

G.R.S. Form #114-B

MAR 10 1926

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DATE 2/27/22

1. NAME BRADFORD, William

SERIAL No. 127398

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Bat. C 7 FA

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse Argonne American, Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232, Sec.13

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

31

Sec.13

1

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

14

Baulny (Meuse)

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

35 SE

277.35 N

302.25 E

CONCENTRATED TO

5.6.19

31

13

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DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse Argonne

1232

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH

None

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

F1

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

duF

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. BIRDSEYE
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

2/27/22

20

19

Block B.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

XX PLOT

Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. Meuse.

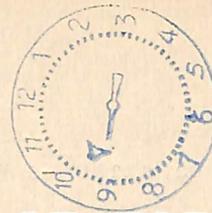
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
M.M.E.
3-19-23

A.G.O.
II 1926
WAR DEPT.

Major General
The Adjutant General
By
MAR 15 1926

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GRAVES REGISTRATION



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bradford, **127393** **William**
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt., **Battery C, 7th Field Art.**
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: ... **October 29th 1918**

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

**100 feet N.E. village of Paulny
Meuse France. Burial plot.**

GRAVE NUMBER:

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:

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: **Chaplain J.J. Halliday
165th Infantry**

J.J. Halliday
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

William Pvt. 127393

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ville . While awaiting removal to
heerfully to his friends . He died
nd was buried in the cemetery near
y . "

**beck , George W. Cpl. 127459
. C. 7th F.A.**

ander Maxwell ; Capt. Engrs;

Co C. 7th F.A.
Ith Division

BRADFORD William Pvt. 127393

" Pvt. Bradford was mortally wounded by shell fire about 3.00 P.M. October 28th 1918 near Fleville . While awaiting removal to Hospital he talked rationally and cheerfully to his friends . He died during the evening of the same day and was buried in the cemetery near the Field Hospital outside of Cheppy . "

Informant : Haverbeck , George W. Cpl. 127459
Btry. C. 7th F.A.

Signed : Alexander Maxwell ; Capt. Engrs;

C.F.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Bradford, N. C.</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>281</i>
BURIED	CEMETERY	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE	<i>2</i>	<i>20</i>
	ROW	<i>2</i>	<i>19</i>
	BLOCK	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>Pa</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>44</i>
RANK	<i>Priv</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>01</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>007</i>
ARM	<i>FA</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
NAME	<i>Mrs. Minnie Bradford</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>281</i>
RESIDENCE	STATE	<i>2</i>	<i>44</i>
	COUNTY	<i>2</i>	<i>04</i>
	CITY	<i>3</i>	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
OTHER		<i>1</i>	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		<i>1</i>	
RACE		<i>1</i>	
ENGLISH	<i>Yes</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		<i>1</i>	
HEALTH	<i>Insane</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>
NO. OF SONS		<i>1</i>	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR.	<i>1</i> <i>1</i>	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	<i>1</i>	

29/514/PJ

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68

AUDITED

MAR 10 1932
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bradford, Wm. (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

Mrs. Minnie Bradford,
RD #1,
Georgetown, Pa.

Answer

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	<i>no</i> ✓
2. Please state your age and condition of health: <i>middle aged unbroken</i>	Age: <i>68</i> Health: <i>brother's death</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>none</i>

but for the ones who are unable to go they should of made some provisions instead as they now live on government insurance.
Harry Bradford for me
Sign here *quoth.*

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bradford Wm (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Minnie Bradford
R F D #1
Georgetown Pa

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) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

September 29, 1931. AL

Bradford, William (M-A) M

Mrs. Minnie Bradford,
R. D. #1,
Georgetown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemsteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293~~ A-M
Bradford, William Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Minnie Bradford,
R. D. #1,
Georgetown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 6, 1930.

Bradford, William - 1232 M

**Mrs. Minnie Bradford,
R. D. #1,
Georgetown, Pa.**

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes
A. D. HUGHES, M & R DIV
Captain, Q. M. Corps, Q. M. G.
Assistant



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

(Write answer here)

Minnie Bradford
(Sign here)

HARRY S. BRADFORD

R. D. 1, BOX 43

GEORGETOWN

BEAVER CO., PA.

Sept 5 1929

*Mr John F. Harris
Mrs. Minnie Bradford would not
be able to take such a trip.
Thanking you
H S Bradford*



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bradford, William
1232

August 30, 1929.

Mrs. Minnie Bradford,
Midland, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 27, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

No

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

Mother

Mrs. Minnie Bradford,
P.O. Georgetown, Pa

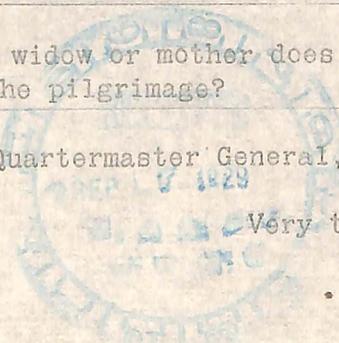
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

She would not be able
to go

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope


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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1929.

Bradford, William

Mrs. Minnie Bradford,
Midland, Penna.

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 William Bradford, Bty. C. 7th P.A., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., 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 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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bradford, Wm. (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

Mrs. Minnie Bradford,
RD #1,
Georgetown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bradford Wn (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Minnie Bradford
R F D #1
Georgetown Pa

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) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

September 29, 1931. AL

Bradford, William (M-A) M

Mrs. Minnie Bradford,
R. D. #1,
Georgetown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage
in 1932?

2. Please state your age and condition
of health:

Age:
Health:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bradford, William Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Minnie Bradford,
R. D. #1,
Georgetown, Pa.

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

QM 293 A-M

October 11, 1930

Bradford, William Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. Minnie Bradford
R. D. #1,
Georgetown, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, 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.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

Encls:
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Amendment
Envelope

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 6, 1930.

Bradford, William - 1232 M

Mrs. Minnie Bradford,
R. D. #1,
Georgetown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bradford, William
1232

August 30, 1929.

Mrs. Minnie Bradford,
Midland, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 27, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bradford, William 1232 M

Mrs. Minnie Bradford,
R. D. #1,
Georgetown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1929.

Bradford, William

Mrs. Minnie Bradford,
Midland, Penna.

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 William Bradford, Bty. C. 7th P.A., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., 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 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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

Bradford,

William

127,398

(Surname.)

Pvt

(Christian name in full.)

Batty C

7th F A

(Army serial number.)

(Rank and organization)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

(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:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mr. Harry S. Bradford

(Number and street or rural route.)

Brass Ave.

(City, town, or post office.)

Midland

(State.)

Ta.

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Mr. T. L. Harris.
The Adjutant General
Please leave him Rest in Peace

your Very Right
Henry S. Bradford

1232-8-13-17

3-25-21

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In reply refer to:
293 C-R

May 29, 1923.

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Mrs. Minnie Bradford,
Midland,
Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of ~~Private William Bradford, Battery C, 7th Field Artillery, is grave 20, Row 19, Block B, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) France.~~

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. 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.

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #67460

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BRADFORD, William Ser. No. 127398
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Bty. C, 7th F. A.
(c) Date of death 10-28-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA
TYP. aew
CKR. [initials]

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

(a) Grave No. 31 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 13 TYP. aew
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Minnie Bradford, Mother, Midland, Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. [initials]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -

(a) Name Mr. Harry S. Bradford (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address Midland, Pa. Beaver Ave. ?
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. -
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials PF Date 3-25-1920

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

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials PF Date 3-25-1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF

Examiner's Initials PF Date 3-25-1920

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 1232, Sec. 13 SHEET No. 14

G. R. S. Form No. 115 Amended Apr 16, 1920

Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

APR 7 1921 A. L.

CARDED

checked 3-25-21

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb 27 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT *me.*

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BRADFORD, William 10. Name _____
 2. No. 127398 11. No. _____
 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank _____
 4. Org. Bat. C. 7 FA 13. Org. _____
 5. D.D. 10-28-18 14. (a) D.D. _____
 6. C.D. DOW (b) D.B. _____

7. Grave No. 31 Sec. 13 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 8. Plot 1 Row _____ 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____ 17. _____ none

18. Cemetery Meuse Argonne American, 19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucen,
 20. Dept. or County Meuse, 21. Country France,
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232, Sec. 13

23. Disinterred (Date) Feb 27 1922 By Roy M Perry

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William Bradford Serial No. 127398
 Rank Pvt Organization Bat C 7 FA

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

E. J. Rasch
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

E J Rasch

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).

Plaque on body: William Bradford 127398

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Box U^s Uniform burlap

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Feb 27 1922 By Roy M Perry

31. Casket sealed by Roy M Perry

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor Roy M Perry)

Roy M Perry

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-21834**

32. Designation of body:

Name **William BRADFORD** Serial No. **127398**

Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Bat.C.7 FA**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse Argonne American, 1232, Romagne/a/Montfaucon, Meuse.**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Feb 27 1922** By **Roy M Perry**

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

Geo C Blend
Geo C Blend 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Feb 27 1922** **cc**

To point of Concentration **Morgue Romagne**

Convoyer **T T Wynn** Signature Shipping Officer **J. F. Spann** (Name) **J. F. Spann, Capt. QMC**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer (Name)

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, Feb. 27, 1922** (Date)

42. Grave No. **20** Section **BLOCK**

43. **FILE** **B** Row **19**

G.R.S. Representative **A E Dewey**

A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt, QMC.

Place Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb. 27, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF Bradford, William SERIAL NUMBER 127398

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Bat. C. 7th F.A.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb. 27, 1922. From (give complete location): Gr. 31, Sec 13, Plot. 1 Cem. 1232

By : Group 6 Unit F.S. One

3. Reburied (date): Feb. 27, 1922, Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, gr 20, bl B, row 19 In (give complete location):

By : Group Reburial S Unit unlined casket Nature of reburial

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

Box, U.S. Uniform, burlap Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? no On grave marker? no

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

Plaque on body "William Bradford 127398"

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp. to det.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

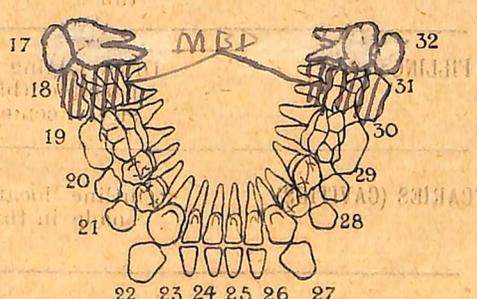
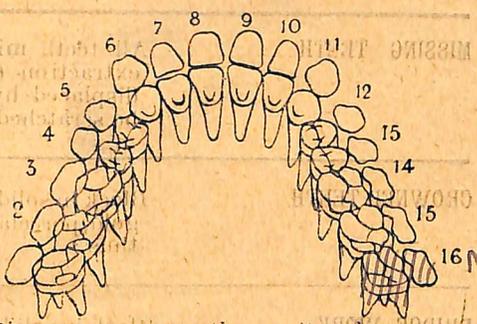
Quantity do

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

or missing parts) None

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

None visible



7. Disinterment supervised by Roy M Perry Approved: GEO. C. BLAND

ROY M. PERRY (Title) 1st Lt., QMC

8. Reburial Supervised by W.B. Sheild Approved: A.E. Dewey

concentration (Title) 1st Lt., QMC.

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".

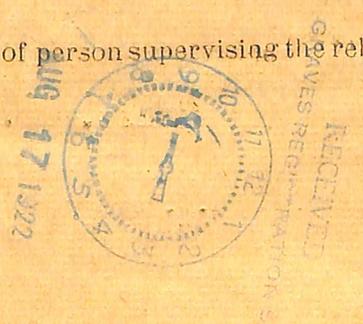
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying 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:	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED DECAYED</p>
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.



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: **BRADFORD William**

Number: **127398**

Rank: **Pvt;**

Bat. **C 7th F.A.**

Organization:

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give Complete location)

6th May 1919

Grave # 14 B:A CEMETARY

BAULNY MEUSE 35SE 302.25E 277.35N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

6th May 1919

Grave # 31 Sec 13 Plot 1

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETARY # 1232

Romagne Meuse

1232

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

Burial good, wrapped in Blanket .body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

No

What other means of identification were found on the body?

None

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Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G. O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, G.R.S.

Supervised by: Lt. Amiatag

r/s

R. H. ROSENTHAL
C.O. Group 2nd Light Unit O.M.C.U.S.A.

CONFIRMED No. D.....

1919

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Rec'd Feb 1919

WILLIAM B. ...

8th May 1919

Graves ...

8th May 1919

ARMED ...

... and ...

Burial ...

None



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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bradford, 127393 William M.
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Pvt. Battery C, 7th Field Art.
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF BURIAL:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: October 29th 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

100 feet N.E. village of Baulny Meuse France. Burial plot.

GRAVE NUMBER:

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:

CMMB Baulny Meuse

NEAREST RELATIVE: (C 214) 358 E. COORD E-302.0 N-277.2

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: Chaplain J.J. Halliday 166th Infantry

J.J. Halliday (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)



214-679

Communal List No. _____
Daily Report No. _____

07460

1. G. R. Form No. 1. Hq. G. R. S.

2. Soldier's No. 127398

3. BRADFORD WILLIAM
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. — B.A.T.C. 7.F.A.
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. OCT. 28, 1918, KILLED IN ACTION.
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. — A.F.F. Cemetery NO 4
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. BAULNY MEUSE
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 14 /
Grave No. Plot No. / or Letter

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

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

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

100 M. N. BAULNY, CHARPENTRY ROAD.

1/4 K. I. L. O. N. W. CHARPENTRY.

12. 200 M. E. VARENNES, FLEVILLE ROAD.
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

MAP 35 SE. 277.3 N. 302.1 E.

13. RBS 1598
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

SKETCH #42 Signed George Diebhoff

Group 4 Unit 306 G. R. S.



Miss Lane
67460

Midland, Pa 2-17 18

To your Honorable Body
The War Department of
The United States,

Am in Recit of Telegram
dated Oct 29th notifying
me of my son's wounds. Then
on 5th day of December was
notified that he died on
Oct 28. Both these telegrams
were signed by Adj. Gen.
Harris. He send as much
information as possible in
regard to remains, and
if he was insured in the
Federal insurance
or not.

Oct 29 3. 8 - Bradford, Williams M.
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12-19-18

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Misc. Div.

January 11, 1919.

Mr. H. S. Bradford,

Midland, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter relative to the death of your son, and the returning of his body to the United States, I beg leave to invite your attention to the enclosed Memorandum of Information.

With reference to any insurance carried by your son, you are advised to communicate with the Director, Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Permit me to express to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the loss of your son, and to commend you for the great sacrifice which you have made to the cause for which your boy gave his life.

Very sincerely yours,

S. G. Ashburn

Adjutant General.

BBC.
1 Incl.

*return to 159 for file
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Oct

127,398

Records of Casualty Div. show

(Name) William M Bradford

(Organization) Batty C 7th FA, Pub



Entered for first time

Died of Wds Oct 28 - ^{still} _{him}

(CC 364 - 3-13 - Dec 10)

No later record at Cas. Div. concerning him.

(Date) 12-28-1884 (Searcher)

(Remarks) (CC 342-15-17-12/2/18)

Oct 29 - wounded severely in action

Miscell B F

