

G.R.S. Form #114 B

To The A. G. O.

847

MMB

Mark sig. Ago records copied

DATE

JAN 21 1926

1. NAME as BAKER, Eliza *Eliza*

SERIAL No. 4015534

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION

Co. A 809th Pioneer Inf.

& DIVISION

not shown

GRAVE LOCATION Kerfautras, Brest Finistere

19-B

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

127

5

A

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL GRAVE LOCATION Gr 536 Row 1 Plot E Cem 19-B Kerfautras (Finistere)

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES None given on Form 16 dated April 1, 1920 from which data is taken. Directory dated Nov. 20, 1919 confirms above original grave location.

CONCENTRATED TO

April 1, 1920

127

5

A

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Kerfautras

19-B

CEMETERY

(Form 16, April 1, 1920)

CTY. NUMBER

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

None.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not any of record in this office.

DATE OF DEATH

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

I. A. LUKE

Captain F. A., U. S. A.,

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

7/26/22

33

40

Block D

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Aisne-Aisne American Cty #608 Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

CEMETERY

Rec'd World War Div.

5 JAN 12 1923

AUDITED BY

KM 113

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Baker, 4015534 Elijah
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Co. M, 808th Inf.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Sept. 18, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Brest, Finistere

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

Kerfastras Cemetery, Brest

GRAVE NUMBER 595 Plat. E. 135

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 (cross)

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

REPORTED BY:

Earle H. Segur

1st Lieut., 2d Pioneer Inf.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Place Brest

Date 4/1/20

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name Elijah Baker

Number 4015534

Rank Pvt

Organization: Co. A. 808 Pio. Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by ~~Group~~ Sec. III

Unit GAD

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

4/1/20

Gr 536 Row 1 Plot E Cem 19B

Brest
~~Kerfantas Cemetery, Lamballe (Finistere)~~

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

4/1/20

Gr 127 Plot A Row 5 Cem 19B

Brest
~~Kerfantas Cemetery, Lamballe (Finistere)~~

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

Wooden Box

GAD

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

What other means of identification were found upon the body?

GAD

D-30008

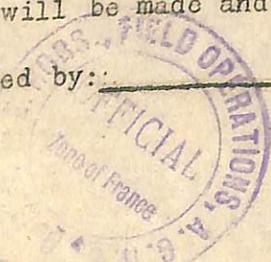
Note:

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. Q., 1918, after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation thereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by:

R. P. Harbold

C.O. Group Lt. Col. Inf.
Unit



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C O D E S L I P

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Baker,</i>	<i>Bak</i>	3	219
<i>Elijah</i> BURIED	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	2
	GRAVE <i>33</i>	2	33
	ROW <i>40</i>	2	40
	BLOCK <i>D</i>	1	4
STATE	<i>Va.</i>	2	54
RANK	<i>Pvt.</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>Inf.</i>	2	51
ORGANIZATION	<i>808</i>	3	808
ARM	<i>Pion</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>yes (dead)</i>	1	1
NAME <i>Baker, Richard</i>	<i>(father)</i>	3	
<i>Newsoms, Va.</i>	STATE	2	
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead</i>	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE	<i>Negro</i>	1	2
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
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JAN 2 1932
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ARM	<i>Pioneer</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>yes (dead)</i>	1	1
NAME		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>widow</i>	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead</i>	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE	<i>Negro</i>	1	2
ENGLISH		1	
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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON D. C.

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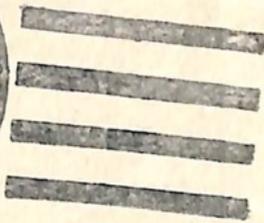
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WASHINGTON, D. C.
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NEWSOMS, VA.
FEB 13
1932



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Baker, Elijah (OA) F x

February 4, 1932.

Unknown
Mr. Richard Baker,
Newsoms,
Virginia.

L. C. Rhodes
re
mother dead
marriage is law
mother in law
Per U.A.-2-17-32

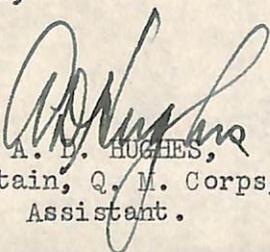
Dear Sir:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, please advise whether or not the late Private Elijah Baker is survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him; i.e., one who cared for your son and with whom he lived for a period of at least five years prior to his reaching the age of eighteen. If so, kindly furnish her full name and address.

There is enclosed a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

Encl:
Env.

Baker Elijah
Pvt Co L 808th Pn Inf

OA x Bou 10-7-87
4015534

vd

MOTHER ~~ent~~ 7-30-18
Died before 1918

~~2~~ c 54734

WIDOW Dead. 10-12-18

LOCO } no record
SM }

Father - (old address)

Richard Baker
Newsoms - Va

Maribel Yates is rts mother-in-law

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Baker, Elijah (OA) Hx

October 2, 1931.

Law
Mrs. Mariah Yates,
Suffolk, Va.
M. M.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

2. Please state your age and condition
of health:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Age:
Health:

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Baker, Elijah Pvt (OA) M x

July 1, 1931.

Law
Mrs. Mariah Yates,
Suffolk,
W Va.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 19, 1930.

Baker, Elijah 608 M

Saw
Mrs. Mariah Yates,
Suffolk,
Va. *M*

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C
Baker, Elijah

August 19, 1929.

The Director,
U. S. Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith copy of a letter from Mr. Hugh L. Holland, dated August 9, 1929, written in behalf of Mrs. Mariah Yates, for your reply to that part which relates to the insurance and compensation of the late Private Elijah Baker. Mr. Holland has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

SD/vp
Enclosure:
C/Let. 8/9/29

QM 293 A-C
Baker, Elijah

August 16, 1929.

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7-30-29

Mr. Hugh L. Holland,
Attorney at Law,
Suffolk, Va.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 9, 1929, writing in behalf of Mrs. Mariah Yates, mother of the late Elijah Baker, Private, Co. L, 808th Pioneer Infantry, relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

You are advised that there is no provision in the act of March 2, 1929, which permits of a money allowance to a mother or widow in lieu of a trip to France, and the following information is stated in anticipation of the questions Mrs. Yates will probably ask:

There is no provision contained in the Act of March 2, 1929, which provides that a mother or widow making the pilgrimage may be accompanied by anyone. The War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act and its efforts therefore must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc. of those named as eligible under the Act.

Any arrangements which are desired to be made by relatives or friends of such eligibles to visit the Cemeteries in Europe must be made by them personally. The limited accommodations available in the small towns in the neighborhood of the Cemeteries in Europe, and the fact that it is contemplated that the War Department will utilize these accommodations to the limit for those mothers and widows eligible under the above mentioned Act, make it necessary for those ineligible under the Act to make their own arrangements.

You are assured that competent personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of those making the pilgrimage.

Within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage (May 1930), blanks will be forwarded to Mrs. Yates upon

which to make formal application for the journey, should she decide to take the trip. Space will be provided thereon for her to indicate the time she desires to go.

As the United States Veterans Bureau handles all compensation matters, your letter has been referred to that office for reply to that part which refers to compensation and insurance.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

sc/vp

J. MELVIN LOVELACE

HUGH L. HOLLAND
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

August 9, 1929

#608
7-30-29

Maj. John T. Harris,
Quartermaster Corps,
War Department,
Office of the Quartermaster
General,
Washington, D.C.

In re: Baker, Elijah
Your file QM 293 A-C

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of July 30, 1929, to the American Bank & Trust Company, c/o Mr. E.E. Jones, Cashier, Suffolk, Virginia has been referred to me for reply.

The American Bank & Trust Company of Suffolk, Virginia originally qualified as administrator of Elijah Baker and also as guardian of his child, Caroleen Baker. However, The American Bank & Trust Company later resigned from the administration and also guardianship and I was appointed as its successor.

I have answered the inquires on your letter and herewith return same to you.

Elijah Baker's wife has been dead for some time, but his mother, Mariah Yates is still living, she is a very old woman and unaccustomed to travel. I do not think she would be physically able to stand a trip to France.

However I am sending to her the copy of the Act of Congress enclosed in your letter under date of July 30, 1929 and I will be glad to explain to her this offer. She lives in the suburbs near Suffolk, Virginia, but has no mail delivery. If you wish to address any correspondence to her, you can send it in my care and I will deliver it to her.

For her information, I will take the liberty of asking you whether the Government makes any provisions or compensation for mothers who are unable to take the

J. MELVIN LOVELACE

HUGH L. HOLLAND
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

August 9, 1929

Maj. John T. Harris

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trip offered. Caroleen Baker, the child of Elijah Baker is receiving compensation and insurance each month from the Government through me as her guardian. Please let me know whether Elijah Baker's mother would also be entitled to any compensation either in the place of the trip offered or otherwise. //

Yours very truly,

Hugh L. Holland.

HLH/MJ

C. C. To Mr. E. E. Jones, Cashier,
American Bank & Trust Co.,
Suffolk, Virginia



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Baker, Elijah

July 30, 1929.

American Bank & Trust Co.,
c/o Mr. E. E. Jones, Cashier,
Suffolk, Virginia.

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 administrator of the late Private Elijah Baker, Co. L, 808th Pioneer Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, 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:

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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.

mariah yates
suffolk, Va.
mother

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Baker, Elijah.

June 20 , 1929.

XC 54 734

Mrs. Leta Baker,
Boykins, Va.

(Adm of Veteran's Estate)
American Bank & Trust Co.
% Mr. E. E. Jones, Cashier
Suffolk, Va.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Private Elijah Baker, Co. L. 808th Pioneer Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

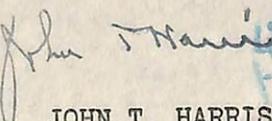
Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.



QM 293 A-M
Baker, Elijah (OA) F x

February 4, 1932.

Mr. Richard Baker,
Newsoms,
Virginia.

Dear Sir:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, please advise whether or not the late Private Elijah Baker is survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him; i.e., one who cared for your son and with whom he lived for a period of at least five years prior to his reaching the age of eighteen. If so, kindly furnish her full name and address.

There is enclosed a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Baker, Elijah (OA) Mx

October 2, 1931.

Mrs. Mariah Yates,
Suffolk, Va.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Baker, Elijah Pvt (OA) M x

July 1, 1931.

Mrs. Mariah Yates,
Suffolk,
Va.

Dear Madam:

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JUL 11 PM 1931
Q. M. CORPS
M. & R. PER
Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Baker, Elijah Pvt. (OA) M x

May 5, 1931.

Mrs. Mariah Yates,
Suffolk,
Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

QM 293 A-M

October 21, 1930

Baker, Elijah Pvt 608 M

Mrs. Mariah Yates
Suffolk
Virginia

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the ^{mother} of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 19, 1930.

Baker, Elijah 608 M

Mrs. Mariah Yates,
Suffolk,
Va.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Baker, Elijah 608 M

Mrs. Mariah Yates,
Suffolk, Va.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

QM 293 A-C
Baker, Elijah

August 16, 1929.

Mr. Hugh L. Holland,
Attorney at Law,
Suffolk, Va.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 9, 1929, writing in behalf of Mrs. Mariah Yates, mother of the late Elijah Baker, Private, Co. L, 803th Pioneer Infantry, relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

You are advised that there is no provision in the act of March 2, 1929, which permits of a money allowance to a mother or widow in lieu of a trip to France, and the following information is stated in anticipation of the questions Mrs. Yates will probably ask:

There is no provision contained in the Act of March 2, 1929, which provides that a mother or widow making the pilgrimage may be accompanied by anyone. The War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act and its efforts therefore must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc. of those named as eligible under the Act.

Any arrangements which are desired to be made by relatives or friends of such eligibles to visit the Cemeteries in Europe must be made by them personally. The limited accommodations available in the small towns in the neighborhood of the Cemeteries in Europe, and the fact that it is contemplated that the War Department will utilize these accommodations to the limit for those mothers and widows eligible under the above mentioned Act, make it necessary for those ineligible under the Act to make their own arrangements.

You are assured that competent personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of those making the pilgrimage.

Within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage (May 1930), blanks will be forwarded to Mrs. Yates upon

→ See Ann. 1930.

which to make formal application for the journey, should she decide to take the trip. Space will be provided thereon for her to indicate the time she desires to go.

As the United States Veterans Bureau handles all compensation matters, your letter has been referred to that office for reply to that part which refers to compensation and insurance.

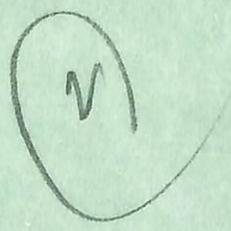
For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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



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QM 293 A-C
Baker, Elijah

August 19, 1929.

The Director,
U. S. Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith copy of a letter from Mr. Hugh L. Holland, dated August 9, 1929, written in behalf of Mrs. Mariah Yates, for your reply to that part which relates to the insurance and compensation of the late Private Elijah Baker. Mr. Holland has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,


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

SG/vp
Enclosure:
C/Let. 8/9/29

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Baker, Elijah

July 30, 1929.

American Bank & Trust Co.,
c/o Mr. E. E. Jones, Cashier,
Suffolk, Virginia.

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 **administrator** of the late Private **Elijah Baker, Co. L, 808th Pioneer Inf.** whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, 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?

2. If so, give her complete address:

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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Baker, Elijah.

June 20, 1929.

Mrs. Lena Baker,
Boykins, Va.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Private Elijah Baker, Co. L, 308th Pioneer Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

QM 293 A-C

BAKER, Elijah - Pvt.

April 1, 1924

Mrs. Lena Baker,
Boykins,
Va.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

R.P. HARBOLD
Assistant.

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1-Incl.
Record card.

O.Q.M.G.
Central Mail & Files Bn.



APR 1 1924

B.

*3/19/22 Examined
for Concentration
Camp - Aisne 608
att 3/8/22*

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name BAKER, Eliza, *Elyah* Ser. No. 4015534)
(2) Rank Pvt. Organization Co., N., 808th Pion. Inf.) TYP. IB
(3) Date of death 9-18-18) CKR. *mele*

B. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(4) Cause of death Lobar Pneumonia) TYP. TW.
(5) Grave No. 536 Row 1 Plot E Sect. --) CKR. *mele*

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt

(6) Relationship *No card in file 2/10/20 - att*
(7) Name
(8) Address
(9) Desires remains brought to U. S.?
(10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at
(11) If brought back, what shipping instructions?

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information.
No correspondence att 2/10/20

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by (Date)

D. (14) G R. S Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos? *Yes att*). Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? *-att* (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

No request for disposition att 2/14/20

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by (Date)

FILED

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III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date)

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed

(18) Typed by Checked by (Date) **VED**

B. G. R. S. FORM NO.114 made (Date)

(19) Typed by Checked by (Date)

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CEMETERY DIVISION
OVERSEAS DEPT. OF WAR
SUB-SEC.

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

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D. Dispatched (Date) (Let. Trans. No. **MAR 9 8 1920**)

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED 74-5-3-14-21

Approved by

(Date)

*E. A. Lena Baker
Boykins, Va.*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept 23, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BAKER, Eliza *Elizah*10. Name Elijah, Baker.2. No. 4015534

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. A 809th Pioneer Inf.13. Org. Co. M. 808th Inf.5. D.D. 10-8-18

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. Lobar Pneumonia

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 127 Sec. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot A Row 5

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. No discrepancy.18. Cemetery Kerfaultras19. Commune or town Brest20. Dept. or County Finistere21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #19-B23. Disinterred (Date) Sept 23, 1921By C.O. Handy.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Baker, ElizaSerial No. 4015534Rank Pvt.Organization Co. A. 809th Pio Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No (partly eroded)
On body? Yes.Thomas L. Collins
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).

No effects found.27. Condition of body Decomposed, unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Wooden coffin, U.S. uniform.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See above.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept 23, 1921 By C.O. Handy.31. Casket sealed by C.O. Handy.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

C.O. Handy
AUDITED BY
B.W. 12-7-23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-9793

32. Designation of body:

Name BAKER, Eliza Serial No. 4015534

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A 809 Pioneer Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery ~~Aisne-Marne Amer. Cty. 1764 Belleau-Wood Aisne~~

OISE-AISNE AMER. CEM. No 608, SERINGES & NESLES (AISNE)
(Corrected per Letter, Hdqrs., AGRS., Oct. 25, 1921)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept 23, 1921 By C.O. Handy.

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 R.F.O. Leary 1st Lt, QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept 23, 1921.

To point of Concentration Brest Morgue.

Convoyer A. DeWash Signature Shipping Officer R.F.O. Leary 1st Lt, QMC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Sept 23, 1921.

By G.R.S. Representative M.B. Birdseye, 1st Lt, QMC.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 12 NOV 1921

To Permanent Cemetery OISE-AISNE AMER. CEM. No 608, SERINGES & NESLES (AISNE)

Convoyer W. Ball Signature Shipping Office WALTER F. BROWN Captain, Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

40. Received: Date 25 NOV 1921

G.R.S. Representative G. F. WAUGH

41. Reinterred July 26, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

42. Grave No. 33 Blk. D. Section

43. Plot Row 40

G.R.S. Representative C.J. Blake, Captain QMC

Place Kerfautras, Finistere.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept, 23, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Baker, Eliza *Elyah* SERIAL NUMBER 4015534
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. ⁸ A. ⁸ 809th Pion Inf.

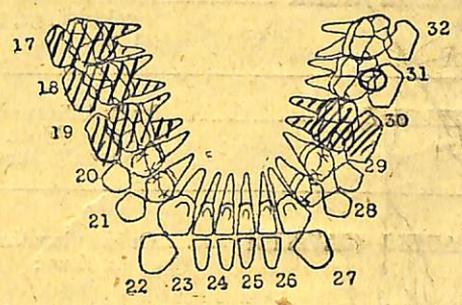
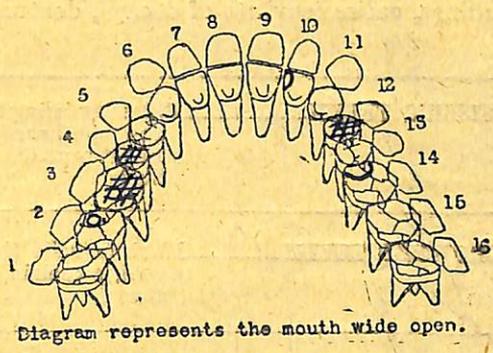
2. Disinterred (date) : Sept 23, 1921. From (give complete location) : Grave 127 Pt. A. Row 5. Cem 19-B.
By : Group 4. Unit Sec. 6.

3. Reburied (date) : July 26, 1922. In (give complete location) : Gr. ³³ ~~40~~, Blk. D. Row ⁴⁰ ~~33~~, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)
By : Group Unit Nature of reburial Blanket and metallic casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Wooden casket, U.S. Uniform. Decomposed unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? (Yes) On grave marker ? No.
(Partly corroded)
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
No effects found.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ?
(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.
(b) Weight (estimated) Imp to det.
(c) Hair—Color Black. Imp to det.
Quantity Medium
Characteristics Kinky.
(d) Hair on face—Color None visible.
Location none visible.
Quantity none visible.
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none visible.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) none visible. M.B.D. 17, 18, 19, 30.
Decayed, 3, 4, 12.
Cavities, 2, 10, 14, 31.

7. Disinterment supervised by *B.D. Handy* Approved : *R.F.O'Leary*
1st Lt, QMC.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by *L.D. Hays* Approved : *A. Blake*
L.D. Hays, Checker *C.J. Blake*
(Title) Capt. QMC

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File----17508

See Form 115
Att 3/8/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name <u>Baker, Eliza</u>	Ser. No. <u>4015534</u>	}	TYP. <u>IB</u>
(b) Rank <u>0 Pvt.</u>	Organization <u>Co.M, 808th Pion. Inf.</u>		McC
(c) Date of death <u>9-18-18</u>	(d) Cause of death <u>Lobar Pneumonia</u>		LM

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

(a) Grave No. 536 Row 1 Plot E Sec. -- TYP. TW

(b) Emerg. Address -----

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases no card CKR. MEH

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

No card in file. - No request for disposition. P.L. 3/14/21.

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter of transmittal on 3-8-20, 192

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

H.S. 3-14-21

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., MAR 17 1921, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. _____, 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 19-B SHEET No. 25

Lg 3/16-21

AGO reports- Name spelled "Elijah"

Co. L, 808 Pioneer Inf.

Never in A-809." P. Inf.

12/11/23.

BW

B.W.

The American Red Cross

sends you the photograph of the grave of

this American Soldier

who gave his life for his country

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

Hq. G.R.S. File

2. Soldier's No. **4015534**

3. **Baker, Elijah**

Surname

First Name and Initials

4. **Private Co. M. 808th. Infantry**

Rank

Company

Regt. or Corps

5. **Sept. 18th, 1918 Pnuemonia**

Date of Death

Cause, if known

6. **Sept. 19th, 1918 Kerfautras**

Date of Burial

Cemetery

7. **Brest**

Town or Commune

Finistere

Department

8. **596**

Grave No.

"E"

Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

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OSP. SS.**

19-B

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. **Lieut. E. H. Segur**
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed

Group

Unit **C**

G.R.S.

24 SEP Rcu

GRAVE LOCATION BOOK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Baker, 4015534 Elijah
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Co. M, 808th Inf.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... Sept. 18, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL... Brest, Finistere

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

Kerfautras Cemetery, Brest

GRAVE NUMBER... 596 Plate

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? (cross) yes

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

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REPORTED BY:

Earle H. Segur

Earle H. Segur
1st Lieut., 2d Pioneer Inf

(Signature and Burial Reporting Officer.)

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

26 SEP 1918

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

September 13th, 1929.

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. M. 808th Pioneer Infantry.

ORGANIZATION (Old)

Baker 4015534 Eliza. Pvt.

(Name)

FILE

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.	4/1/20	19-B	D- 30008
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new data and data correcting previous information)

BY: Miss Lannon

Card.

(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By W.B.

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

MAR 23 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: **Lena Baker., Boykins, Va.**
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of **Pvt. Eliza Boykins.,**

Records of this office show your request to be ~~as follows~~:

~~as follows~~ Not expressed. ~~Disposed~~
~~as follows~~

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Colonel, U.S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow			
Children(Name oldest first)			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers			
Sisters			

Date

Signature

Address

Relationship

jmc