

To The A. G. O.

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1. NAME BAKER, John SERIAL No. 49235

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION M.G.Co., 23rd Inf.

NOISIAID DIVISION and

GRAVE LOCATION American Cty. Ploisy (Aisne) CTY. NAME American NUMBER 593

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GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 107 Vierzy (Aisne)
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT. cty 615

COORDINATES _____

CONCENTRATED TO 40 Sec. J. 1
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

American #593.
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Information in paragraph 2 taken from Form 1.

DATE OF DEATH July 23, '18

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ky.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR G.F. WAUGH, Major, Inf., Supervisor, Area #2.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Sept. 16, 1922 33 16 Block C
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Oise-Aisne AMERICAN Cemetery #608, Seringes-et-Nesles

CEMETERY (Aisne).
A.G.O.

JAN 16 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY

Date May 22 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BAKER JOHNNumber: 49295Rank: Corp'l.Organization: M G Co 25rd Inf.Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 2 Unit BDisinterred (Date) May 22 1919 From: (Give complete location)Grave # 107 per sketch # 4 Hqrs 304.A.E.F. CEMETARY # A615.GRD 287.1 177.0 Soissons # 33 S ECOMMUNE OF VIERZY (AISNE).

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Reburied (Date) May 22 1919 in: (Give complete location) Grave Plot SEC.Military Cemetery Floisy Aisne.40. 1JGRD 290.95 174.95 Soissons # 33 N E

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

Badly Disintergrated Wrapped in burlap.Was one identification tag found upon the body? NoWhat other means of identification were found upon the body? None.Identified by number and nameplate on cross.11913
IDENTIFIED N° D

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 whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Sgt 1st Cl A H Mac CallumA J. Briggs 2 Lt Q M CC.O. Group 2 Unit B

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A. L. F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

4 DÉC 1918

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E. F.

TO - : Mrs. Vana Brock, Spring Lake, Kentucky.

SUBJECT: Place of Burial:

Corporal John Baker, Machine Gun Co., 23rd Infantry.

Died: July 23, 1918.

Church Cemetery, Vierzy, Aisne, France.

I am sure that you will pardon the use of a form letter such as we are sending to-day, when you try to realize under what great stress this office is working in order to give as prompt advice as possible concerning facts which are of such very vital importance to our sorrowing friends, whose brave men have suffered martyrdom on battle-fields within our sphere of European operation.

It is with great sorrow that I am writing you, and only the urgency of your desire to know, prompts me to push forward this notification when my note is required to be so formal because of the great number to which my name has to be signed.

You have probably already received official advice concerning the death of the one whom you gave to your country and the world for the saving of civilization.

You will be comforted in knowing that his body has been recovered, that it lies buried in a spot which is under our care and control, and that there will be no danger of its loss or neglect.

We are sending you, herewith, a note which gives general answers to a number of questions which our bereaved friends are often asking, and it will probably give information concerning some of the things you are anxious to understand.

Please be sure of our earnest desire to guard your interests in every possible way, and our satisfaction in being able to care for the resting places of our dead.

CCP-

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

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John Baker

Any enquiries with regard to Photographs and Grave Location should be addressed to:

Chief, Graves Registration Service,
Headquarters Services of Supply,
A. B. O. 717,
American E. F., FRANCE.

and not to any other Department of the Service.

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
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G. R. S.)
BULLETIN)
NO. 10)

INFORMATION FOR THE FRIENDS OF OUR DEAD.

THE GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, a branch of the Quartermaster Corps, is the official organization of the War Department, charged with the acquisition of cemeteries in every country embraced within the Field of Operations. It likewise has the care and control of these cemeteries and is responsible for the marking and preservation of all graves. No other organization shares this authority, or has power to effect arrangements or make promises concerning this work.

OUR FIELD FORCE operates within all troubled areas, and every effort is made to perfect identifications and to guard the resting places of our dead. The government has undertaken to do everything which is humanly possible, in view of the extreme difficulties involved in the stress of war.

THE EXACT LOCATION OF A GRAVE is communicated, whenever possible, to the person whom the soldier had previously registered as the proper one to be addressed in case of casualty. The interests of the military service frequently demand that the name of the town in which burial was made shall be withheld. When this becomes necessary, the burial place is referred to by a number, which is duly registered in this office, and by which the cemetery is officially known. Friends of the dead need not fear that any danger of losing a grave is involved in the temporary withholding of these names.

FLOWERS, FLAGS, ETC. We are frequently asked to accept commissions to place flowers, flags and other gifts on separate graves, but such requests must necessarily be denied because of the wide extent of our territory, the exhausting nature of the work, and the impossibility of reaching so many hundreds of places under the difficult conditions which obtain in a country ravaged by war. Such requests are also discouraged for the reason that there should be no inequality in the treatment of the nation's dead.

MONUMENTS. For the same reason it is not permitted to erect any permanent monument during the continuance of war; all graves being temporarily marked with a cross or the regulation headboard, such as is used in National Cemeteries in the United States.

PERSONAL EFFECTS. Disposition of personal effects is not a matter pertinent to this Service. Inquiries concerning the same should be addressed to the Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D.C. If such inquiries are received by the Graves Registration Service, they will be promptly referred to the proper office.

DISINTERMENTS. The exhumation of bodies is absolutely prohibited during the continuance of hostilities, by the laws of the countries in which we are operating. No exception can be made so long as war exists.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF GRAVES, is entirely controlled by the Chief of the Graves Registration Service. No photographs can be taken within two miles of the battle-front, nor can such photographs be made elsewhere except by the special photographers of this Service, who, under the operation of military orders, are assigned to the Staff of its Chief, by the American Red Cross.

An officer of the American Red Cross, designated as Director of Photography, is assigned to the Staff of the Chief of the G. R. S., for this work, under military censorship, and funds are provided through the War Chest contributed to the Red Cross by the American people. No funds should be sent to the Graves Registration Service, the Red Cross, or individual officers for this purpose from any private source.

Sheet #2.

Applications for photographs will be filled as soon as possible, but owing to extreme difficulty of operation in the field, it will often happen that months will elapse before favorable action can be taken. This work, already instituted in France and Belgium, will be extended to Great Britain and Italy when it becomes practicable.

While some of these restrictions may seem unreasonable to friends in the first outburst of their sorrow, experience has shown the same to be necessary, and our people are asked to accept the sacrifice which they impose, in the same spirit in which our men on the world's battle-field are offering up their lives, viz, for the good of a great cause.

By authority:

CHARLES C. FIERCE
Lieut, Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.
Chief, G.R.S.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

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GRAVES SERVICE
American Expeditionary Forces

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Washington
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Mrs. Vana Brock

~~Spring Lake~~

Ky.

Leicester Ky

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2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Baker</i>	3	211
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	2
	GRAVE <i>33</i>	2	33
	ROW <i>16</i>	2	16
	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	3
STATE	<i>Ky</i>	2	20
RANK	<i>Sgt.</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>2</i>	2	050
ORGANIZATION	<i>23</i>	3	023
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARTIAL	<i>w</i>	1	2
NAME	<i>Brock</i>	3	
RESIDENCE	STATE <i>Ky</i>	2	
	COUNTY <i>...</i>	2	
	CITY <i>Crab Orchard, Ky</i>	3	
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead</i>	1	6
NATIVITY	<i>no sym</i>	1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
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ACCEPTANCE		1	

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QM 293 A-M
Baker, John (OA)

September 8, 1932.

Mrs. Nannie Brock,
Crab Orchard, Ky.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date advising that your health would not permit you to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Sergeant John Baker, in the event you were eligible.

However, in order that the records in the case of Sergeant Baker may be completed, it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

1. Dates of death of your parents.
2. Did you provide your brother with food, clothing and shelter for five years at any time prior to his reaching the age of eighteen years?

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
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August 25 1932

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Baker
John (A)

Mr Char W. Ditz Dear Sir
I thank you all very kindly
for offering me to the trip to
my brothers grave as my
health will not permit me
to go as I am afflicted with
Rheumatism and my feet is
all drand till I can't hardly
get about and I also have a
bad hart. so I appreciate you
if kindly very much I still
remain as ever

yours
Truly

Mrs Fannie Brock

Crab Orchard Dry

QM 293 A-M
Baker, John (OA)

August 9, 1932

Mrs. Nannie Brock,
Crab Orchard, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Sergeant John Baker, under the loco parentis clause of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

To date, affidavit forms forwarded you for completion have not been received, and in order to assist this office in determining whether or not you may be eligible to make a pilgrimage, it is requested that you furnish the following information.

1. Dates of death of your parents.
2. Did you provide your brother with food, clothing and shelter for five years at any time prior to his reaching 18 years of age?

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope.
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QM 295 A-M
Baker, John 608

September 29, 1950

Mrs. Nannie Brook,
Crab Orchard, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a letter from L. H. Saylor relative to the compensation you receive in connection with the death of your brother, the late Sergeant John Baker.

This letter has been referred to the United States Veterans Bureau for reply, as this is a matter which comes within the jurisdiction of that department.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Baker, John 608

September 29, 1930

SUBJECT: Compensation Adjustment.

TO: Director, U. S. Veterans Bureau, Washington, D. C.

1. There is enclosed, herewith, a letter received in this office from L. H. Saylor, Crab Orchard, Kentucky, relative to the desire of Mrs. Nannie Brock to receive an application form for adjusted compensation claim in connection with the death of her brother, the late Sergeant John Baker.

2. This is a matter coming within the jurisdiction of your department and Mrs. Brock has been advised of the reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

Enclosure:
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September 10, 1930.

QM 293 AM
Baker, John - Sgt. 608 LP

Mrs. Nannie Brock,
Crab Orchard, Ky.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 4, 1930, relative to the pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

As stated in office letter dated August 27th, it will be necessary that this office receive the affidavits forms previously sent you, filled in by two persons not related to you and sworn to before a notary public, before it can be decided whether or not you can make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe at the expense of the Government.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the U. S. Veterans Bureau for reply relative to your receiving a pension.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 AM
Baker, John - Sgt. 608 LP

September 10, 1930.

SUBJECT: Pension.

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

1. There is inclosed herewith a copy of a letter from Mrs. Nannie Brock, Crab Orchard, Ky., for attention to so much thereof as pertains to your office.

2. Mrs. Brock has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

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Sept 11 1930

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Dear Sir i received your
letter and was glad to know
that i could make the trip
to my brother grave i am
hoping that my health will permit
me to make it soon thanking
you all very kindly every body
says i ought to have his
penchion for i have deserved
it a thousand times for i have
runet my health by trying
to raise him up sight a taken
all kinds of weather and hard
work and i ned it to for iam
apaying Doctor bills very near all
time i am takeing the shots
for the methism now and
it is 50 cents a shot
over

waiting for a return
i beg to remain
yours

Mrs Wannie Brock
Oraborchard Ky



QM 295 A-M
Baker, John Sgt. 608 LP

August 27, 1930

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Mrs. Nannie Brook,
Crab Orchard, Ky.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 22, 1930, advising that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Sergeant John Baker in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, France, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is regretted that you are not able to make the journey at this time, but in the event your health improves and you desire to make the trip at sometime during the years 1931, 1932 or 1933, it is requested you communicate with this office in order that your eligibility may be determined.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Crab Orchard ~~Dist~~ Co.

Aug 22 1930

Rgt. John Baker 608-S

Dear Sir in recpt of your
papers i can make that
proof all right i can prove
that i raised him from 11
year old up to 19 years
and well closed him and fed
him and also schooled him
by warshing and arming and
raising garden stuff as to
that trip across the sea i
would like it fine but i am
not able to make the trip
as i am affeetd with
r-miptism and i cant make
the trip as i am not stout enough
i cant get up when i am down
at times only when i am
hope up and cant walk a
step only as i am drag around

in chair and i am not able
to make the trip thanking
you all very kindly for your
kindness hoping to get a
return i remain as ever
your truly

Mrs Nannie Brock
Craborchard Ky



QM 293 A-M

July 17, 1930.

Baker, John 608 LP

Mrs. Nannie Brock,
Crab Orchard, Ky.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to the form letter forwarded you from this office in which you indicate that you stood in loco parentis to the late John Baker.

In order to satisfy legal requirements it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship, in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you consider yourself eligible under the provisions of Section 4 (a) of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 16, 1930, it is requested that the enclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d) sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
Forms
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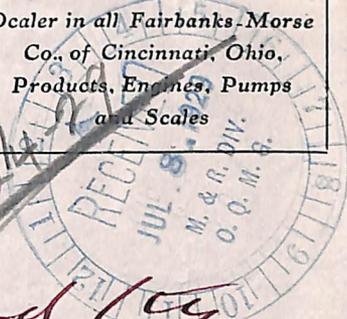
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War. Department WALLINS CREEK, KY. 608
 Washington, D.C. *6-20-29*
 July 1st 1929
 I have turned to me
 for reply a letter dated June 20th
 to Mrs Nannie Proctor, Ref. O M 298 A-C.
 Baker John. I beg to inform you that
 I am the only survivor of John Baker,
Class relatives. Ann is his sister and
 raised him. let me know if *you wish*
 I am entitled to a pilgrimage. *no* L N Saylor

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 3, 1930.

Baker, John 608 S

Mrs. Nannie Brock,
Crab Orchard, Ky.

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.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

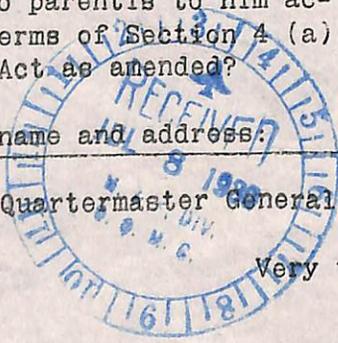
If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

W.A.
no
Mrs Nannie Brock
Crab Orchard
Kentucky
A. D. Hughes
A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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

June 20, 1929.

Mrs. Nannie Brock,
Crab Orchard, Ky.

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 **sister of the late Sergeant John Baker, M.G.CO., 23rd 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 or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them 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 relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since 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-M
Baker, John (OA)

September 8, 1952.

Mrs. Nannie Brock,
Crab Orchard, Ky.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date advising that your health would not permit you to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Sergeant John Baker, in the event you were eligible.

However, in order that the records in the case of Sergeant Baker may be completed, it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Baker, John (OA)

August 9, 1932

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosure:
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QM 293 A-M
Baker, John 608

September 29, 1930

SUBJECT: Compensation Adjustment.

TO: Director, U. S. Veterans Bureau, Washington, D. C.

1. There is enclosed, herewith, a letter received in this office from L. H. Saylor, Crab Orchard, Kentucky, relative to the desire of Mrs. Nannie Brock to receive an application form for adjusted compensation claim in connection with the death of her brother, the late Sergeant John Baker.

2. This is a matter coming within the jurisdiction of your department and Mrs. Brock has been advised of the reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

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QM 293 A-M
Baker, John 608

September 29, 1930

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Very truly yours,

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

C. O. M. G. M. & R. DIV.

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QM 293 AM
Baker, John - Sgt. 608 LP

September 10, 1930.

SUBJECT: Pension.

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

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2. Mrs. Brock has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

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September 10, 1930.

QM 295 AM
Baker, John - Sgt. 608 LP

Mrs. Nannie Brock,
Crest Orchard, Ky.

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Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Baker, John Sgt. 608 LP

August 27, 1930

Mrs. Nannie Brock,
Crab Orchard, Ky.

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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

July 3, 1930.

Baker, John 608 S

Mrs. Nannie Brock,
Crab Orchard, Ky.

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.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

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

Co, M.G. 23rd Infantry
2nd Div

BAKER, John - Sgt 49235

Reported missing, as a member of the platoon that suffered a heavy casualties while being relieved at Soisson July 20th 1918, and no report ever having been received of either burial or admittance to a Hospital.

No informant given.

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QM 293 A-M
Baker, John 608 LP

July 17, 1930.

Mrs. Nannie Brock,
Crab Orchard, Ky.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to the form letter forwarded you from this office in which you indicate that you stood in loco parentis to the late John Baker.

In order to satisfy legal requirements it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship, in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you consider yourself eligible under the provisions of Section 4 (a) of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, it is requested that the enclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d) sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
Forms
Envelope

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QM 295 A-C
Baker, John.

July 24, 1929.

Mrs. L. H. Saylor,
Crab Orchard, Ky.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 1, 1929, wherein you request information as to whether you are eligible, under the provisions of the law recently enacted by Congress, to make the pilgrimage to Europe.

It is regretted to advise that there is no authority of law that would permit any member of a family other than the mother or widow making the pilgrimage at Government expense.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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

June 20, 1929.

Mrs. Nannie Brock,
Grab Orchard, Ky.

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 **sister of the late Sergeant John Baker, M.G.CO., 23rd 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 or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them 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 relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since 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.

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QM 293 A-C

Baker, John

May 13, 1924.

Mrs. Nannie Brock,
Crab Orchard,
Kentucky.

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,

1-Incl.
Record card.

Q.M.G. R. P. HARBOLD,
Central Mail & Files B. Assistant.



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BAKER, John, 49235, Cpl. MG Co., 23rd Inf. DD 7-23-18

Europe's records give rank as Sgt. and DD as 7-3-18

Please ask for DD and organization.

D-60895

L.D.L.

Rank-Sgt.

Org.-Mg Co. 23rd Inf.

DD- 7/23/18.

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The American Red Cross
sends you the photograph of the grave of
this American Soldier
who gave his life for his country

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 17212



I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BAKER, John Ser. No. 49235 } TYP EK
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization M. G. Co. 23rd Inf. } CKR 13
 (c) Date of death 7/23/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

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

(a) Grave No. 40 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. J TYP. EK
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Vana Brock (sister) Spring Lake, Ky.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. ack

no card in file NS. 10/4/20

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name _____ (b) Relationship _____
 (c) Address _____
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? _____
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____

 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

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

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

no correspondence in file

Examiner's Initials JK Date 10/4, 1920.

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes 2 memos

Examiner's Initials JK Date 10-5, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 593

SHEET No. 54

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

MB12-29-70

CARDED

check 10-5-20

M. J. P.

MB 12-29-70

RECEIVED.

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by **MAY 2 1921**, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on _____, 1920
letter on 12/6, 1920

CEMETERY DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

Page 2 - Not to be returned 12/6

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *Nannie Crabbe* F. #120- Mrs. ~~Brook~~ *Crabbe* Brook, *Spring Lake* Spring Lake, Ky., sister, wishes remains left in Europe until further shipping instructions are given.
H-2/23/21-mf.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
HOBOKEN, N.J.

JAN 24 1921

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, D.M.C.

TO: Mrs. Vana Brock, Spring Lake, Ky.

SUBJECT: Remains of Corporal John Baker, Serial No. 49235, M.G. Co. 23rd Inf.
The records of this office show that you have made no request for the
disposition of his remains.

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on second page.

The nearest relative may choose between (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) remain in Europe. All removals are at Government expense.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lt. Col., U.S.A.

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 WEATHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF	NO.	AND	STREET	TOWN	STATE
Mrs Nannie Brock					
Was soldier married?	yes				
Soldier's Widow	Hellen Baker				
Soldier's children (Name oldest first)	(1)	Edney Baker			
	(2)				
	(3)				
Father	Jim Baker				
Mother	Euler Baker				
Brothers (Name oldest first)	(1)				
	(2)	you can just let the body			
	(3)	Remain where he is at			
Sisters (Name oldest first)	(1)	for awhile as I am sick			
	(2)	and can't tend to the body			
	(3)	yet will let you no where			
i want to body					

Noted 2/15
2/23/21 mf.

Date..... Signature.....
Address Nannie Brock Relationship Crawford Ky

Important: - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

I, the undersigned, as the(relationship).....and nearest living relative of 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.....(Name).....
.....(R.R. station)..... (State)

3. To be returned to the U.S. and buried in National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within ten days 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 ONE PERSON WHO IS THE NEAREST 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 living relatives 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 relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative 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.

*iam the next to him that is
living & iam his sister the only
sister aliving*

COMPLETION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 17212

(a) Name BAKER, John Ser. No. 49235

TYP. EK

(b) Rank Cpl. Organization M. G. Co. 23rd Inf.

AB 86

(c) Date of death 7/23/18 Cause of death DWRIA

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

(a) Grave No 40 Row -- Plot 1 Sect. J

TYP. EK

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Vana Brock (sister) Spring Lake, Ky.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. -- CKR

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

No correspondence, no request for disposition.

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192 (letter of transmittal on 2/6 192

Par 2. Not to be returned 12/6/20

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. DEC 30 1920 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. 5-2- 1921

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

France

CEMETERY NO. 593

SHEET NO. 54

S-666/MB

MB/2-29-20

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 12, 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, John
- 2. No. 49235
- 3. Rank Sgt.
- 4. Org. M.G.Co., 23rd Inf.
- 5. D.D. July 3rd. 1918
- 6. C.D. WRIA

- 10. Name _____
- 11. No. _____
- 12. Rank _____
- 13. Org. _____
- 14. (a) D.D. _____
- (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 40 Sec. J
- 8. Plot 1 Row _____
- 9. _____

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

- 18. Cemetery American
- 20. Dept. or County Aisne
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 593

- 19. Commune or town Ploisy
- 21. Country France.

- 23. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 12, 1921
- 24. Inscription on grave marker:

By James McGourty

- Name John Baker
- Rank Sgt.

- Serial No. _____
- Organization M.G.Co. 23rd. Inf.

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

Bernard J. Black
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
 Bernard J. Black,

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).
Body found under proper cross.

- 27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

- 28. Nature of burial Burlap and uniform..

- 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 Dec. 12, 1921 By James McGourty

- 31. Casket sealed by James McGourty

AUDITED BY Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

102 3-6-24

James McGourty
 James McGourty

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-19257

32. Designation of body:
Name John BAKER Serial No. 49235

Rank Sgt. Organization M.G.Co., 23rd Inf.

33. Consigned to:
Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne American Cty. # 608. Seringes-et-Nesles. Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 12, 1921 By James McGourty

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 J. J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 12, 1921

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 Dec. 12, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Amer. Cty. No. 59-608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)
(Name)
Convoyer Frank Atwell Signature Shipping Officer Glenn A. Ross, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date 3 DEC 1921
G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred 9/16/22, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)
(Date)

42. Grave No. 33, Blk. C Section _____

43. Plot _____ Row 16

G.R.S. Representative C. J. Blake, Capt. QMC
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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date **Dec. 12, 1921**

1. REMAINS OF **BAKER, John** SERIAL NUMBER **49235**
RANK **Sgt.** ORGANIZATION **M.G.Co. 23rd. Inf.**

2. Disinterred (date) : **Dec. 12, 1921** From (give complete location) : **Gr. 40, Pl. 1. Sec. J. Amer. Cty. No. 593, PLOISY (Aisne)**
By : Group **1** Unit **F. S. 8**

3. Reburied (date) **9/16/22** In (give complete location) **Gr. 33, Blk. C. Row 16 Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)**
By : Group **reburial group** Unit **metal lined casket** Nature of reburial

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

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? **No.** On grave marker ? **no**
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
Body found under proper cross.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) **Impossible to estimate**

(c) Hair—Color **none visible**

Quantity

Characteristics

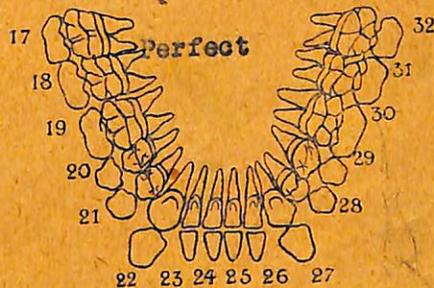
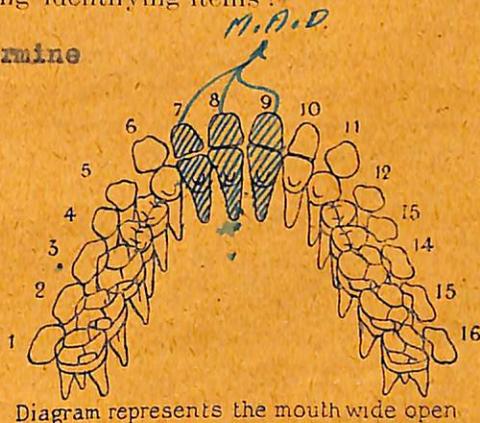
(d) Hair on face—Color **none visible**

Location

Quantity

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) **none visible**

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)
Right and left tibia and fibula shattered.



Checker: **B. J. Black,**

7. Disinterment supervised by **James McCourty, S.E.** Approved: **J. Powers, 1st. Lt. QMC**

8. Reburial supervised by **L.D. Hays** Approved: **C. J. Blake, Capt. QMC gs**

March 11, 1921

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.
(BAKER, JOHN)

Mrs. Nannie Brock,
Crab Orchard, Ky.

Dear Madam:-

The Department regrets the necessity of having to again address you before proceeding to comply with your wishes in the matter of final disposition of the remains of your brother, the late John Baker, Serial Number 49235, Corporal, M.G. Company 23rd. Infantry, but is desirous of being assured no relative properly entitled to a voice in the disposition of the remains of the late soldier has been denied an opportunity of expressing her wishes.

Please endeavor to secure the complete address of Mrs. Nellie Baker, widow of the deceased soldier.

The Department desires to convey to you assurance of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

MAILED

MAR 14 1921

COR. BR. G. R. S.

BR/dw

By:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

GROUP
GENERAL DIVISION

MAR 15 1921

RECEIVED

BAKER, JOHN, 49295. 17212

Name..... 23rd Inf

Rank..... Co. M. G. C. (Regt) Corps

Date of Death..... Unknown

Place..... VIERZY.. AISNE

Cause..... k/a

Date of Burial.....

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Grave No. AMERICAN SOISSONS? S.E. NO. 33.287.1.177

Cemetery.....

Identified by (Tag Papers Clothing) Clothing

List of Effects.....

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(6/10)

Field Record Made by.....

COMPANY..... GROUP No 3 Graves Registration Service

Prov. Unit B G.R.S.

For additional data use reverse side

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John Baker
49235

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