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DATE

1. NAME **BABONAS, Joseph** *no initial* *auth added 3/7/27* *by phone* SERIAL No. **203804**  
 RANK **Horseshoer** ORGANIZATION **Co.E., Amn.Trn.2nd Div.**  
 GRAVE LOCATION **French Mil.Cty. Commercy (Meuse)** **2nd & DIVISION** **2nd**  
 CTY. NAME **French Mil. Cty. Commercy (Meuse)** NUMBER **614**

117

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION **117.French Mil. Cty. Commercy (Meuse)**

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES **220.05 N 342.05 E Commercy B.**

CONCENTRATED TO **Hospital Burial . 117**

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

**French Mil. Cty. Commercy , (Meuse ) 614**

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross.

DATE OF DEATH **Feb. 9, '19.**

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME **Meuse.**

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED **None.**

Data form 1-A

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

*I. H. Joffe*  
**I. H. Joffe. 1st Lt. OMC.**

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION **July 25th, 1922. 11 13 C**

DATE

GRAVE

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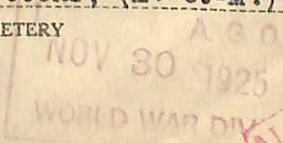
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1233

**St. Mihiel American Cemetery, THIAUCOURT, (M.-et-M.)**

CEMETERY



AUDITED BY  
Rev. 6-2-23

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Babonas 203804 Joseph  
 (Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Hs. Wagon Guard 2nd School Army  
 (Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: B. H. 91

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: Feb 11, 1919

PLACE OF BURIAL: Amer. E. 2

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

Cem. Courmery  
 Messes

GRAVE NUMBER: 116

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

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: Mrs. Kate Babonas

ADDRESS: 126 9. Street  
 Oriaha Del

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY:

J. B. Potts Chaplain  
 (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Rabonac</i>	3	212
BURIED	CEMETERY	1233	3
	GRAVE	11	11
	ROW	13	13
	BLOCK	8	3
STATE	<i>Nebr</i>	2	32
RANK	<i>Harshover</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>2nd</i>	2	02
ORGANIZATION	<i>2nd</i>	3	002
AFM	<i>Amn In</i>	1	F
MARITAL	<i>Father</i>	1	2
NAME	<i>Rabonac</i>	3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Head</i>	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

**AUDITED**

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 3, 1930.

Babonas, Joseph W. 1233 F

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If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

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4. Does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

*no widow*

*✓*

*His Mother*

*is Dead*

*in Lithuania*

*no.*

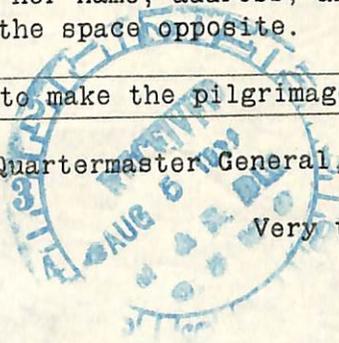
For The Quartermaster General,

*William Babonas.*

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress  
Envelope



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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QM 293 A-C

IN REPLY REFER TO

Babonas, Joseph W.

May 27, 1929.

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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
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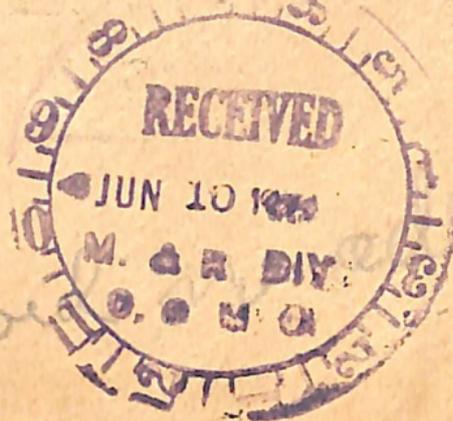
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LET'S GO!  
CITIZENS  
MILITARY  
TRAINING  
- CAMPS -



CITY - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10  
RURAL - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8



CORRECT NAME

BABONAS, Joseph W. 203804  
Horseshoer Co.E, 2d Div.Am.Tn.

change to

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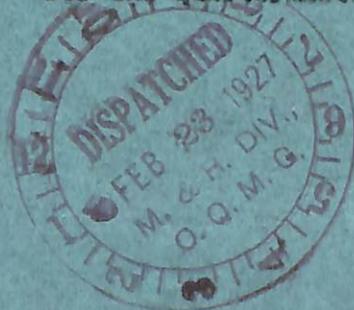
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QM 293 A-C. (Babonas, Joseph W.) 1st Ind.  
War Department, O.M.G., Washington, February 23, 1927 -- To: The Adjutant  
General, Washington, D.C.

1. The records show that the late Horsehoer Joseph W. Babonas,  
203804, 2nd Division, Ammunition Train, Company B, is permanently  
interred in Grave 11, row 13, block C, St. Mihiel American Cemetery,  
Thiaucourt, M-et-M, France.

For The Quartermaster General:



K. J. HAMPTON,  
Lt. Col., Q.M.G.,  
Assistant

ESM *ESM*

*File*  
*2-24*

AG 201 Babonas, Joseph (1-14-27) 7

Place of burial.

February 18, 1927.

The Quartermaster General.

1. The records of this office show that Joseph Babonas, #205,804, a wagoner, Company E, 2nd Ammunition Train, was enlisted November 5, 1915, at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and died in Base Hospital No. 91, Commercy, Meuse, France, February 9, 1919. The records also show that he was buried February 11, 1919, in A.N.F. Cemetery, Commercy, Meuse, France, Grave 116, marked cross. GRS #465, Sh. 44.

2. It is desired that this office be advised as to the permanent place of burial of this soldier.

By order of the Secretary of War:



J. N. Dalton  
Adjutant General.

*Auth Delphane  
a.g.o. this  
man's name is  
"Horseshoe"  
2-24-27  
SR*

Verifying on  
this case  
it should  
be 2 am In

2nd Div.

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3-7-27  
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CALL WAR RISK FOR NEXT OF KIN CLAIM 177118  
BABONAS, 203804, Joseph W.  
Horseshoer, 2nd Div. Amm. Train, Co. E.

Only address in file  
Bill Babonas (Brother)

Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Konstancia Babonas (Mother)  
Ponoway, Russia?

Auth. V. B. 1-18-26

Nothing further than  
above, ~~not~~ saying anything.

© - 177118.

Verify initial  
also ask if  
they have  
a better  $\epsilon/a$

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V.B. have  
without initial

8/23-3-27

Babonas,

(Surname.)

Joseph

(Christian name in full.)

203,804

(Army serial number.)

Horseshoer

2 Div Amn Tr Co E

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.....

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? .....

(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) .....

.....  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

**Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.**

RETURNED  
UNCLAIMED

AGO Report. 7/7/23.

Joseph W. Babonas, gave as his E.A. his brother-

Bolesbaw W. Babonas. serial 1112839 -Disch. 3/3/19. Camp Sherman.

Bolesbaw gave as his future address- Columbus, Ohio.  
He gave as his E.A. at enlistment his mother  
Konstoncia Babonas,  
Ponoway, Russia.

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11/23/23

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb. 15, 1922.

gc 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 BABONAS, Joseph W  
 2. No. 203804  
 3. Rank Horseshoer  
 4. Org. Co.E. Amn.Trn.2nd Div.  
 5. D.D. Feb. 9th. 19  
 6. C.D. Broncho Pneumonia

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 117 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery French Mil.  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 614

19. Commune or town Commercy  
 21. Country France.

23. Disinterred (Date) Feb. 15, 1922

By W. C. Follmer

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Joseph W. Babonas  
 Rank Horseshoer

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization Co.E, Amn.Trn., 2nd Div.

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

E. Seils  
Erige Seils, Checker.  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

None.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial U. S. uniform and wooden box.

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. 15, 1922 By WCFollmer

31. Casket sealed by WCFollmer

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

A. B. Follmer  
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-24190

32. Designation of body:  
Name Joseph W. BABONAS Serial No. 203804  
Rank Horseshoer Organization Co.E., Amn.Tn. 2nd Div.

33. Consigned to:  
Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. #1233 Thiaucourt M-et-M.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Feb. 15, 1922 By WCPollmer

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 D. E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks Tag on body partially corroded.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) ~~Feb. 15, 1922~~  
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 Feb. 15, 1922  
To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Com. #1233, Thiaucourt (M&M)  
Convoyer Frank Atwell Signature Shipping Officer L. B. Massie, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date 18 FEB 1922  
G.R.S. Representative W. Overstreet Marquis Supt.

41. Reinterred July 25 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 11 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. RKotX Bk. C Row 13

G.R.S. Representative A E Dewey 1st Lt. QMC

Place Commercy (Meuse)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb. 15, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BABONAS, Joseph W. SERIAL NUMBER 203804  
RANK Horseshoer ORGANIZATION Co. B, Arm. Trn. 2nd Div.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb. 15, 1922, Cem. 614, Gr. 117, Commercy. From (give complete location):

By: Group Follmer's Unit F. S. 8

3. Reburied (date): July 25 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 11 Bk. C Row 13  
Cty. # 1233

By: Group Reburial Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Casket & shipping case

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
U. S. uniform and wooden box. Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Tag on body partially corroded.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

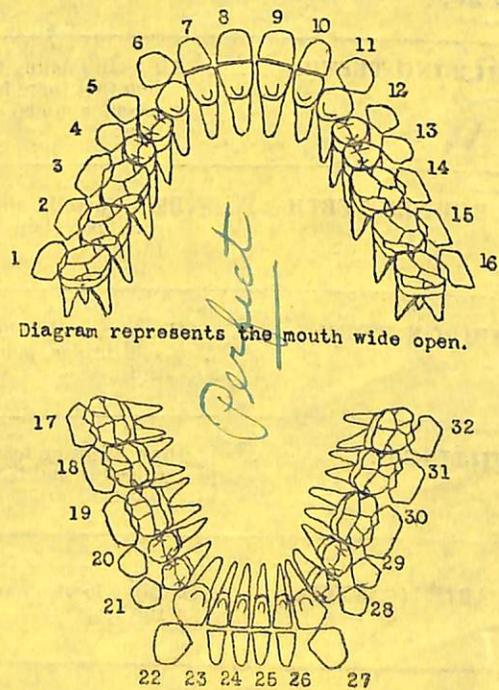
(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



Erich Seile, Checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by [Signature]  
W. C. Follmer, Sup. Emb.

Approved: [Signature]  
D. E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature]  
H L Kramer

Approved: [Signature]  
A E Dewey  
(Title) 1st. Lt. QMC

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 95877

*4/25/22 Examined  
for Concentration  
Sgt-Michiel 1233  
att 5/7/22*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BABONAS, Joseph W. Ser. No. 203804  
(b) Rank Horsehoer, Organization 2nd Div. Amm. Trn. Co. I, TYP. DB  
(c) Date of death 2-9-19 (d) Cause of death Broncho pneumonia CKR.           

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

(a) Grave No. 117 Row            Plot            Sec.            TYP. DB  
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Bill Babonas, (Brother) 145th Co. C.A.C.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR.           

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

*No card in file 1-25-21 MFS*  
Date of receipt           

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

Examiner's Initials            Date           , 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 mkd Date 1-25-21, 1920.

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

*No request for disposition*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes *yes*

Examiner's Initials PF Date 1-25-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 614 SHEET No. 12

FEB 17 1921 *H.S.*

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Miss Church  
HOBOKEN, N.J.

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

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER	CEMETERY NO.	DATE
SERIAL NUMBER Horseshoer Joseph W. Babonas.	ORGANIZATION 614-12	April 11th, 1921 DATE OF DEATH
203804	2nd Div. Amm. Trn. Co. E.	2-9-19

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cor. Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

Form 115  
att 5/17/22  
See

File # 95877

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BABONAS, Joseph W. Ser. No. 203604 TYP. DB  
(b) Rank Horsehoer Organization 2nd Div. Amm. Trn. Co. E.  
(c) Date of death 2-9-19 Cause of death Broncho pneumonia

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

(a) Grave No. 117 Row          Plot          Sect.          TYP. DB  
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Bill Babonas, (Brother) 145th Co. C.A.C.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. NO CARD CKR         

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on          192        )  
(letter of transmittal on FEB 1 1921)

Par. 2 Not to be returned.

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. FEB. 19 1921 192        

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of Relationship  
and Source..... and name..... Desires..... Action taken

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

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

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

S-666/MB

FRANCE

614

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*Priority 104*

FEB 17 1921 H.S.

Miss Church

Rec. Bureau  
8/4/21 B.F.  
103  
*[Red signature]*

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

HOBOKEN, N.J.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

*9/1 ch*  
Horseshoer Joseph W. Babonas.

614-12

April 11th, 1921

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

DATE OF DEATH

203804

2nd Div. Amn. Trn. Co. E.

2-9-19

*177118*

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE

Copy forwarded to  
Adjustment Department  
Date 6-30-21

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mr Bill Babonas

Brother

Address

NO PLATE

145<sup>th</sup> Co, CAC, U.S. Army (Em. address)  
Cor. Sec.

95877

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**BABONAS**      **203804**      **Joseph W.**  
(Surname).      (Number).      (First Name and Initials).

**Horseshoer**      **CO. E.**      **2nd. Div. Amm. Tr.**  
(Rank).      (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: .....  
CAUSE OF DEATH: .....  
DATE OF BURIAL: .....  
PLACE OF BURIAL: .....  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map references must specify clearly what map is used.

FILE.

GRAVE NUMBER: .....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?.....Cross?.....  
Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: **Bill Babons**

ADDRESS: **145th Company C.A.C.**

RELATIONSHIP: **Brother**

REPORTED BY:  
*James Sproule*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer) **Capt Inf**

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

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

*Handwritten initials and a large blue scribble.*

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.  
TO : G.O. CO. E. 2nd. Division Amm. Train.  
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

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

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis  
Adjutant General.

Note: ✓

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

Nearest relative of deceased:

Bill Babonas

Relationship: Brother

Address: 145th Company C.A.C.

*James Sproule*  
*Capt Inf.*

25877

GRS/mt

1st Ind.

293.8. Reports. Cem. #614.

Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, August 11, 1920.

To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Returned. GRS Forms #1-A requested in your letter May 27, 1920, were forwarded your office under date June 30, 1920. Duplicate GRS Forms #1-A are enclosed herewith.

*Chas a Munow*

H. F. RETHERS,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Chief.

Incl: 1 (in duplicate).

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FILE

*file CMB*

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ADDRESS REPLY TO

**Cemeterial** Division

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
MUNITIONS BUILDING

WAR DEPARTMENT  
PURCHASE, STORAGE, AND TRAFFIC DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON



July 22, 1920.

95877

File No. 293.8 Cem. 95877

From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, Cemeterial Division.

To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe,  
8, Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

Subject: Discrepancies in grave numbers in Cemetery #614.

1. It is requested that you expedite reply to letter from this office dated May 27, 1920, calling for certain Forms 1-A confirming grave numbers on Forms 1-A which are at present on file in this office.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

*File*  
See # 2.

*Charles C. Pierce*  
CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. A.,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

RECORDED, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
FILE NO. 293.8 Roberts Comm. # 614

Address reply  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

July 23, 1920.

FILE

232.0 Gen. 95377

From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, Compterial Division.  
To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, A.G.R.S., in Europe,  
6, Avenue d'Isoles, Paris, France.  
Subject: Discrepancies in grave numbers in Cemetery #314.

1. It is requested that you expedite reply to letter from this office dated May 27, 1920, calling for certain forms 1-A confirming grave numbers on forms 1-A which are at present on file in this office.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES O. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. A.,  
Chief, Compterial Division.

*Chas*

9/10/20

*W. H. ...*  
JUL 23 1920

July 23

Classification

Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
REGISTRATION SECTION

Date 7-20-20

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files.

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORR.	ADD. DATA		CORR.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information	✓	
Rank			Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		✓
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death	u		White Card set up		
Casualty Cablegram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files

*S.M.C. 7/23/20*

~~O.K. Organization Files~~

~~O.K. State Files~~

*card Dept.*  
Cemetery Audit Department  
Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By *Miss Young*

1 Cards attached.

1st Ind.

*PR*  
HR/mtl. *P/10*

293.8. France Reports.

Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, June 30th 1920.

To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Returned. GRS Forms #1-A covering the correct numbers of these Graves are enclosed herewith.

Incl: 1 (in duplicate) *shm*

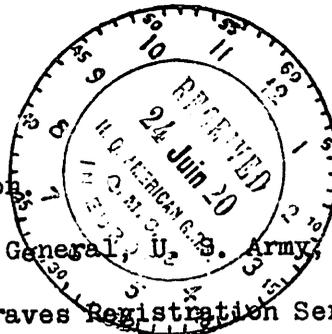
*H. F. Rethers*  
H. F. RETHERS,  
Lieut. Col., Q.M.C.  
Chief.

*✓*

*shm*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

May 27, 1920.



File No. 95877 - Registration  
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe,  
#8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.  
Subject: Discrepancies in grave numbers in Cemetery #614.

1. The following discrepancies have been noted between grave numbers in French Military Cemetery #614, Commercy, Meuse, as reported on the Forms 1-A and as shown on the Red Cross Photographs:

Name	Red Cross Photo. No.	Forms 1-A No.
BABONAS, #203804, Joseph W.	#117 ✓	#116
SMITH, #1597897, Henry I.	#118 ✓	#117
VELKLINE, #1776382, John J.	#119 ✓	#118
HERDERING, #4777028, Carl C.	#120 ✓	#119

2. It is requested that this office be furnished revised Forms 1-A showing correction, if Forms 1-A are in error, otherwise a report is desired corroborating the information as given on the Forms 1-A which are at present on file in this office.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Colonel, U. S. Army  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By:

*E. E. Davis*  
E. E. DAVIS  
Executive Assistant

RECORDED, AG.S.S., Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
FILE NO. 293.8 Finance Reports

3 copies

May 22, 1920.

File No. 95877 - Registration.

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

To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe,  
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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

PM CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Colonel, U. S. Army  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By:

*Em*  
E. E. DAVIS  
Executive Assistant

Inv. S.S.  
Inv. & Adj. Dept.

**SUSPENDED FOR**

*CFH*  
MAY 22 1920  
JULY 7 1920  
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CASE PAPERS.

May 12/1920

Case of,

Babonas # 203804 Joseph W.  
Horseshoer, 2nd Div.Amm.Train,Co.E.

Subject: Grave Number of Joseph W.Babonas.

The Red Cross gives picture of this man's grave as # 117,  
in French Mil.Cty. # 614 , Commercy, Meuse.

Form 1-A gives grave number as # 116 in the same cemetery.

In searching the Red Cross records, it was found grave # 116  
in Cemetery # 614 , Commercy, Meuse had been omitted .

Form 1-A omitted grave # 120 from their records, consequently  
the grave numbers fail to agree.

The Engineer's Blue Print of Cemetery # 614 , gives this plot  
commencing with grave # 116 and numbering through # 139--

There are four graves , which the Red Cross records and the form  
1-A fail to agree, and are as follow,

Red Cross Grave # 117----	Babonas # 203804 Joseph W.	Form 1-A # 116
Red Cross Grave # 118---	Smith # 1697897 Henry I.	Form 1-A # 117
Red Cross Grave # 119----	Velkine # 1776382 John J.	Form 1-A # 118
Red Cross Grave # 120---	Herdering # 4777028 Carl C.	Form 1-A # 119

It is suggested a letter be written the G.R.S. in Europe to ascertain the  
correct grave numbers for these men, that the records at this office may  
be correct and harmonize with the Red Cross records.

*Fluence Stiles*  
Investigator.

WRAPPER ENDORSEMENT

Chief, Graves Registration Service, Hdqrs., S.O.S., A.P.O. 717, American E.F.

March 31, 1919 - G.O., Co.E., 2nd Division Amm. Train, American E.F.

1. Attached hereto find G.R.S. Form 12 and Grave Location Blank as mentioned below, received at this office unsigned. Same are of no value to the records of this office without signature, and you are therefore requested to comply with the request on the Grave Location Blank. If you are unable to furnish any of the information asked for, you will so state on the Grave Location Blank over your signature.

2. Request that you expedite the return of these forms to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, Hdqrs., S.O.S., American E.F., A.P.O. 717.

Barbonas

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Joseph W.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON.

MAR 29 1919

RECEIVED  
UNCLAIMED

Mr. Bill Babonas,  
145 Co CAG,  
U. S. Army.

Dear Sir:

The War Department desires to ascertain the wishes of the families of officers, enlisted men, and civilian employees regarding the permanent disposition of the bodies of those who have died overseas.

The original plan of the Department was to deliver the body in every case at the home address of the deceased to the person legally entitled to dispose of the remains. A desire has been expressed, however, in numerous instances to have the body remain abroad, and General Pershing is likely soon to enter into negotiations with the French and Allied Governments with the view of establishing permanent cemeteries for members of the American Expeditionary Forces. Marshal Petain in a most courteous letter has informed General Pershing that "France would be happy and proud to retain the bodies of the American victims who have fallen upon her soil."

A bill is now before Congress for the establishment of "Fields of Honor" abroad, which will insure future care by the United States Government as national cemeteries are now cared for. Burials have been made heretofore in cemeteries of the Allied nations or at or near the battle field in land set apart for this purpose as a cemetery, and religious services in accordance with the rites of the Protestant, Catholic, or Hebrew faith have been held at the grave.

In case the remains of a deceased soldier are returned to the United States they will be interred either at the former home of the deceased or at a national cemetery, according to the wishes of the one authorized to direct the disposition of the remains, and all expenses, including transportation, casket, shipping case, flag, and the preparation of the remains for shipment, will be paid by the United States. Hire of a hearse and other burial expenses incurred at the home of the deceased may be paid, on application by the relatives, by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury Department.

In order that the proper disposition of the remains may be made, and that such disposition be directed by the person entitled to do so, the War Department will recognize the right to direct the disposition of remains in the following order:

In the case of an unmarried man—

- (1) Father; (2) mother, if father is dead; (3) brother, if both parents are dead; (4) sister, if both parents are dead and there are no brothers.

In the case of a married man—

- (1) Wife; (2) parents or children and other relatives in order set forth above.

It is desired that the information indicated on the inclosed card be furnished concerning the person named thereon at the earliest practicable date. If the card is received by some one not authorized to direct the disposition to be made of the remains, please deliver this circular and the card to the person who is entitled to do so.

The Department is unable to state when it will be possible to begin the removal of the remains of the soldiers, but the information requested is being collected at this time in order that there may be no delay when the time comes for such removal.

In returning the card please use the inclosed addressed penalty envelope, which requires no postage.

Very respectfully,

P. C. HARRIS,  
The Adjutant General.

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Babine Joseph

sent out 2

times to

Mr. Bill Babine

145 - Co. Col.

Miss. Army

returned unclaimed

No other

addresses available

No gun coat

to file,

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE MEMORANDA.

2410

Casualty Div.

Please give the correct emergency address in the case of

Receiving Registered Division  
JUN 30 1919

Joseph Babonas, 203, 804

House No. 2 Div. Amn. Tr. Co E.

J. J. - Burial Records  
6/24/19

Burial Records

Ed. Bill Babonas (Bro)  
145<sup>th</sup> Co. Cal  
U. S. Army

Cas. Div.  
Ed. Babonas

6/27/19

Rec'd Cas Div.  
JUN 23 1919

WAR DEPARTMENT.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300.

WASHINGTON  
MAR 29  
7 30 PM  
1919  
D. C.

**RETURN TO WRITER**  
Insufficiently Addressed  
Use complete Unit address  
(Chelsea Term. RPO-NY)

*File 96877*

RECEIVED CHELSEA TERM RPO  
MAY 14 1919  
From A. G. O.

RECEIVED  
MAY 31 1919

Received Enlisted Division  
MAY 31 1919

Received Enlisted  
JUN 21 1919

THRIVE by THRIFT  
Buy War Savings Stamps

