

CAUSE OF DEATH

FULL NAME. BACKER, Aleksander

RANK. Pvt. 1/cl

SERIAL. 51897

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION. Co. L, 23 rd Infantry

DATE OF DEATH. 6-22-1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME. Mass

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. None

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.	90	7	A
Date	Grave	Row	Block

Aisne-Marne American Cemetery # 1764

Cemetery

5 A. G. O.
MAY 9 1927
WORLD WAR DIV.

Masks 67 grave 62

Entered on list

Trance

Backer, Alexander.

Pvt 1st class Co L 23d Inf.

Killed in action June 20, 1918.

**E. A.- Kostanti Backer, brother,
63 Auburn St., Springfield, Mass.**

A. G. O. 7/12/18

11209

JUL 16 1918

O. O. M. G.

Write nothing below this line.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Bac</i>	3	213
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1764</i>	1	4
	GRAVE <i>90</i>	2	40
	ROW <i>7</i>	2	07
	BLOCK <i>A</i>	1	1
STATE	<i>Mass</i>	2	25
RANK	<i>Private</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>2</i>	2	02
ORGANIZATION	<i>23</i>	3	023
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>W</i>	1	✓
NAME	<i>Bach</i>	3	213
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Wife</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Foreign</i>	1	4
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514	<i>Country</i>	<i>Russia</i>	2

AUDITED
JAN 18 1938
[Signature]

Country

Russia

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A-M

Backer, Alexander Pvt 1c1
Co L 23rd Inf

Born 1-1-93 enl 8-12-17
XC 14 063

ins to Bio from 1887 - Constantine Backer -
76 Sterling St
Springfield - Mass

M - Anna Backer living in Russia in 1918 -
no later inf - no claim for cong.
12/9/32

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Backer, Alexander

July 29th, 1929

Mr. Constantine Backer
76 Sterling Street,
Springfield, Mass.

Dear Sir:

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 brother of the late Private, First Class, Alexander Backer, Co. L. 23rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

no

2. If so, give her complete address:

no

3. 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.

Anna Backer
C.C.P. Soviet Russia
Муницип. уло.
Борисовская ул. 10
Тверьская обл.
пос. Кр. Аннен.
г. Трускавце

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Backer, Aleksander

June 11 1929.
XC 14 063

Mr. Kostanti Backer,
18 Vine St.,
Springfield, Mass.

B. Constentine Backer
76 Sterling St.
Springfield, Mass.

Bro
Springfield family live in Poland.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

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

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Envelope.



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Assistant.

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Q. M. G. M.
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JUN 12 1929
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QM 293 A-C
(Backer, Alexander)

November 15, 1926.

Mr. Kostant Backer,
18 Vine St.,
Springfield, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The inclosed card gives the permanent cemetery and grave location of the late Alexander Backer.

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that all American military cemeteries, both in Europe and in our own country, will be maintained by the Government forever, the graves permanently marked by headstones showing the decedent's name, rank, organization, State, and date of death, all of which will be done without the necessity of requests emanating from relatives.

Please understand that in effecting the final disposition of your heroic dead the utmost care and reverence is exercised.

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

LEB

Q.M.G.M. & R.D.W.
NOV 15 PM 4 26
D. J. ...
Incl.
Record card.

28/570

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE November 17, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

- 1. Name BACKER, Aleksander *ok with AGS*
- 2. No. 51897
- 3. Rank Pvt.1/cl.
- 4. Org. Co. L, 23rd Inf.
- 5. D.D. 6-20²²-1918
- 6. C.D. K.I.A.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body
Body disc read:

- 10. Name "Alexander Backer"
- 11. No. 51897
- 12. Rank Pvt.
- 13. Org. Co. L, 23rd Inf."
- 14. (a) D.D. _____
- (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 113 Sec. B
- 8. Plot 3 Row _____
- 9. _____

- 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 16. Plot _____ Row _____
- 17. no discrepancy

18. Cemetery Aisne-Marne American Cty.

19. Commune or town Belleau

20. Dept. or County Aisne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. _____

1764

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 17, 1922.

By C.P. Keating

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Aleksander Backer

Serial No. _____

Rank Pvt.1/c.

Organization Co. L, 23 Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes (2)

W.D. Wall Jr.
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
W.D. Wall Jr.

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).

Bottle record agrees.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and burlap

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None See items Nos. 10, 11, 12 and 13 above.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 17, 1922. By C.P. Keating

31. Casket sealed by C.P. Keating

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

C.P. Keating
C.P. KEATING

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 31156

32. Designation of body:

Name Aleksander, BACKER Serial No. 51897

Rank Pvt.1/cl. Organization Co. L. 23rd Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne American Cty. #1764 Belleau, Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) November 17, 1922. By G.P. Keating

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 W.D. Cleary
W.D. CLEARY, Lt. Chaplain U.S.A.

36. Remarks

none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) November 17, 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

To Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer. Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne).

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer W.D. Cleary

W.D. CLEARY, Lt. Chaplain USA

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Nov. 17, 1922, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 90 Section

43. ~~Plot~~ Block A Row 7

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary

W.D. Cleary
Lt., Chaplain, USA.

Place Bouresches.

Date June 4, 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

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Name Backer, Alexander,

Number: 51897

Rank: Private 1st Class Organization: Co. L, 23rd Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group _____ Unit "B"

Disinterred (Date) _____ From: (Give complete location)

June 4, 1919. Plot-67 Myers, Bouresches, station.

Coord. 261.5N - - 177.3E

Grave 62

Reburied (Date) _____ in: (Give complete location)

June 4, 1919. National Cemetery at Belleau Woods, Aisne.

Coord. 262.60N - - 176.04E

Plot-5, Sec. B, Grave 113.

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

Body in fair condition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? yes

What other means of identification were found upon the body? none.

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the 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, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Ch. W. Brown

A. C. M. Carrion
Prov. Unit B, G.R.S.

C.O. Group _____ Unit _____

CONFIRMED No. D. 20278

file
7/3/30
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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 7.6.21

1. REMAINS OF BACKER, ALEXANDER SERIAL NUMBER 51897

RANK PFC ORGANIZATION CO.L. 23rd. INF.

2. Disinterred (date): 7.6.21 From (give complete location): GR. 113 SEC. B. PT. 3.

By: Group AVERY Unit FIELD SECTION # 7

3. Reburied (date): 7.6.21 In (give complete location): GR. 113 SEC. B. PT. 3.

By: Group AVERY Unit FIELD SECTION # 7 Nature of reburial BOX & BURLAP

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: BADLY DECOMPOSED FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE

U.S. Uniform, blanket and burlap.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? YES (2) On grave marker? YES

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

1st. Body tag reads: "ALEXANDER BACKER PVT. CO.L. 23 INF."
2nd. Body tag reads: "ALEXANDER BACKER PVT. CO.L. 23 INF. 51897"

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 DETERMINE

(c) Hair—Color Dark brown

Quantity Small amount

Characteristics Straight

(d) Hair on face—Color IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Location IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Quantity IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

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

Right and left femurs completely fractured. One humerus fractured, middle third. One humerus missing. One radial and ulna missing. Left hip-bone fractured. Right fibula and tibia fractured, upper third, upper third missing. Left fibula and tibia fractured, lower third, middle and upper thirds missing.

7. Disinterment supervised by G.F. Avery G.F. AVERY, SUP. EMB.

Approved: W.M. Cline Wm. M. CLINE, CAPT. QMC. (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by G.F. Avery G.F. AVERY, SUP. EMB.

Approved: W.M. Cline Wm. M. CLINE, CAPT. QMC. (Title)

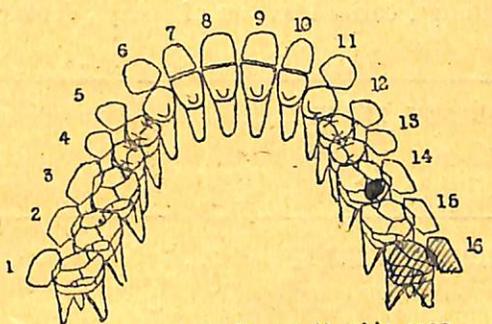
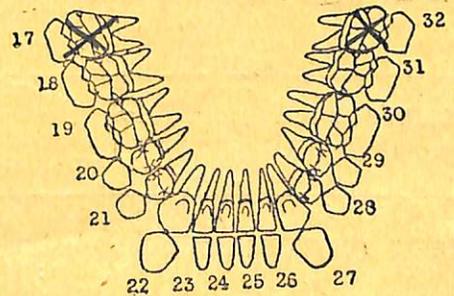


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



14 met. fil; 16 ext; 17, 32 undevel.

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Co, L, 23rd Infantry
2nd Div

BACKER, Alexander - Pv t 51897

Pvt 1/c Alexander Backer was killed near Bourenches on June 22, 1918, by a shell while in the front line, about 7.00 P.M. (Chateau Thierry Front)

Informant: McGee, Francis J. - Cpl 52039
Co, L, 23rd Infantry
Home: 10 Wilbraham Ave. Springfield
Mass

SH

file
2100
7/7/30

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Belleau (Aisne)

Date November 17, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BACKER, Aleksander SERIAL NUMBER 51897
RANK Pvt. 1/c. ORGANIZATION Co. I, 23rd Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 17, 1922. From (give complete location): Grave 113, Sec. B, P lot 3, Cem. 1764.
By: Group 1 Unit F.S.I. Aisne-Marne Cem.

3. Reburied (date): Nov. 17, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 90, Block A, Row 7, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)
By: Group re-burial group Unit _____ Nature of Reburial Lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Wooden box and burlap
Body decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes (2) On grave marker? Yes
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Bottle record agrees.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) "

(c) Hair—Color "
Quantity "
Characteristics "

(d) Hair on face—Color "
Location "
Quantity "

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)
Fractures: Right humerus, one femur, both tibiae and fibulae.
Missing parts: Left radius and ulna.
Checker: W.D. Wall Jr.

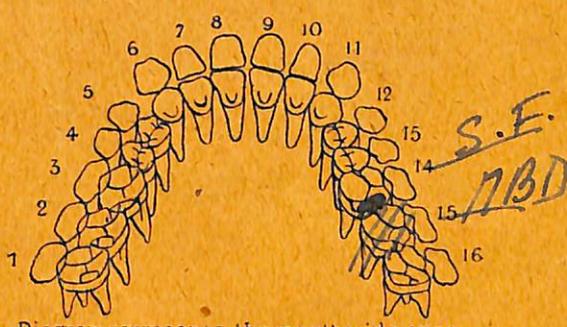
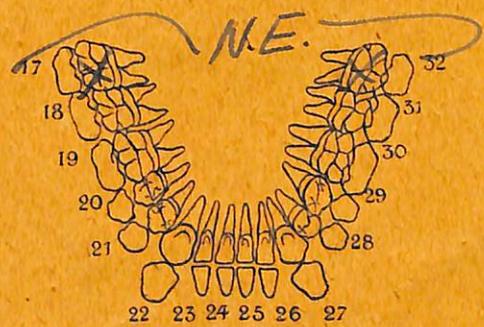


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7. Disinterment supervised by C.P. Keating Approved: W.D. Cleary
C.P. KEATING, S.E. (Title) W.D. CLEARY, Lt. Chaplain USA.
8. Reburial supervised by L.D. Hays Approved: W.D. Cleary
(Title) W.D. Cleary
Lt., Chaplain, USA.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 4351

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BACKER, Alexander Ser. No. 51897
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. 1, 23rd Inf.
(c) Date of death 6/22/1918 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. EK

CKR.

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

(a) Grave No. 113 Row --- Plot 3 Sec. B. TYP. EK

(b) Emerg. Address Kostanti Backer (brother) 63 Auburn St., Over,
Springfield, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name Constantine Backer (b) Relationship Brother

(c) Address 63 Auburn St., Springfield, Mass

(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. Constantine Backer
63 Auburn St., Springfield, Mass
Exp + bill of lading - Pds

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials MH Date 2-19-21, 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 MH Date 2-19-21, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes MH

Examiner's Initials MH Date 2-19-21, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 1764

SHEET No. 79

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

3-7729

CARDED

Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

MAR 21 1921

P.L.

Checked

3-16-21

E.M.

L

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O.R. 21. R. 3-8-21

O.R. 21. R. 3-8-21

O.K. 21. R. 3-8-21

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See envelope

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made 2-25-21, 1920.

Typed by AEW, Checked by B. J., 2-25-21, 1920.

RECEIVED

MAY 3 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on MAR 10 1921, 1920
Consular Division
Passes Project Sub-Section

Par. 1 To be returned. (L.S.)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

Let from Europe 4/21 att. Instructions changed 10/24/21

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: B.A.M.R. Mr Constantine Backer, (Brother)

63 Auburn St., Springfield Mass. 3-19-21
3-19-21 Correctional letter to Europe should read: Backer, Alexander, (GEN 3-19-21)
April 10, 1921 - 7 #120, Mr. Constantine Backer, 61 Irving St., Springfield Mass brother, desires body shipped to him at above address. #4-25-21

5/6/21 Europe advised by proposed cable #290 - suspend foreign advice Anna Backer, Vilna Melusik Krisk, Russia Poland 5/11/21 Gms

6/24/21 Let to Bro. (Constantine Backer) ack. rec. of 120 & advised him that case had been referred to Europe for fol-up & necessary action 6/25/21 Da.

11/22/21 - Europe advise letters sent Anna Backer in Russia have rec'd. no replies -- Body to be int. in P.A.C. France. 12/15/21 - M.M.M.

Let. 12/7/21 - Mr Constantine Backer, (Bro) 61 Irving St Springfield Mass. advised the body of his brother will be left in France for burial in a P.A.C. (a.L.S. 12/7/21).

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 4851

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD

(a) Name *o.H. H.R. 3-8-21* BAKER, Alexander Ser. No. 51897
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. I, 23rd Inf.
 (c) Date of death 6/22/1918 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYPEK L

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

(a) Grave No. 115 Row _____ Plot 3 Sec. B TYP. BK
 (b) Emerg. Address Kostanti Baker (brother) 63 Auburn St., Springfield, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ CKR. L

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

add. Card - Constantine Bachar (brother) 63 Auburn St., Springfield, Mass., requests body returned to U.S. to him at above address. - A.P. 3/21/21.

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on MAR 10 1921, 192

Par. 1 To be returned. (L.L.)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., MAR 29 1921, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
<i>Apr. 27, 1921 Let. from Hoboken</i>		<i>Suspend Foreign advice</i>	<i>5/6/21 Europe advised by proposed Cable 290 Suspend Foreign advice - Anna Bachar Vilna Melnik, Brisk Russia Poland 5/9/21 - 3rd</i>
<i>Let from Europe 6/8/21 instructions obeyed</i>			<i>att 10/26/21</i>
<i>3-19-21 Correctional letter to Europe should read: Baker, Alexander (Gen 3/19/21)</i>			

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. 5-3-, 192

*11/22/21 - Europe advises letters sent Anna Bachar in Russia have rec'd no replies -- Body to be int. in P.A.C. France.
 12/15/21 - m.m.m.*

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

MAR 21 1921 J.L.

CLAIM 14063

Next of kin

BACKER, 51897, Alexander
Pvt. 1/c. Co. L, 23rd Inf.

VERIFY SOLDIER'S SIGNATURE BY WAR RISK RECORDS

Alexander
no sig at V.B.

18 Vine St.
Springfield Mass

December 17th, 1921.

293.8 C-R #4351 (Backer, Aleksander Pvt. 1/c) Cty. 1764-Sht. 79
The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division)
Mr. Constantine Backer, 61 Irving St., West Springfield, Mass.

Case of Pvt. 1/cl. Aleksander Backer.

1. You are advised this office is in receipt of a letter from the Chief, American Graves Registration Service in Europe stating that the body of the late Private 1/class Aleksander Backer, Company 1, 23rd Infantry will be left in France for final burial in a permanent American Cemetery.
2. You are assured that the grave will be marked by a suitable headstone and will be perpetually maintained by our Government in a most careful and reverent manner.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNN, ~~MAJ~~
Captain, Q.A. Corps. HCH

Noted on Form 115
Date 12/17/21. all

File No. 293.9 Disp. Cem. #1764.

November 22, 1921.

From: Chief.

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

Subject: Disposition of remains of Pvt. 1/cl Alexander BACKER, #51897,
Co. L, 25rd Inf., Cem. #1764, Belleau, Aisne, France.

1. Reference Cable No. 765, Cem. Div., Washington, dated May 6, 1921, to this office, wherein it was directed that we communicate with the next of kin of the above deceased soldier, you are advised that a letter was written, as instructed, to Mrs. Anna Bachar, Vilna Weloisk Krisk, Russia Poland, inclosing our official form certificate for execution, on May 19, 1921. The first follow-up letter was sent August 1, 1921, and the second follow-up letter September 30, 1921.

2. No replies having been received to said correspondence, the remains of the above-deceased soldier will be left in France for final burial in a permanent American cemetery.

C. L. SAM...
H. F. REITHERS,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps.

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JLK/GMS.

Noted on Form No. 1158 "A"
Date 12/15/21 -
m.m.m.

Original in G.P.

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June 24, 1921.

293.8 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.
(Becker, Aleksander).

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

Mr. Constantine Bachar, 61 Irving Street, West Springfield,
Mass.

Disposition of Remains of Private 1st Class Aleksander Becker,
Serial #51897, Company 1, 23rd Infantry.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of Shipping Inquiry executed
by you under date of April 10, 1921, relative to the disposition
of the remains of your brother, the late Private 1st Class
Aleksander Becker.

2. This case has been referred to the Chief, American
Graves Registration Service, in Europe, requesting that shipment
be suspended until the wishes of the nearest of kin, who resides
in a foreign country, can be ascertained and complied with if
practicable.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

OSP:SB
C. & C. Dept.

THG
THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,
Capt., Q.M. Corps. *THG*

MAILED

JUN 25 1921

THG
Overseas Proj. Sec.
Cemeterial Division.

Noted on Form No. 115

Date.....

6/25/21 THG

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

1764-79

FILE NO. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Branch.
(BACKER, Aleksander)

APRIL 27, 1921.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G.,
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records, Cemetery No.1764,
Cable Reference No.79. transmittal
Memorandum #H-2597.

1. Returned herewith are records per-
taining to the case of the late Aleksander Backer, Pri-
vate, First Class, Serial Number 51897, Company L, 23rd
Infantry.

2. In view of the fact that Cemetery
Number 1764 is a permanent American Cemetery it is
recommended that the remains be left in France until the
wishes of the legal next of kin, who resides in Poland,
can be ascertained. It is requested that Mr. Constantine
Bachar, brother of the late soldier, be advised of action
taken.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

By



F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

Incl.(records)

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. Q. M. G.
File # 293.8 - 4351

Backer, Aleksander

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FILE NO. 295.8 Cem.Div., Cor. Branch.
 (BACKER, Aleksander)

APRIL 27, 1921.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.C.M.C.,
 Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records, Cemetery No. 1764,
 Cable Reference No. 79. Transmittal
 Memorandum #112047

1. Returned herewith are records per-
 taining to the case of the late Aleksander Backer, Pri-
 vate, First Class, Serial Number 51897, Company L, 23rd
 Infantry.

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 Number 1764 is a permanent American Cemetery it is
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 wishes of the legal next of kin, who resides in Poland,
 can be ascertained. It is requested that Mr. Constantine
 Backer, brother of the late soldier, be advised of action
 taken.

R. E. SHANNON,
 Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
 Officer in Charge.

FA:LLK

By:

Incl. (records)

F. C. FALLAS,
 Executive Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON.

APR 20 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.
TO: Mr. Constantine Backer, ~~63 Auburn St.~~ *61 Irving St.* Springfield, Mass.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt 1/c Aleksander Backer, Ser. No. 51897 C o. L. 23rd Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above named soldier be returned to the United States and shipped to you at 63 Auburn Street, Springfield, Mass.

61 Irving Street, West Springfield Mass. *EEL*

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.
The nearest next of kin may choose between (1) return of body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) body to remain in Europe.
By authority of the Quartermaster General.

GEO. H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.

5/6/21 Europe advised by proposed cable # 290. Suspend foreign advice. Anna Backer, Wilna, Weleisk Krisk, Russia Poland 5/9/21 Ems.

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

Was soldier married? NO

NAME OF	NO. AND STREET	TOWN	STATE
Constantine Backer	61 Irving St.	West Springfield	Mass.
Soldier's widow	<u>NO</u>		
1	<u>NO</u>		
Soldier's children (Name oldest first)	2 <u>NO</u> 3 <u>NO</u>		
Father	<u>NO</u>		
Mother	Anna Backer	Wilna Weleisk Krisk	Russia Poland
Brothers, (Name oldest first)	1	Constantine Backer	= =
	2	Osip	= =
	3	Pitr	= =
Sisters, (Name oldest first)	1	Nikolay	= =
	2	Elena	= =

*Backer 744 #116
114-25-4444*

Date Apr. 10 1921 Signature Constantine Backer
Address 61 Irving St West Springfield Mass Relationship Brother

Important - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper

apr. 10 1921

I, the undersigned, am the Brother and nearest living next of kin of
(Relationship)
the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to Constantine Baehar
(Name)
(R.R. station) Springfield Mass.
(State)
3. To be returned to the U.S. and buried in no National Cemetery.
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature Constantine Baehar

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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

Note:-INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name	BACKER, Alexander	10. Name	.....
2. No.	51897	11. No.	.....
3. Rank	Pvt. 1/c	12. Rank	.....
4. Org	Co. L, 23rd Inf.	13. Org	.....
5. D. D.	6-22-18	14. (a) D. D.	.....
6. C. D.	K/A	15. (b) D. B.	.....

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No.	113	Sec.	B	15. Grave No.	.....	Sec.	.....
8. Plot	3	Row	-	16. Plot	.....	Row	.....
9.	-	17.	.....	<i>Cancelled</i>			

18. Cemetery	Amer. Concentration	5/9/21	
19. Commune or town	Belleau	J. M. B.	
20. Department or county	Aisne		
21. Country	France	22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No.	1764
23. Disinterred	(Date.)	By	.....
24. Inscription on grave marker	Name.....	Serial No.	.....
	Rank.....	Organization	.....
25. Was identification disk found on grave marker?	.....	On body?	.....

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

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PREPARATION

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

MAY 3 1921

27. Condition of body.....

Cemeterial Division

28. Nature of burial.....

Overseas Project Sub-Section

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above?

30. Body prepared and placed in casket..... (Date.) By.....

31. Casket sealed by

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

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

32. Designation of body { Name..... BACKER, Alexander..... Serial No. 51897.....
Rank..... Pvt. 1/c..... Organization..... Co. L, 23rd Inf.....

33. CONSIGNEE—Name..... Constantine Backer.....
Address..... 63 Auburn St., Springfield, Mass. (Exp. & Tel.).....

34. Casket boxed and marked..... (Date.) By.....

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.....

36. Remarks.....

37. Shipped from cemetery..... (Date.) To..... (Point of concentration.)

Convoyer..... Signature Shipping Officer.....

38. Received at point of concentration..... (Date.)

Signature Receiving Officer.....

39. Shipped from point of concentration..... (Date.)

To..... (Port.) Convoyer.....

Signature Shipping Officer.....

40. Received European port..... (Date.)

Signature of G. R. S. Representative.....

41. Shipped to..... (U. S. port.) On..... (Boat.)

Date..... Convoyer..... (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received..... (Date.) By G. R. S. Representative..... (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination..... (Date.) { B/L or Express Order No.

Convoyer..... { Shipping Officer.....

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

Harlow C.W.

Please rush.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER	CEMETERY NO.	DATE
<u>Backer or (Bachar), Alexander, Pvt. 1/c.</u>	<u>1764 - 79</u>	<u>2/19/21.</u>
SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	
<u>51897</u>	<u>Co. L, 23rd Inf.</u>	<u>Date of death - 6/22/18.</u>

Copy forwarded to

Adjustment Department

Date 3-16-21 E.M.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE March 12, 1921.

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mr. Constantine Bachar,

Brother

Address

63 Auburn St., Springfield, Mass.

S/709/LHL

1920.

5-10-21

Prepare the communication to Chief, G. R. S.,
in Europe, indicated below:

1. Corrective letter

- (1) Name
- (2) Rank
- (3) Serial No.
- (4) Organization.

2. Supplementary letter

- (1) Body to be returned
- (2) " to remain
- (3) " to Foreign country
- (4) Communicate and comply with wishes of relatives.
- (5)
- (6)

3. Cable

- (a) Body to remain
- (b) Body to be returned
- (c) Special

*Suspend foreign
advise*

*take address
from 120*

HBC

H. B. Cairns.

Ref. Par. 1 Letter 3-10-21

also our cable no. 765-Par. 2

Yms

5/5/21/1920.

~~Bachar~~

N.C.

~~Becker~~

Baker Alex Aleksander

51597



Pvt *101*

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Co. I. 23 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Brother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *Yes*

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? *No*

(Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

Constantine Bachar Springfield

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

63 Auburn Street, Springfield, Mass.

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Constantine Bachar

63 Auburn St., Springfield, Mass.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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2-18-21

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-O
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 2/19/21.

FILE

File No. *4357* Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- ~~a.~~ Surname *Backer* or (~~Bachar~~) *Backer* f. Date of death *6/22/18.*
- ~~b.~~ Christian name *Aleksander* or (~~Alex~~) *g.* Cause of death *K/A.*
- ~~c.~~ Serial Number *51897* or ----- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- ~~d.~~ Organization *Co. L, 23rd Inf.* i. Emergency address
- ~~e.~~ Rank *Pvt. 1/c.* j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

DENTAL CHARTS
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

N.R.

Added in file

*Donnelly - in R-215
page - 3 - 3/24/21*

C.W.

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

CHEMISTRY NO: 1764

BY: *H. J. Conner*

SHEET NO: 79
TYPED BY: I.W.

H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

*Name corrected
S/713/LML*

FEB 23 1921

Rec'd S & B Div., A.G.O.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
8. AVENUE D'ENNA.

✓ File No. 293.9 Disp. Cem. #1764.

PARIS September 30, 1921.

Mrs. Anna Bachar,
Vilna Weleisk Krisk,
Russia Poland.

Dear Madam:

On May 19th and August 1st, 1921, this office communicated with you, requesting a statement as to your wishes regarding the final disposition of the remains of the late Pvt. 1/cl. Alexander Backer, #51897, Co. L, 23rd Inf., who is now buried in PERMANENT Cemetery #1764, Belleau, (Aisne), France. No reply has been received therefrom.

Do you wish his body to remain buried in said Permanent American Cemetery in France, or removed therefrom and buried in a National Cemetery in the United States? In either decision the U.S. Government bears all expenses incurred.

However, should you prefer the remains for private interment, the U.S. Government will DELIVER same free of expense, provided the health regulations and sanitary laws permit the entry into Poland, and provided further that the deceased was, at some time during his life, a resident of the town, city, or neighborhood in which you now live.

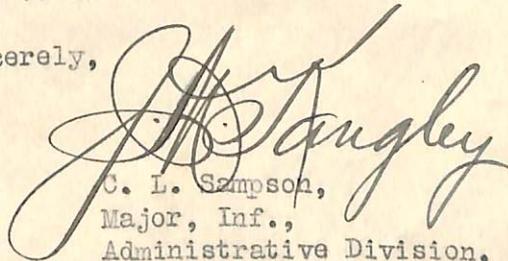
If the deceased never resided in your community, then this Service will transport the remains to the place where he actually did reside in Poland.

All expenses covering burial, tombstones, and future care of the grave and cemetery are to be paid by you.

In the event it is desired that the remains be shipped to you for private interment, the attached Certificate should be filled out, signed and sworn to by you, as the next of kin, in the presence of an official of your Commune who has authority to administer oaths; also it must be signed and sealed by said official. The legally-executed Certificate should then be returned to this Service.

If you wish to express your desires in any way, write them clearly on the bottom of this letter and return same to us.

Very sincerely,


C. L. Sampson,
Major, Inf.,
Administrative Division.

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JLK/GMS
1 encl.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C. IN EUROPE
8. AVENUE D' IENA

File No 293.9 Disp. Com.#1764

PARIS August 1st 1921.

Mrs Anna Bachar
Vilna Weleisk Krisk
Russia Poland.

Dear Madam:

On May 19th 1921, this service communicated with you requesting an expression of your desire as to the final disposition of the remains of Pvt 1/cl. Alexander Backer, #51897 Co L 23rd Inf., who is buried in Cem.#1764 Belleau , Aisne, France.

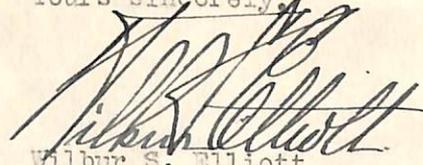
Up to the present time no reply has been received and you are again informed that the American Government is prepared to bury these remains:

- (a) In a National Cemetery in the United States;
- (b) Concentrate the remains for permanent burial in a permanent American Cemetery in France;
- (c) Transport the remains to your address, at the expenses of the U.S.Government, provided the health regulations and sanitary laws will permit the entry of the remains, and provided the deceased was, for a period of time prior to his enlistment in the U.S.Army, a resident of the city, town or neighbourhood in which you live, or if he was not a resident of the place at which you live, this service will transport the remains to such place at which he was a resident. Burial expenses are to be borne by you.

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It is requested that you will return this letter with your wishes clearly indicated thereon, so that we may have a record as to your preference, and in the event that you desire the remains shipped to you or some other place under the conditions referred to in (c), the attached affidavit should be taken before an official in your commune, properly authorized to administer oaths, sworn to and sealed, and forwarded to this office together with your reply.

Yours sincerely,



Wilbur S. Elliott
Captain, Q.M.Corps

Chief, Statistical Branch

K/S
WSE/zt

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
8, AVENUE D'ENNA,

File No 293.9 Disp. Cem.#1764

PARIS May 19th 1921.

Mrs. Anna Bachar
Vilna Waleisk Krisk
Russia Poland.

Dear Madam:

The United States Army requests a statement from you as to your wishes regarding the disposition of the remains of Pvt. 1/cl. Alexander Backer, #51897 Co L. 23rd Inf., who is buried in Cem.#1764, Belleau, Aisne France.

The American Government is prepared to bury these remains:

- (a) In a National Cemetery in the United States;
- (b) Concentrate the remains for permanent burial in a permanent American Cemetery in France;
- (c) Transport the remains to your address, at the expense of the U.S. Government, provided the health regulations and sanitary laws will permit the entry of the remains, and provided the deceased was, for a period of time prior to his enlistment in the U.S. Army, a resident of the city, town or neighbourhood in which you live, or if he was not a resident of the place at which you now live, this Service will transport the remains to such a place at which he was a resident. Burial expenses are to be borne by you.

It is requested that you will return this letter with your wishes clearly indicated thereon, so that we may have a record as to your preference, and in the event that you desire the remains shipped to you or some other place under the conditions referred to in (c), the attached affidavit should be taken before an official in your commune, properly authorized to administer oaths, sworn to and sealed and forwarded to this office together with your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Chas. A. Morrow
Chas. A. Morrow,
Captain, Q.M.C.

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*No War Risk Insurance
No Death Certificate*

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CITY. PROVINCE. COUNTRY.

Date-----

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority empowered to administer oaths one,----- who being duly sworn, deposes and

says that -----
FULL NAME.
Pvt 1/cl. Alexander Backer #51897 Co L. 23rd Inf.,
SOLDIER'S NAME, RANK AND ORGANIZATION.

was a bona-fide resident of -----
CITY. PROVINCE. COUNTRY.

for a period prior to his enlistment in the United States Army; that or she
----- is the legal next of kin and requests that the remains he

of -----
SOLDIER'S NAME.
Pvt 1/cl. Alexander Backer
----- whose address is
CONSIGNEE.

CITY. PROVINCE. COUNTRY.

at the expense of the United States Government for delivery to or or above her
----- him

designated consignee. Further deponent sayeth that or she
----- he NAME.
agrees to relieve the United States Government of all responsibility in

connection with the burial of the remains, care and upkeep of the grave her
or cemetery, after said remains have been finally delivered to or or above
----- him

designated consignee ----- by a representative of the American Graves
NAME.
Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, at -----
MUST BE SAME POINT AS APPEARS IN LINE NINE.

Signature-----

Post Office Address-----

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above named this -----
day of ----- 192 . At -----

Signature of Official-----

Official Title-----

The official seal must not be omitted.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BACKER, 51897 Alexander
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. 1st cl., Co. L, 23rd Inf.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL June 22, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Extreme S.E. cor. of

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

Town of Bouresches, France

Commune Bouresches (Aisne)

C-21-49N.E.-177.18-N260.68

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Cross

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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:

MORGAN

REPORTED BY: Starr S. Eaton

STARR S. EATON, Capt., 23rd Inf.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

81 AUG 20 1918

Communal List No. 21-257

Daily Report No. _____

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

Hq. G.R.S. No.

2. Soldier's No.

3. Backer, 51897, Alexander

Surname

First Name and Initials

4. Rank

L, 23rd Inf.

Company

Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death

Cause, if known

6. Date of Burial

Cemetery

7. Town or Commune

Department

8. 62
Grave No.

67
Plot No. or Letter

I. G. MYERS

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

10. Buried with Body? 1 Attached to Grave Marker? 1
Identification Tags

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

Exhumed-

Fr field NE of Bouresches.

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed

GROUP N° 1 Group Unit G.R.S.
Unit 303. G. R. S.

SEP 29 1918

Copy.

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

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Backer or (Bachar), Alexander, Pvt. 1/c. *Alexander*

1764 - 79

2/19/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

51897

Co. L, 23rd Inf.

Date of death - 6/22/18.

FILE

Adjustment Made
19 1922

File No. 4351

NOTED FORM 115
WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE 3-16-21 E.M.

DATE

3/12/21

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mr. Constantine Bachar.

Brother

Address

63 Auburn St., Springfield, Mass.
S/709/LML

December 17th, 1921.

293.8 C-R #4351 (Backer, Aleksander Pvt. 1/c) Cty. 1764-Sht. 79

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

Mr. Constantine Backer, 61 Irving St., West Springfield, Mass.

Case of Pvt. 1/cl. Aleksander Backer.

File 12/17/21-axs

1. You are advised this office is in receipt of a letter from the Chief, American Graves Registration Service in Europe stating that the body of the late Private 1/class Aleksander Backer, Company 1, 23rd Infantry will be left in France for final burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

2. You are assured that the grave will be marked by a suitable headstone and will be perpetually maintained by our Government in a most careful and reverent manner.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNN, ^c Maj
Captain, Q.M. Corps. HCH
axs.

Noted on Form 115
Date 12/17/21-axs

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
8, AVENUE D' IENA.

File No. 293.9 Disp. Cem. #1764. - 79

PARIS November 22, 1921.

From: Chief.

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

Subject: Disposition of remains of Pvt. 1/cl Alexander BACKER, #51897,
Co. L, 23rd Inf., Cem. #1764, Belleau, Aisne, France.

1. Reference Cable No. 765, Cem. Div., Washington, dated May 6, 1921, to this office, wherein it was directed that we communicate with the next of kin of the above deceased soldier, you are advised that a letter was written, as instructed, to Mrs. Anna Bachar, Vilna Weleisk Krisk, Russia Poland, inclosing our official form certificate for execution, on May 19, 1921. The first follow-up letter was sent August 1, 1921, and the second follow-up letter September 30, 1921.

2. No replies having been received to said correspondence, the remains of the above-deceased soldier will be left in France for final burial in a permanent American cemetery.

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H. F. RETHERS,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps.

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Noted by Statistical Clerk.
Date 12-9-21
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June 24, 1921.

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293.6 Reg. Sec., Com. Div.
(Becker, Aleksander).
The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).

Mr. Constantine Bochar, 61 Irving Street, West Springfield,
Mass.

Disposition of Remains of Private 1st Class Aleksander Becker,
Serial #51697, Company L, 23rd Infantry.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of Shipping Inquiry executed
by you under date of April 10, 1921, relative to the disposition
of the remains of your brother, the late Private 1st Class
Aleksander Becker.

2. This case has been referred to the Chief, American
Graves Registration Service, in Europe, requesting that shipment
be suspended until the wishes of the nearest of kin, who resides
in a foreign country, can be ascertained and complied with if
practicable.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

OSP:SS
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THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,
Capt., Q.M. Corps.

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Overseas Prof. Sec.
Cemeterial Division.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Washington, D. C.

DRAFT OF CABLEGRAM

Transmittal by the Adjutant General requested

Wm. H. Wright,
Maj. Gen., G.S., Asst. Chief of Staff,
Director, Supply Division, Gen. Staff.

Sent as Cablegram
No. 765

Paragraph No. 2
5/6/21 AA

May 6, 1921.

S H E E T #2

DO NOT DISTURB: 34 January 21 Harold A. Anderson 11; 1232
Section 6 March 29 Warren E. Fletcher 57 Alex Henry Hoffman
81 John Patterson 142, Section 9 March 30 Andrew Sekerak 163,
SUSPEND ACTION: 68 January 21 Ernest R. Dunlap 33; 1815
February 8 Daniel Arthur Compton 1. SUSPEND FOREIGN ADVICE:
1232 Section 2 March 23 Giovanni Belvito 13 Antonio Scana,
Monopli, Bara, Italy, Section 4 March 24 Joseph Budd 17; 1233
February 18 David Moskowitz 2664 Ita Haica Moskowitz, guardian
of Risa Moskowitz, 128 Costica Street, Doroboin, Roumania;
1764 March 10 Aleksander Sacher 79 Anna Sacher, Vilna Weleisk
Erisk, Russia Poland. Defer action 1765 August 10 Luigi Rusk
Perri. Letter follows."

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Copies to: Cemeterial Division

Information & Guidance

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

IN REPLY
REFER TO

201(Backer, Aleksander)WW

May 5, 1920

File no. H351

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

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

Subject: Date of death of Pvt. 1 cl. Aleksander Backer, #51897, Co. L, 23 Inf. ✓

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that he was killed in action June 22, 1918. ✓

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted Aug 12, 1917, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Kostanti Barker, brother, 63 Auburn St., Springfield, Mass. ✓

By order of the Secretary of War.

P. C. Harris
The Adjutant General.
per. P

*adjutant
5-10-20
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