M. THIS DATE. SAYS SHE FEELS BETTER THAN LAST NIGHT.

CIVILIAN DR. IN CHARGE OF CASE. DR. MAYE CHINN.

MEDICAL OFFICER J. H. ASHCROFT, MAJOR, MEDICAL CORPS, U.S.A.

Party I

M O D I C A L R E C O R D

I. Murie, R.N.

Station : M.A. Group
July 23, 1930

Date : _____

Name Bowie, Mrs. Annie

Home address 1137 E 27th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Daughter, Mrs. Nola Bowie,
1362 Newton St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Religion Bap. Age 63

History of Present complaint : Indigestion & Stomach pains.

July 26th, complains of frequency of urination

(over)

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

Diagnosis and complications: (*include dates*)

Treatment and Progress: (*include dates*)

July 23rd, Milk of Magnesia, & Brandy
26th, Urotropin, tab. i, tid.

Disposition: (*include dates*)

Remarks:

8/3/30 to Cherbourg, Beach.

MEDICAL RECORD

Party: Food-Star Mother

S. S. American Merchant Eastbound
 Westbound

Name Mrs. Anna Bowle

Home Address 1362 Newton Street Los Angeles Cal.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Ada Williams (grand-daughter)
1362 Newton Street Los Angeles Cal.

Religion Baptist Age 70

History of present complaint:

- ① Severe headache-duration since onset of trip.
- ② Fullness in chest - duration about 3 years.
at irregular intervals.

(OVER)

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

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No signs of decompensation or congestion in lungs.

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7/10/30 Sedative.

7/11/30 Sedative

Disposition: (include dates)

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Remarks:

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Remarks:

Wey S. Chinn. M.D.

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RETURN RECEIPT.

American Merchant 7-12-30

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

(Signature or name of addressee.)

Mrs. Annie B. ...

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, Mrs. Annie B. ..., 192

Form 3811

6-23-30

08-8116

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927797

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to _____

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF
POSTAGE, \$300

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Q. M. GENERAL

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

2275

1232

7-12-30
RETURN RECEIPT.

American Merchant

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Annie Bowie

(Signature or name of addressee.)

Ada Williams

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery,

6-23, 1923

Form 3811

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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. _____

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

RECEIVED
JUN 23 4 40 PM 1930
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
STAX

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE
AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to _____

(NAME OF SENDER)

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

Post Office at _____

Rev. 3-3

3116

State _____

Washington, D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowie, Benjamin 1232-M X
American Merchant 7-12

May 14, 1930

Mrs. Annie Bowie,
1137 E 27th St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Ada Williams.
Name

1362 Newton St. La Calif.
Address

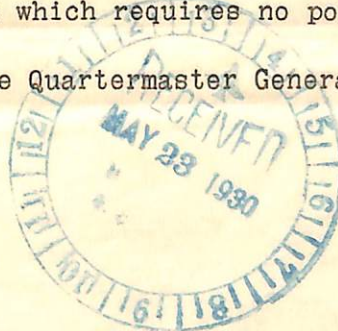
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 24, 1930.

Bowie, Benjamin 1232 M X

Mrs. Annie Bowie,
1137 E. 27th St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Bowie, Benjamin

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 provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Annie Bowie

(Name)

1137 E. 27th St., Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.,

(Town or City)

Calif.

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bowie, Benjamin 1232 M

Mrs. Annie Bowie,
1137 East 27th St.,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

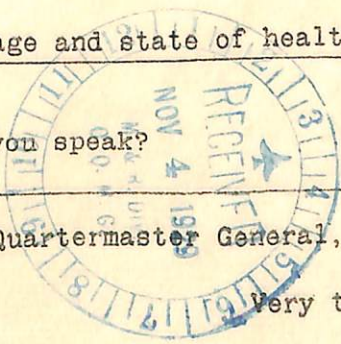
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In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>yes</i>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i>	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) <i>65</i> (Good)	Health <i>Fair</i> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowie, Benjamin

August 20, 1929

Mrs. Annie Bowie,
1137 E. 27 St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

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 Pvt. Benjamin Bowie, Co. I. 365th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. 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.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

yes.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bowie, Benjamin.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Annie Bowie,
1302 Key St.,
Tampa, Fla.

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Mrs. Annie Bowie,
1137 E. 27th St. - 51408
Los Angeles, Calif. 7-29-3m

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Benjamin Bowie, Co. I, 365th 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 widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



QM 293 A-M
Bowie, Benjamin (MA)

May 31, 1932

Mr. L. S. Ray,
831 Tower Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 20th, making inquiry relative to the pilgrimage made by Mrs. Annie Bowie, to the grave of her son, the late Private Benjamin Bowie.

The understanding that the mothers and widows making pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe are required to submit to a medical examination before sailing is erroneous. Nurses and doctors are provided upon the arrival of the pilgrims in New York. The pilgrims are interviewed in order that any mother or widow suffering from any ailment whatever, may be given treatment. This is largely a precautionary measure and to assure that the best of care may be accorded each pilgrim.

The information given by a pilgrim to the physician or nurse is considered confidential and you will understand such confidences cannot be violated. The physical record of a pilgrim therefore can only be furnished upon receipt of a signed request of the pilgrim concerned. Your request for the physical record of Mrs. Bowie therefore cannot be granted.

With reference to your inquiry as to the date and place of birth of this pilgrim, you are advised that upon application for her passport Mrs. Bowie stated she was born in Louisiana on March 20, 1867.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Bowie, Benj. 1232 H

September 20, 1950.

Mrs. Annie Bowie,
1157 E. 27th Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated August 2, 1950, which you and the other mothers and widows of Group 1 addressed to Colonel Ellis, has been forwarded to me for notation of your expressions of appreciation for the pilgrimage you recently made to the cemeteries of Europe.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the officers of the Army and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task of the officers and other personnel on duty with the pilgrimages was a pleasant one, not only because of the fine spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows, but because their charges were mothers and widows of heroes who laid down their lives for their country.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments you expressed, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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Bowie, Benj. 1232

June 17, 1930

Mrs. Annie Bowie
1137 E. 27th St.,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Los Angeles	AT&SF	No. 4	6:00 PM	July 6
Ar. Chicago	"	No. 4	9:15 AM	July 9
Lv. Chicago	WAB	No. 6	10:30 AM	July 9
Ar. New York (Hoboken)	DL&W	No. 2	3:30 PM	July 10

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowie, Benj. 1232-M

June 12, 1930.

Mrs. Annie Bowie,
1137 E. 27th St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowie, Benjamin -1232 M
American Merchant 7-12

May 7, 1930

Mrs. Annie Bowie,
1137 E. 27th Street,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowie, Benjamin 1232-M
American Merchant 7-12

May 14, 1930

Mrs. Annie Bowie,
1137 E 27th St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 24, 1930.

Bowie, Benjamin 1232 M

Mrs. Annie Bowie,
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When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

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evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Bowie, Benjamin 1232-M

April 10, 1930

Dear Madam:
1137 E. 27th St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bowie, Benjamin 1232 M

Mrs. Annie Bowie,
1137 East 27th St.,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bowie, Benjamin

August 20, 1929

**Mrs. Annie Bowie,
1137 E. 27 St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.**

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 **Pvt. Benjamin Bowie, Co. I, 365th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. 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. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Annie Bowie,
1502 Ray Street,
Tampa, Fla.

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Benjamin Bowie, Co. I, 365th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the House Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bowie, Benjamin.

June 29, 1929.

**Mrs. Annie Bowie,
1302 Kay St.,
Tampa, Fla.**

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private Benjamin Bowie, Co. I, 365th Inf.,** whose remains are now interred in the **Muse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Muse, France.**

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO Q110625, A Benjamin

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Annie Bowie
1802 Kay Street,
Tampa, Fla.

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Benjamin Bowie, Co. I, 565th 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 widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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