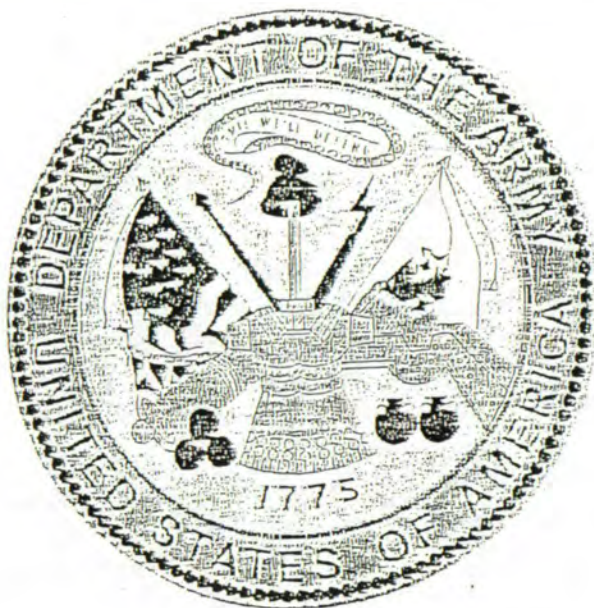


SSgt Bennie J. Morton

96th Bb, 337th BS

WIA ~~11-29-43~~ 11-29-43 on raid  
over Europe, died at  
base after return



INDIVIDUAL DECEASED  
PERSONAL FILE

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# RECEIPT OF REMAINS

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DISTRIBUTION CENTER  
FORT WORTH QUARTERMASTER DEPOT FORT WORTH TEXAS

ROUTINE

REMAINS CONSIGNED TO: PAUL HAWKINS FUNERAL DIRECTOR  
HENRIETTA TEXAS

DAY LETTER

DIR AND REPORT  
ANY CHARGES

REMAINS OF LATE S SGT BENNIE J. MORTON

BEING SHIPPED TO YOU.

ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT ON TRAIN NUMBER TWO DASH TWENTY TWO FORT WORTH AND  
DENVER CITY  
RAILROAD DUE TO ARRIVE HENRIETTA STATION FOUR FIFTY/ RAILROAD TIME 29 JULY.  
NINE PM

REQUEST YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT STATION UPON ARRIVAL AND  
THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO NEXT OF KIN.

*S. H. Partridge*  
S. H. PARTRIDGE  
Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Chief, AGR Division

23 1948

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE REMAINS OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DECEASED

THIS 29 DAY OF July, 1948

*Ernest Johnson*  
WITNESS (Escort)

*P. H. Hawkins*

CONSIGNEE

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FILE

RECORDS ANNOTATED

DATE 9-3-48

NAME *Partridge*

R & R BR.



MESSAGEFORM		MESSAGE CENTER NO.	TRANSMITTING MEANS	CRYPTOGRAPH OR CLEAR TEXT <b>NY. 009. R</b>	
CALLS <b>V</b>	STA. SER. No. <b>NR</b>	PRECEDENCE	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS <b>1948 JUN 24</b>	ORIGINATOR	DATE-TIME GROUP
ACTION		INFORMATION		EXEMPT	OPERATING SIGNALS
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SPACE ABOVE FOR SIGNAL CENTER ONLY					
FROM: (Originator) <b>Ft. Worth Quartermaster Depot, Ft. Worth 1, Tex</b>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION		
ACTION TO: <b>. MR. A. C. MORTON ✓</b> <b>. BOX 225</b> <b>. BOYD, TEXAS</b>  INFORMATION TO: THIS HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT THE REMAINS OF LATE <b>S/SGT BENNIE J. MORTON ✓</b> ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED TO <b>PAUL HAWKINS, Field Dir</b> <b>HENRIETTA, TEXAS.</b> PLEASE INSTRUCT FUNERAL DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION UPON ARRIVAL. WE REGRET IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO GIVE YOU A DEFINITE DELIVERY DATE HOWEVER THREE DAYS PRIOR TO SHIPMENT FROM THIS DEPOT YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM OF RAIL ROUTING AND SCHEDULED TIME REMAINS WILL ARRIVE AT RAILROAD STATION. HE WILL BE REQUESTED TO PASS THIS INFORMATION TO YOU SO THAT YOU MAY MAKE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. REMAINS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT. WITHIN 48 HOURS OF DATE OF THIS MESSAGE PLEASE CONFIRM BY TELEGRAM COLLECT TO FORT WORTH QUARTERMASTER DEPOT ABOVE DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS OR SUBMIT NEW DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLY AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE WITH ANY DESIRED CHANGES IN DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE 48 HOUR PERIOD. YOUR PROMPT COOPERATION WILL GREATLY ASSIST THIS OFFICE IN MAKING FINAL DELIVERY. IF YOU SHOULD DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL YOU SHOULD ASK ANY LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS ORGANIZATION TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM.			PRECEDENCE FOR ACTION INFORMATION		
			<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL MESSAGE		
			REFERS TO ANOTHER MESSAGE IDENTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION		
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JOSEPH L. EGAN  
PRESIDENT

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THERE IS NO CHANGE IN PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS IN REGARDS TO  
THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE REMAINS OF THE LATE SGT BENNIE  
J MORTON=

A C MORTON BOX 225 BOYD TEXAS=

225=

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

*Handwritten signature*

**I S P E C T I O N   C H E C K L I S T**  
(FOR USE AT OVERSEAS PORT, U.S. PORT, AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER)

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NAME MORTON, BENNIE J.			RANK S7SGT		SERIAL NUMBER 181264754 <i>with Miller</i>	
SOURCE USMC - BROOKWOOD, LONDON, BRITISH ISLES			CONSIGNEE PAUL HAWKINS HENRIETTA, TEXAS			
SHIPPING CASE - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies)			CONDITION OF SHIPPING CASE (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY			
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			SHIPPING CASE REPAIRED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
			SHIPPING CASE EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			
			REMARKS			
TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF MORTICIAN	TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR	
			1500	7-22-48	<i>Stanley McRae</i>	
REMARKS						



# CERTIFICATE

(AK 30-1830)

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1. FILL IN EITHER PART A OR PART B: NOT BOTH.
2. USE PART A WHEN INTERMENT IS IN A CIVILIAN OR PRIVATE CEMETERY.
3. USE PART B WHEN REMAINS ARE DELIVERED TO HOME OR OTHER PLACE PRIOR TO BURIAL IN A NATIONAL OR POST CEMETERY.

## PART A - CIVILIAN OR PRIVATE CEMETERY

J. W. PAULDS  
Col., F. D.

P. O. U. S. A.

**A**

### REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERMENT EXPENSES

(PLEASE READ EXPLANATION ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING FORM) SEP 1948

NAME OF DECEDENT <b>Bennie J. Morton</b>	GRADE <b>S/SGT</b>	SERIAL NUMBER <b>18126474</b>	COMPONENT <b>Fort Worth, Texas Station No. 477 USAF Serial No. 210-500</b>
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I certify that the sum of \$ **85.00** was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the interment of the remains of the above named decedent in the below named cemetery.

**CLAIM VALID REIMBURSEMENT**

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INSERT NAME OF CEMETERY <b>Hope Cemetery</b>	CITY OR COUNTY <b>Henrietta</b>	STATE <b>Texas</b>
INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSON SIGNING THIS FORM 1. Fill in as required and sign four copies. THIS FORM NOT TO BE SIGNED BY FUNERAL DIRECTOR. 2. Return four copies to:		
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FORT WORTH QUARTERMASTER DEPOT FORT WORTH 1, TEXAS		
SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT <b>A. C. Morton</b>		ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT (City, Street or RFD, and State) <b>Henrietta</b>
RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT <b>Father</b>		DATE <b>7/29/48</b>

## PART B - NATIONAL OR POST CEMETERY

**B**

### REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

(PLEASE READ EXPLANATION ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING FORM)

NAME OF DECEDENT	GRADE	SERIAL NUMBER	COMPONENT
I certify that the sum of \$ _____ was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the transportation of the remains of the above named decedent from and to the following places:			
INSERT CITY OR TOWN (OR ADDRESS NOT IN A CITY OR TOWN) FROM WHICH REMAINS WERE SHIPPED		INSERT NAME AND LOCATION OF NATIONAL OR POST CEMETERY TO WHICH REMAINS WERE SHIPPED	
INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSON SIGNING THIS FORM 1. Fill in as required and sign four copies. THIS FORM NOT TO BE SIGNED BY FUNERAL DIRECTOR. 2. Return four copies to:		SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT	
		ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT (City, street or RFD, and State)	
		RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT	DATE

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REPLACES WD AGO FORM R-4507, UMC FORM R-4048 AND UMC FORM R-5044, WHICH ARE OBSOLETE.

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# REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

BUDGET BUREAU NO. 49-R277

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE:

E/Sgt. Bernie J. Morton, 18/26 474  
Plot M, Row 1, Grave 19,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Brookwood, England

15 May 1947

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DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose.  
If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

## PART I

I, ARCH C MORTON

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

(Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

- ☐ WIDOW ☐ WIDOWER ☐ SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD ☐ DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD  
☒ FATHER ☐ MOTHER ☐ BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD ☐ SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD  
☐ RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)

- ☐ 1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS.  
☒ 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

Henrietta Cemetery Henrietta Texas Way Co.  
(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

- ☐ 3. BE RETURNED TO \_\_\_\_\_ (FOREIGN COUNTRY) THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT HENRIETTA (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)

- ☐ 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_ (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)

(Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)

☐ YES ☐ NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)

NONE

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# PART I (Continued)

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
		TELEPHONE No.

OR  
I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR			
PAUL HAWKINS			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
	HENRIETTA CLAY		TEXAS
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.	
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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
MORTON	JENA	M.	Mother
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
Box 225	Boyd	WISE	TEXAS

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (For additional space use page 4.)\*

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. C. Morton (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) Box 225 (STREET AND NUMBER)  
A. C. Morton (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) Boyd, Wise County, Texas (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 9th. day of June, 1947, at city (or town) of Boyd, county of Wise, and State (or Territory or District) of \_\_\_\_\_

W. E. Munn ) W. E. Munn  
Boyd, Texas ) (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)  
Notary Public, Wise County, Texas  
(OFFICIAL TITLE)

\*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation.



ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTION

All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.

PLEASE SEE THAT THE BODY IS HANDLED  
WITH THE BRATT LID





*John*  
**S/Sgt. Dennis J. Norton, 18 26 474  
Plot M, Row 1, Grave 19,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Brookwood, England**

**15 May 1947**

**Mr. Archie C. Norton  
Box #225  
Boyd, Texas**

**Dear Mr. Norton:**

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

**Sincerely,**

**THOMAS J. LAMKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General**

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WJ  
GMC-93  
Morton, Bennie J.  
A.S.N. 18 126 474

7 February 1947

Mr. Archie C. Morton  
Box 225  
Boyd, Texas

Dear Mr. Morton:

Inclosed herewith is a picture of the United States Military Cemetery Brookwood, England, in which your son, the late Staff Sergeant Bennie J. Morton, is buried.

It is my sincere hope that you may gain some solace from this view of the surroundings in which your loved one rests. As you can see, this is a place of simple dignity, neat and well cared for. Here, assured of continuous care, now rest the remains of a few of those heroic dead who fell together in the service of our country.

This cemetery will be maintained as a temporary resting place until, in accordance with the wishes of the next of kin, all remains are either placed in permanent American cemeteries overseas or returned to the Homeland for final burial.

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl  
Photograph

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G. A. MCKEAN  
Brigadier General, GNC  
Assistant

BAJ



QMGYG 293

Morton, Bennie J. 18126 474

2 July 1946

Mr. A. C. Morton  
Rural Route #1  
Byers, Texas

Dear Mr. Morton:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Staff Sergeant Bennie J. Morton, A.S.N. 18 126 474.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery Brookwood, plot M, row 1, grave 19.

This cemetery is located thirty miles southwest of London, England, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

The War Department has now been authorized to comply, at Government expense, with your feasible wishes regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your loved one. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide you with full information and solicit your detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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**CONFIDENTIAL**  
**REPORT OF BURIAL**

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BENNIE J MORTON  
18126474 T42-43

AR 30-1815 & TM 10-630

29 November 1943

DEC 31 1943 (Date)

Morton, Bennie J. 18126474

(Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial, and Serial No. of Deceased)

S/Sgt., 537th Bomb Squadron, 96th Bomb Group, AC

(Rank and Organization)

29 November 1943, Station 138, Sick Quarters, GSW.

(Place, date, and cause of death)

Were Remains Embalmed? Yes If not, State Reason :

Was Arterial Injection Practice Employed? Yes

Was Body Cavity Practice Employed? Yes

Signature of Officer Supervising Embalming *Harold A. Myers, 1st Lt. QMC*

Physical Marks of Identification : Hair- black, Eyes - grey

Disposition of Identification Tags : Two accompanied body to Brookwood

Lena Gertrude Morton, RFD 1, Box 126, Byers, Texas

(Name and address of emergency addressee)

(Relationship) Mother

Lena Gertrude Morton, RFD 1, Box 126, Byers, Texas.

(Name and address of legal next of kin)

(Relationship) Mother

List of Personal Effects and Disposition of Same :

*Henry A. Schlesinger*  
HENRY A. SCHLESINGER? Major,  
Medical Corps.  
Reporting Officer's Signature

Thumb and Finger Prints of Right Hand or, if that be Missing, of his Left :

Check : right left

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NOTE: The data on this side *will not be* accomplished by the Officer initiating the report in cases where the remains are to be shipped to Brookwood American Military Cemetery for burial. In such cases the officer, or non-commissioned officer, accompanying the body to Brookwood will sign here as custodian in transit and will deliver all 4 copies to the U.S. Officer in Charge of Burials, or to the U.S. Superintendent at Brookwood Cemetery, who will fill in this side of the form and verify same by his signature:

*George P. Lister Sgt 96 Bomb Equip 337 Sgdn*  
(Signature, Rank, Organization of the custodian in transit)

In all OTHER cases, in N. Ireland, England, Scotland, and Wales, the following data will be supplied and verified by the Officer initiating the report.

Burial: 1400hrs, 2 Dec. 1945, Protestant Military Funeral  
(Time, Date, and Type Religious Service Performed)

\*Cemetery in which Buried: Brookwood American Military Cemetery  
(Name and Number)

Grave in which Buried: Plot No.: M Row No.: 1 Grave No.: 19

Kind of Marker: Temporary Wooden Cross

Disposition of Identification Tags: (a) Buried with the Body: One

(b) Attached to Marker: One

Bodies Buried on Either Side:

Right: Francis M. Somers, 13083419, T/5, 2001 QM Co. No. 20  
(Name, Serial No., Rank, Organization, and Grave No.)

Left: William E. Garrison, 14128930, Cpl. Co. B. 37 Repl Bn. 10th Repl.  
(Name, Serial No., Rank, Organization, and Grave No. Depot. No. 18)

Signature of Officer Reporting

*Thos. V. Edwards*  
Capt. U.S.A.C.  
Verified by U.S. Officer

\*Sketch here if in isolated grave

PREPARE IN QUADRUPLICATE (4):

1 COPY FORCE GRS, ORIGINAL AND TWO COPIES TO CHIEF, GRS



WAR DEPARTMENT.  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON  
REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 10 December 1943  
rha/amb 4632

FULL NAME <b>Morton, Bennie J.</b>		ARMY SERIAL NO. <b>18 126 474</b>
GRADE <b>S/Sgt</b>	ARM OR SERVICE <b>Air Corps</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>1 Apr 1922</b>
HOME ADDRESS <b>Byers, Texas</b>		
DATE OF DEATH <b>29 Nov 1943</b>	PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed In Action</b>
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP, & ADDRESS) <b>Mr. A. C. Morton, father, R.R. #1, Byers, Texas</b>		
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP, & ADDRESS) <b>Lena G. Morton, mother, R.F.D. #1, Box 126, Byers, Texas</b> <b>Archie C. Morton, father, R.F.D. #1, Box 126, Byers, Texas</b>		

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

ADDITIONAL DATA (CONFIDENTIAL)  
THIS COPY FOR THE Q. M. G. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(OVER)

**J. A. Marshall**

ADJUTANT GENERAL



JEB

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

In reply refer to SPQDK 250.414

JEM:AP:go  
15 May 1944

SUBJECT: Report of transactions by Summary Courts-Martial  
Army Effects Bureau

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.

There are submitted herewith reports of transactions by the Summary Courts-Martial at the Army Effects Bureau, in the disposition of the personal effects of the following named deceased military personnel:

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Army Serial No.</u>
18402	Stein, Carl	1st Lt.	O-340767
25898	Petschel, Howard Kenneth	2nd Lt.	O-412158
24091	Brentlove, Gleon	Pvt.	54075178
66885	Morton, Bonnie J.	S/Egt.	12126474
67789	Braisted, John W.	S/Egt.	12164530

For the Commanding Officer:

W. F. NEWMAN  
Major Q.M.C.  
Asst. Effects Quartermaster

5 Incls

Incl. 1--Report Case #18402  
Incl. 2--Report Case #25898  
Incl. 3--Report Case #24091  
Incl. 4--Report Case #66885  
Incl. 5--Report Case #67789

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Eff QM Form No. 23 (Rev. 4/6/44)



WAR DEPARTMENT  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

AP:go  
Case No. 66885 D  
(Date) 15 May 1944

Subject: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Bennie J. Morton, 18126474, late a  
(Name of deceased soldier) (Army Serial No.)  
Staff Sergeant, Air Corps who died  
(Grade) (Organization, Arm or Service)

on the 28th day of November, 1943, at European Area

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

1. Complying with A.W. 112 a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo., pursuant to S.O. 228, HQ., KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, reports that:

a. No legal representative or widow of the decedent being present at his camp or quarters, his effects were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ none, of which the sum of \$ none was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl.     )

c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ none, which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt     , Incl.     .)

d. Disposition of decedent's effects and money (less the amount paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below).

FINDING:

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri on 15 April, 1944, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application and/or affidavit of Mrs. Archie C. Morton (Name of Claimant) for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, now in the possession of the United States, together with other relevant evidence, were duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112 Mr. Archie C. Morton (Name of person found entitled)

of Box #225 Boyd, State of  
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)

Texas, is the Father of the above-  
(Relationship or Capacity)

named deceased soldier and appears to be entitled to receive his effects.



ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 HARDESTY AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

(S-5-20-44)  
JRM:AP:bs  
April 20, 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO 66885 D

Mr. and Mrs. Archie C. Morton  
Box 225  
Boyd, Texas

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Morton:

Thank you for the information furnished in your letter of recent date in connection with disposal of the personal property of your son, Staff Sergeant Bennie J. Morton.

This property has been forwarded by parcel post. When you have received the package, please sign one copy of the inclosed receipt and return that copy to this Bureau. Mrs. Morton may sign the receipt as witness. For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

There is inclosed check for \$4.03, made payable to Mr. Morton. This check represents money which belonged to your son and has been converted to a check to avoid the possibility of loss.

My action in sending such property does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. This property is transmitted only in order that some responsible person receive it, so that distribution may be made in accordance with the laws of the state of your son's legal residence.

Prompt return of the signed receipt will be appreciated.

Please accept my sympathy in the loss of your son.

Yours very truly,

R. E. RODGERS  
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.  
Assistant

3 Incls.  
Form 5  
Check  
Envelope



REQUEST FOR INCLOSURES

Case No. 66885 D AP:bs

To:

       Locked Storage for:

X Accounting Branch for Check

Account No. 13145 Amount \$ 4.03 ✓

Payable to

Mr. Archie C. Morton

Boyd, Texas

Correspondent           *A.C.*          

Check No. 11405

Initials           EW          

(Please attach check and forward to Mail Review)

**13145**  
**66885**

APRIL 21

44

**ARCHIE C. MORTON**

**4.03**

**FOUR AND 03/100**

**MAJOR Q.M.C.  
ASST.**

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

APR 18 1944

Suspense 29 April 1944

Case No. 66885 D — AP:eb

Date 15 April 1944

MEMORANDUM TO Warehouse Branch:

Please see that the personal effects on the above mentioned case are packed, weighed and ready for shipment promptly so that they may be readily picked up. Bills of lading and all other papers will be marked with the case number and can be identified thereby. The original of this form should be returned to the Administrative Branch after completion.

Effects of: S/Sgt. Bennie J. Morton ✓ Serial No. 18126474

Ship to: Mr. Archie C. Morton ✓

Street and Number Box 225 ✓

City and State Boyd, Texas ✓

Ship Via: Express Gov't B/L No. \_\_\_\_\_

For the Effects Quartermaster

LIST OF PACKAGES SHIPPED

1 Carton

Franked Mail—4# or less  
Parcel Post Charges 39 ✓  
Estimated Express Charges 55  
Estimated Freight Charges \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Pieces: 19 ✓ Shipping Clerk ms  
Weight of Shipment: \_\_\_\_\_ Date APR 18 1944



IMMEDIATE ACTION

W. H. E. Hodges

66825

Dear Mr. Hodges,  
I have just received your letter  
and am glad to hear of your  
success in the trial of  
Boyd Texas Boy 225 as you  
are known to me and so I  
made his insurance to me  
and all his personal property  
here at home. He gave to me  
I think he was saying  
he would come back he did  
not think it necessary to make  
a will. I thank you very much  
for your trouble and may God  
bless all the dear boys.  
Yours very truly

Mrs. Lena H. Morton

Boy 225. Boyd Texas

We have moved since he  
passed away.

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
801 HARDESTY AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

(S-5-8-44)  
JRM:AP:ret  
April 8, 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO #66885 D

Mrs. Lena G. Morton  
R.F.D. #1, Box 126  
Byers, Texas

Dear Mrs. Morton:

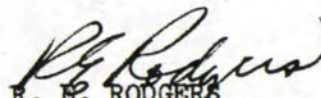
The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal property of your son, Staff Sergeant Bennie J. Morton.

To enable this Bureau to make proper disposition of this property, it will be necessary that we have certain information regarding his family. If he was married, please advise the name and address of his widow. If his father is living, we would also like to know his name and address.

In the event that your son left a will which has been probated, please send the original or a certified copy of the letters of administration. Any papers forwarded will be returned to you.

For your convenience in replying, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Yours very truly,

  
R. E. RODGERS  
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.  
Assistant

1 Incl.  
Envelope



337TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF  
Office of The Squadron Commander



APO 634, U.S. Army  
11 Dec 1943

SUBJECT: Effects of Enlisted Man <sup>Killed</sup> ~~Missing~~ in Action

TO : Effects Quartermaster, General Depot G-14, APO 507, U.S. Army

1. Transmitted herewith inventory of effects of S/Sgt Bennie J. Morton, 18126474, who <sup>was killed on</sup> ~~was scheduled for~~ scheduled mission over enemy territory on 29 Nov 1943. Said effects are being forwarded under separate cover. Shipped by rail 11 Dec 1943.

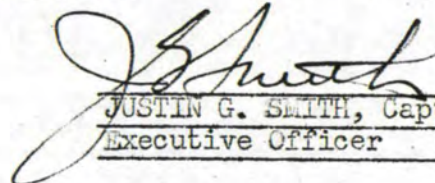
2. There are no creditors or debtors known in this Theater and person concerned is not known to possess a bank account in this Theater.

3. ( ) No monetary effects found during inventory.  
(X) U.S. Official Check No. 354982 in the amount of £ 1-0-0 (1 pound, no shillings, no pence; \$ 4.03) and representing cash found with effects is forwarded herewith.

4. (X) Designated beneficiary  
( ) Person to be notified in emergency is: Mrs. Lena G. Morton,  
( ) Nearest relative  
Route 1, Box 126, Byers, Texas.

For The Squadron Commander

2 Incls: triplicate  
1. Inventory of effects (~~see serial~~)  
2. U. S. Check No. 354982

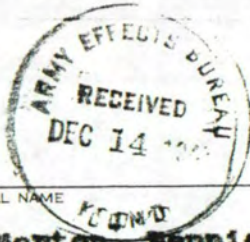
  
JUSTIN G. SMITH, Capt. AC  
Executive Officer



*Inc.*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON  
REPORT OF DEATH

66885



DATE 10 December 1943  
rha/amb 4632

FULL NAME <b>Morton, Bennie J.</b>		ARMY SERIAL NO. <b>18 126 474</b>
GRADE <b>E/sgt</b>	ARM OR SERVICE <b>Air Corps</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>1 Apr 1922</b>
HOME ADDRESS <b>Byers, Texas</b>		
DATE OF DEATH <b>29 Nov 1943</b>	PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed In Action</b>
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP, & ADDRESS) <b>Mr. A. C. Morton, father, R.R. #1, Byers, Texas</b>		
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP, & ADDRESS) <b>Lena G. Morton, mother, R.F.D. #1, Box 126, Byers, Texas</b> <b>Archie C. Morton, father, R.F.D. #1, Box 126, Byers, Texas</b>		

®

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

THIS COPY FOR ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

**J. A. Marshall**  
ADJUTANT GENERAL



# INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

(See AE 600-550)

Lorton Bennie J 18126474

(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number)

late a S/Sgt 337th Bomb Squadron (H)

(Grade) (Organization or arm or service)

who died on the 29th day of November, 1943

**CLASS I**—Saber, insignia, decorations, medals, campaign badges, watches, manuscripts, and other articles valuable chiefly as keepsakes.

NUMBER	ARTICLES	*PACKAGE NUMBER
1	Class Ring ✓	
1	Address Book ✓	
1	wallet ✓	
1	New Testament	
6	Portraits	
	Disc letters & pictures	

\*To be filled out only in case of shipment by The Adjutant General.

## CLASS II—Other effects

NUMBER	ARTICLES
5	Towels ✓
4	Cotton Undershirts ✓
1	Wool sweater ✓
1	Face Cloth ✓
1	Sewing kit ✓

U.S. A.G.O. Form No. 54  
July 1, 1933

7879

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*Jul 2*

Deceased ☒  
Missing ☐  
A.W.O.L. ☐  
P.O.W. ☐  
Abandoned ☐

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets  
Flat 18 Box 1

INVENTORY

1 Box

Shown on Tally In as St. Bennie J. Morton

TALLY IN NO 3360 INVENTORY DATE 3/17/44 CASE NO.

EFFECTS OF Bennie J. Morton RANK S/Sgt

ARMY SERIAL NO 18126474 ORG. 337th Bomb Sq.

CONSIGNOR To Bay Ridge

DELIVERING CARRIER  G B/L NO.  G B/L DATE

Package No.	Article Description	Remarks
<u>1-Carton</u>	<u>Jewels</u> ✓	<u>Mrs. Lena G. Morton</u>
	<u>Underwear</u> ✓	<u>Rt 1. Box 126</u>
	<u>1 Wash Cloth</u> ✓	<u>Byers, Texas</u>
	<u>1 Sweater</u> ✓	
	<u>1 Sew Kit</u> ✓	
	<u>1 Hair Brush</u> ✓	
	<u>1 Comb</u> ✓	
	<u>1 Bag. Misc Toilet Articles</u>	
	<u>1 Metal Ring</u> ✓	<u>Shortage on return</u>
	<u>1 Address Book</u> ✓	
	<u>1 Wallet w/ Personal Cards</u>	
	<u>1 New Testament</u> ✓	
	<u>6 Photos in folders</u> ✓	
	<u>1 Short Letter</u> ✓	
	<u>1 Bdl Personal Mail</u> ✓	
	<u>1 Red Cross Bag Empty</u> ✓	
		<u>1 Bag</u>
		<u>1.754</u>
		<u>(2)</u>



## EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER, ETOUSA

SUMMARY COURT

DEPOT G-14

APO 507

United States Army

2 March 44.

Control No. 7879

SUBJECT: Closing Statement, Account of..... S/Sgt. Bennie J. Morton.

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot,  
601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

1. Submitted herewith is complete file of:

Name..... MORTON, BENNIE J. .... Rank... STAFF SERGEANT...

ASN..... 16126474 ..... Status... Deceased 29th November 1943...

Organization ... 337th Bombardment Squadron (H)... AAF... APO 634...

Beneficiary... MRS. LENA G. MORTON, Rt. #1, Box 126, BYERS, TEXAS.

2. Personal effects were shipped.... 29th December 1943..

3. Financial Statement:RECEIPTS:

Incl. #	Date	Details	Dollars	Sterling
1	14th Dec. 1943.	Letter of Transmittal		£1.0.0.

Total to be accounted for:

£1.0.0.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Incl. #	Date	Details	Amount

Total disbursements

NONE

£1.0.0.

Balance

\*

\*Sterling converted for transmission to U.S.

\$4.03

Total dollar balance

\$4.03

Inclosed check to Effects QM, Kansas City

\$4.03.

Balance at this office

NONE

4. Remarks: NONE

5. Account is now closed at this office.

6. Request acknowledgment of receipt by indorsement on the reverse side hereof.

EDWARD CHAYES  
Major, Q.M.C.  
Effects QM, ETOUSA.

[illegible]



PERSONAL EFFECTS OF  
SOLDIER KILLED IN ACTION

S/Sgt MORTON, BERNIE J.  
18126474  
337<sup>TH</sup> Bomb SQUADRON  
APO 634. U.S. ARMY.

TO EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER  
ETOUSA, WAREHOUSE DIVISION  
STANLEY WAREHOUSE  
U.S. FORCES LIVERPOOL

MRS. LENA G. MORTON  
U.S.A. ROUTE 1, BOX 126  
BYERS, TEXAS, U.S.A.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
Kansas City, Missouri

In the matter of the disposition  
of the effects of:

S/Sgt. Bennie J. Morton

(Name of deceased soldier)

18126474

(Serial Number)

Case No. 66885 D AP:bs

(S-5-20-44)

RECEIPT FOR EFFECTS  
DELIVERED TO CLAIMANT

I hereby acknowledge that I have received from the Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, Kansas City, Missouri, the following effects of the above-named deceased soldier:

Number	Articles	Number	Articles
	<u>Towels</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>New Testament</u>
	<u>Underwear</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Photos in folders</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Wash Cloth</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Short Snorter</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Sweater</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Bdl. Personal Mail</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Sewing Kit</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Red Cross Bag, empty</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Hair Brush</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>Comb</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>Bag Misc. Toilet Articles</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>Metal Ring</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>Address Book</u>		
<u>1</u>	<u>Wallet with personal cards</u>		

Receipt is also acknowledged of the sum of Four dollars and three cents

----- Dollars (\$ 4.03 ), found among the effects of said

deceased soldier.

Subscribed at Boyd Tex on this 26 day of April,

1944.

Witnessed

Mrs Archie C. Morton  
(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of claimant in ink)

Boyd Texas Archie C. Morton  
Boyd 225 Boyd Tex.  
(Address) (Address)