

G.R.S. Form #114-B

JAN 21 1926

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DATE

1. NAME BAKER, Peter SERIAL No. 280928

RANK Pvt. 1/c *cpl.* ORGANIZATION Co. K. 126th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION American Cty., Juvigny, Aisne. *8th DIVISION 32nd.* 598.

CTY. NAME NUMBER

124

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 1124 Amer. Cem. #598, JUVIGNY (Aisne)

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

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.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS DATE OF DEATH Aug. 28, '18

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Mich.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Stuart D. Campbell

Stuart D. Campbell, Capt. Q.M.C., Supervisor, Area No. 2.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Aug. 8, 1922. 1 2 Block D

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Oise-Aisne Amer. #608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne).

CEMETERY

KM  
8/3  
AUDITED BY

JAN 22 1926  
WORLD WAR

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



BAKER, PETER

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Baker 280928 Peter  
(surname) (Number) (First name and Initials)

Pvt  
(Rank.) (Organization)

DATE OF BURIAL... 1 Sept 18

PLACE OF BURIAL... S. of Point Valparaiso

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

175-5-303-5  
Lansons 20 Aug 18  
1-20,000

GRAVE NUMBER... 2

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? yes  
If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here.

REPORTED BY:

Lt. J. J. Shanahan, Co. 128 Inf.  
(Signature and rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Genl. C. H. A. E. F.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BAKER	3	219
BURIED	CEMETERY 608	1	2
	GRAVE 1	2	01
	ROW 2	2	02
	BLOCK D	1	4
STATE	Mich	2	26
RANK	Cpl	1	2
DIVISION	32	2	32
ORGANIZATION	126	3	126
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	76	1	2
NAME	Baker Mrs	3	219
RESIDENCE	STATE Mich	2	26
	COUNTY Kent	2	41
	CITY Grand Rapids	3	034
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no age	1	2
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November 28, 1932.

QM 293 A-M  
Baker, Peter (QA)

Mrs. Martina Baker,  
936 -12th St., N.W.,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

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It is deeply regretted that your health is not good and it is sincerely hoped that you will rapidly recover. Should you later find it possible to make the journey before the conclusion of the pilgrimages in 1933, it is requested you advise this office and arrangements will be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
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, Peter (OA)

November 16, 1932

Mrs. Martina Baker,  
936 - 12th Street, N. W.,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows who are to visit the cemeteries of Europe next year, it is necessary that steamship and hotel reservations be made several months in advance.

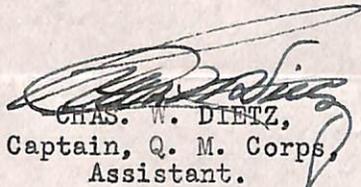
It is therefore requested that you advise at this time whether or not you believe you will be able to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1933, in order that arrangements may be made accordingly.

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

Dear Sir -

We are very sorry but are afraid mother cannot make the trip next summer. She is just getting over another sick spell. I thank you for your letter in writing again. Respectedly Grace Baker

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QM 293 A-M  
Baker, Peter (OA)

August 31, 1932

Mrs. Martina Baker,  
936 12th Street, N. W.,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

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The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and it would seem from letters received from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain. It is believed that you too would derive great consolation and comfort from visiting the grave of your son.

There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to bear any part of the expense of relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims on their journey, nor can it make any arrangements for them.

However, should a relative desire to accompany you at personal expense, it is believed she would experience no difficulty in securing accommodations aboard the same ship and at the same hotels in New York and Europe. The War Department pays the regulation passenger rates to the steamship company for the mothers and widows, and anyone accompanying a pilgrim would be required to pay the regular cost of transportation. It is estimated the entire trip will cost \$650. Please notify this office in the event anyone desires to accompany you under the above conditions, and detailed information will be furnished concerning the arrangements she should make.

You will be communicated with at a later date relative to your desire to visit the grave of your son next year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
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, Peter (OA)

July 9, 1932.

Mrs. Martina Baker,  
936 12th St., N. W.,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? Undecided  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Martina Baker

*Is it possible for relatives to accompany on same boat? If so, would rates be reduced on full...*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Baker, Peter Cpl. (OA) M

August 13, 1931

Mrs. Martins Baker,  
936 12th St., N. W.,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Baker, Peter Cpl.(OA) M

June 20, 1931

Mrs. Martins Baker,  
936 12th St., N.W.,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

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.

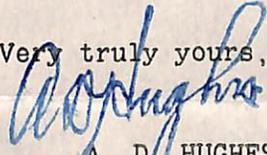
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or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

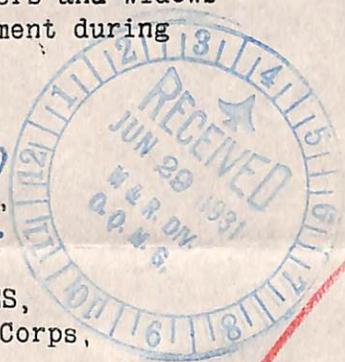
This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

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?

No - physically  
Write answer here unable

Mrs. M. Baker  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Baker, Peter 608-M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Martina Baker,  
936 12th St. NW  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

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



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

(Write answer here)

*Mrs. Martina Baker*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

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Baker, Peter

I decline the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Martina Baker

(Name)

936 12th St. N. W., Grand Rapids, Kent Co. Mich.

(Town or City)

(State)

QM 293 A-C  
Baker, Peter - 608

March 23, 1930

Mrs. Martina Baker,  
930 Twelfth St., N. W.,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of a questionnaire dated March 7, relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Peter Baker, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, during the year 1930.

In reply to your inquiry as to whether or not any other member of the family would be permitted to make the pilgrimage in the event the mother is unable to make the journey, you are advised there is no provision of law which would permit of the transfer of the privilege in the event a mother or widow is deceased or is unable to make the journey.

With reference to your statement that you can not go unaccompanied, you are advised the Act of March 2, 1929, which authorizes the pilgrimages, contains the stipulation that "no mother or widow shall be furnished by the Government with transportation, accommodations, meals and other necessities pertaining thereto different in kind from those proscribed by the Secretary of War for the pilgrimage of the particular group." To carry out this mandate of Congress, reservations have been made on commercial liners and in hotels in Europe and these reservations take most of the cabin class accommodations aboard steamships and practically all available space in the hotels in Europe outside of Paris. Motor buses to transport the women who make the pilgrimage from Paris to the cemeteries and return have been arranged for. In view of the limited accommodations which are available, it is impracticable to accommodate relatives or friends who desire to accompany women making the pilgrimage in the same cabins aboard ship or in the same hotels outside of Paris, since the reservations already made will be required for the use of the women who are authorized to make the pilgrimage.

Arrangements have been made to care of the women making the pilgrimage from the time they leave home until they return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities have been arranged for and you are assured that the trip will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but that everything necessary for your comfort and care will be provided.

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  
Baker, Peter 608

March 7, 1930

Mrs. Martina Baker,  
936 Twelfth St., N. W.,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

*March 7, 1930*

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. 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) <i>Yes</i> (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) <i>No.</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age Health <i>Fairly good.</i> (Years) <i>74</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English <sup><i>a little.</i></sup> - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

*In any other member of the family permitted to go if mother is unable?*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE February 10 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Baker Peter	Cpl	280928	Co K 126th Inf	Aug 28 1918

STATE	CTY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK
Michigan	608	1	2	D

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
NAME AND ADDRESS	MOTHER	: ✓ :	YC39804
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	mother,
	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	Mrs. Martina Baker
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	936 Twelfth St. N.W. Grand Rapids, Mich
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	: : :	_____
	<i>Single man</i>	: : :	_____

Veterans Bureau Claim Number 29/156

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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

June 20 1929.

Mr. Henry Baker,  
382 Crosby St.,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

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 father of the late Corporal Peter Baker, Co. K, 126th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nieules, 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.

November 26, 1932.

QM 293 A-M  
Baker, Peter (OA)

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Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M  
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November 16, 1932

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Enclosure:  
Envelope  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

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Assistant.

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

QM 293 A-M  
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August 31, 1932

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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Assistant.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Baker, Peter Cpl.(OA) M

June 20, 1931

Mrs. Martins Baker,  
936 18th St., N.W.,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Baker, Peter 608-H

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Martina Baker,  
936 12th St. NW  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

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 203 4-C  
Baker, Peter - 608

March 22, 1930

Mrs. Martina Baker,  
936 Twelfth St., N. W.,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of a questionnaire dated March 7, relative to your desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Peter Baker, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, during the year 1930.

In reply to your inquiry as to whether or not any other member of the family would be permitted to make the pilgrimage in the event the mother is unable to make the journey, you are advised there is no provision of law which would permit of the transfer of the privilege in the event a mother or widow is deceased or is unable to make the journey.

With reference to your statement that you can not go unaccompanied, you are advised the Act of March 2, 1929, which authorizes the pilgrimages, contains the stipulation that "no mother or widow shall be furnished by the Government with transportation, accommodations, meals and other necessities pertaining thereto different in kind from those prescribed by the Secretary of War for the pilgrimage of the particular group." To carry out this mandate of Congress, reservations have been made on commercial liners and in hotels in Europe and these reservations take most of the cabin class accommodations aboard steamships and practically all available space in the hotels in Europe outside of Paris. Motor buses to transport the women who make the pilgrimage from Paris to the cemeteries and return have been arranged for. In view of the limited accommodations which are available, it is impracticable to accommodate relatives or friends who desire to accompany women making the pilgrimage in the same cabins aboard ship or in the same hotels outside of Paris, since the reservations already made will be required for the use of the women who are authorized to make the pilgrimage.

Arrangements have been made to care of the women making the pilgrimage from the time they leave home until they return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities have been arranged for and you are assured that the trip will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but that everything necessary for your comfort and care will be provided.

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  
**Baker, Peter 608**

March 7, 1930

**Mrs. Martine Baker,  
936 Twelfth St., N. W.,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.**

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. 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,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Baker, Peter  
608

Aug. 27, 1929.

Mr. Henry Baker,  
832 Crosby St.,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 20, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter 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? If so, give her complete address:

2. 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.

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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

June 20, 1929.

Mr. Henry Baker,  
832 Crosby St.,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

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 father of the late Corporal Peter Baker, Co. K, 126th 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.

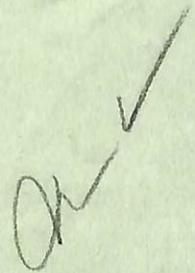
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

C. M. HARRIS  
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CORP. GEN. HARRIS



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF *BAKER, PETER* SERIAL NUMBER *280928*  
RANK *Pvt. 1/cl.* ORGANIZATION *Co K. 126th INF.*

2. Disinterred (date): *Dec 9-1920* From (give complete location): *Grave #124 Amer. B/a Cem. Jurigny, Aisne. Cem. 598*  
By: Group *Bowes (4)* Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date): *Dec 9-1920* In (give complete location): *Grave #124 Same Cemetery*  
By: Group *Bowes (4)* Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial *Blanket & Coffin*

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
*U.S. uniform & 5 ft. earthen grave. Not in box or blanket. Badly disintegrated, features not capable of recognition*

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? *yes (3)* On grave marker? *No*

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
*Strip on cross, Baker 280928 Peter, Pvt. 1/cl. Co K. 126th Inf. Tags badly corroded, unreadable. One tag - PETER BAKER*

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) *5 ft. 6"*

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

(c) Hair—Color *do*

Quantity *do*

Characteristics *do*

(d) Hair on face—Color *do*

Location *do*

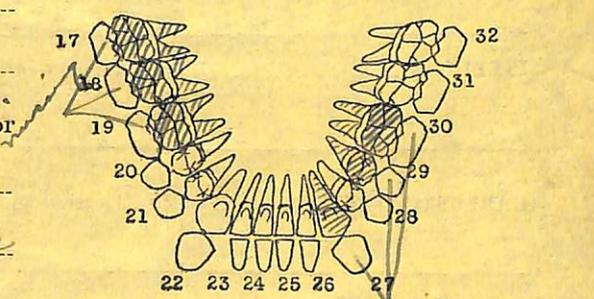
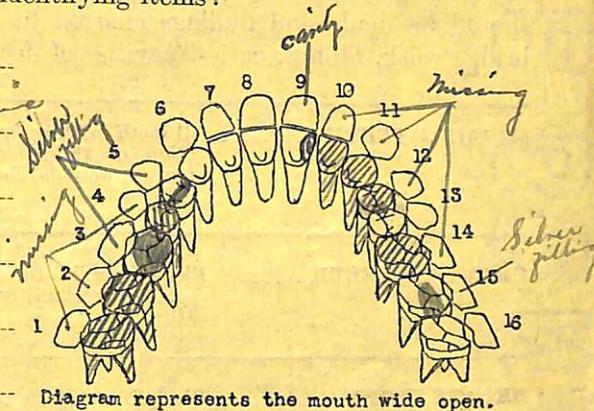
Quantity *do*

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

*Impossible to determine*

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

*Impossible to determine*



7. Disinterment supervised by \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Reburial supervised by \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A**

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No."

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspid (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

<p><b>MISSING TEETH</b>.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:</p>	
<p><b>CROWNED TEETH</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:</p>	
<p><b>BRIDGE WORK</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:</p>	
<p><b>FILLINGS</b>.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:</p>	
<p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:</p>	

**DENTURES (PLATES)**.....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.



Baker,

Peter

280,928

Dup

598-15

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

~~Cpl~~ Pvt 1st Cl

Co K 126<sup>th</sup> Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Henry Baker

32 Crosby St

Grand Rapids Mich

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Am  
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OSP SS.

ed 12-14-20

Mr. Henry Baker  
832 Crosby St.,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

QM 293 A-C

May 20, 1924

BAKER, Peter Cpl.

Mr. Henry Baker,  
832 Crosby St.,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Sir:

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.

U.S. Army  
Adjutant General's Office  
& Files  
P. P. HAROLD  
Assistant.  
MAY 20 1924  
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CORRECTION

checked by  
CS/2-14-20

NAME

Baker Peter

RANK

SERIAL NO.

ORGANIZATION

REMARKS:

Form 120 not returned  
and letter not answered  
by mother

- S-910/MB

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #17601

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BAKER, Peter Ser. No. 280928  
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/c cpl Organization Co. K. 126th Inf.  
(c) Date of death 8/29/18 of death K/A

4/14 Exhumed  
22  
Concentration  
Olive - Orange  
648 att 3/2/22

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

(a) Grave No. 124 Row - Plot - Sect. - ) TYP. DB  
(b) Emerg. Address Henry Baker, (Father) 832 Crosby St., Grand Rapids, Mich.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; NO CARD ) CKR g.m.c

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Henry Baker (b) Relationship Father  
(c) Address 832 Crosby St, Grand Rapids, Mich  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no

(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 PM Date 8-23 1920

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

confirmed request in Par. IV. item, above, or requesting that

no Correspondence

Examiner's Initials PM Date 8-23 1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows:

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials m m Date 8-23-1920

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY NO. 598

SHEET NO. 15

G.R.S. Form #115

Amended April 6, 1920.

CARDED

Form #114

CARDED

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Rev. 5-16-21 J.F.

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checked by  
8/12-14-20



GENERAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

JAN 8 1921

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made

Typed by

Checked by

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VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by-

- ( cable on MAY 3 1920
- ( letter on 8/27 1920

GENERAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT

*Par. #2 Not to be returned (med.)*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Letter to father Henry Baker, 832 Crosby St, Grand Rapids, Mich, no widow & children & his desires -*

*11-5-20 J.*

*B. W. R. E. A. Mr Henry Baker (Father) 832 - Crosby St N.W. Grand Rapids, Michigan. 2-19-21 g.m.c.*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 22, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT rme. COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BAKER, Peter.  
 2. No. 280928  
 3. Rank Pvt. 1/c *cpl.*  
 4. Org. Co. K. 126th Inf.  
 5. D.D. 8-29 *28-18*  
 6. C.D. KIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 124 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery American Cty.,

19. Commune or town Juigny,

20. Dept. or County Aisne,

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 598.

23. Disinterred (Date) 12-22-21

By B.A. Bradford

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Peter Baker  
 Rank Pvt. 1/c1

Serial No. 280928  
 Organization Co. K. 126th Inf.

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

E. S. Parker.  
 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).

Formerly reburied by Field Section Cross tags on blanket read "Peter Baker and one read "Peter" Form 16-A found on body attached hereto as record.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Pine box and blanket.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 12-22-21 By B.A. Bradford

31. Casket sealed by B.A. Bradford

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

B.A. Bradford  
Ben A Bradford

AUDITED BY  
 252 2-16-24

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-25971

32. Designation of body:

Name Peter BAKER Serial No. 280928

Rank Pvt.1/c Organization Co. K. 126th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer.Cty., 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 12-22-21 By B.A. Bradford

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 *E. J. Riordan*  
E. J. Riordan, Capt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery Oise Aisne, Am.Cty 608 Seringes et Nesles, Aisne. (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer *S. D. Campbell*

40. Received: Date 21 DEC 1921

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

41. Reinterred, Aug. 8, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne) (Date)

42. Grave No. 1 Section ----

43. Plot BLOCK D Row 2

G.R.S. Representative *C. J. Blake*  
C. J. Blake  
Capt., QMC

tab

Place **Juvigny, Cem. 598**

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date **Dec. 22nd, 1921**

1. REMAINS OF **BAKER, Peter** SERIAL NUMBER **280928**  
RANK **Pvt. 1/c cpl** ORGANIZATION **Co. K. 126th Inf.**

2. Disinterred (date) : **Dec. 22nd, 1921** From (give complete location) : **Gr. 124, Cem. 598**

By : Group **1** Unit **Sec. 7**

3. Reburied (date) : **Aug. 8, 1922** In (give complete location) : **Gr. I, Block D, Row 2, Cise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne),**

By : Group **re-burial group** Unit **-----** Nature of Reburial **Lined casket**

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

**Pine box and O. D. blanket. Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.**

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

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

**Former reburial by Field Section ~~Gross~~ tags on blanket read: "Pet-r Baker" and one read "Peter". G. R. S. form 16-A found on body attached hereto as record.**

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

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

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

(c) Hair—Color **None**

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color **None**

Location

Quantity

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities,

or missing parts) **None**

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

**Left humer fractured.**

**E. S. Parker, checker.**

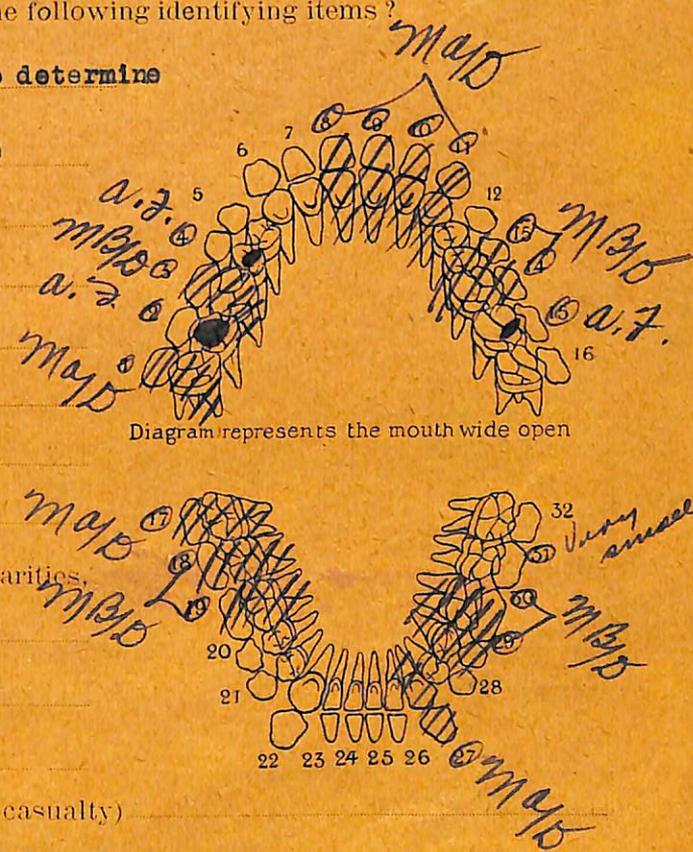
7. Disinterment supervised by **Ben A. Bradford, Sup. Emb.**

Approved : **E. J. Riordan, Capt., QMC.**

8. Reburial supervised by **L. D. Hays**

Approved : **C. S. Blake**

(Title) **Capt., QMC.**



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FROM NO. 16-A

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1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6 Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b>	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b>	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	
<b>FILLINGS</b>	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>	Outline location and size of cavity. shade in thus :	
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

See Form 115  
Att 5/2/22

**I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:**

File-----17601

(a) Name Baker, Peter Ser. No. 230928 } TYP. JDB  
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. K, 126th Inf. } JMC  
 (c) Date of death 8-29-18 (d) Cause of death K/A }

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

LM

(a) Grave No. 124 Row - Plot - Sec. - TYP. DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Henry Baker (Father) 832 Crosby St. Grand Rapids, Mich.

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over

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

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

*A.S.O. Card: Henry Baker (Father) 832 Crosby St Grand Rapids Mich, desires body to remain in France. (H.S. 2-24-21)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on 8-27-20, 192  
 Par. 2. Not to be returned McD

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., **MAR 12 1921**, 192

**VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.**

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

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. 5-3-21, 1921

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 598 SHEET No. 15

AP - FEB 24 1921

B. H. A. E. A. Mr Henry Baker (Fisher) 832 Crosby St., N. W.,  
Grand Rapids, Mich. 2-19-21  
(H.S. ~~2~~ 24-21)

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Baker 280928 Peter  
.....  
(surname) (Number) (First name and Initials).

~~Post~~ Cpl .....  
(Rank) (Organization)

DATE OF BURIAL... 1 Sept. '18

PLACE OF BURIAL... Sof Creute-Valprie

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

..... 178.5 - 303.5

..... Lorraine 20 Aug. 18.

..... 1 - 20,000

GRAVE NUMBER... 2

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross? <sup>yes</sup>  
Headboard?..... Bottle?...

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... <sup>yes</sup>

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?..... <sup>yes</sup>

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

Comm. C-87, Juvigny... (Aisne).  
Sheet 33 N, E; .....  
..... E. 178.5 - N. 303.05

REPORTED BY:

St. J. J. Shavano, Ch. 128 I.  
(Signature and rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Graves Registration Service.

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OSP SS.

14 OCT 1918

FILE UNDER NO.

17601, Baker, Peter

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# INDEX SHEET

## SYNOPSIS

See Case of "Unknown", Cty. 1764, Grave 111, Section F, Plot #3.

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ECC

FILE

INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
8, AVENUE DIENA, PARIS

293. Baker, Peter.

June 13, 1921.

FILE

FROM: Chief

TO: Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Acknowledgment of receipt of correspondence

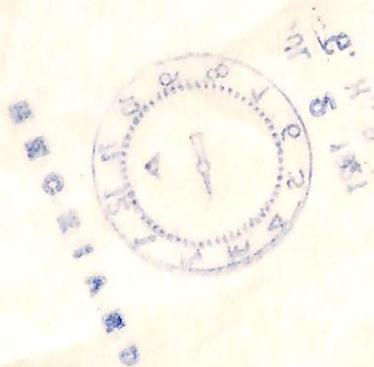
1. Complying with communication, office of the Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, dated May 12, 1920, acknowledgment of receipt of following correspondence is made:— your letter dated May 13th 1921, File No. 293.8 Cem.Div. - Registration, Subject: "Case of Peter Baker" presumed buried in Grave 111, Section F, Plot 3, Cty. 1764, Belleau (Aisne), but who cannot be identified in your office or in the office of the Adjutant General, to which reply cannot be made within five days of its receipt.

2. The probable length of time within which reply may be expected is twenty-five days from date.

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

*ORA*  
nwa.



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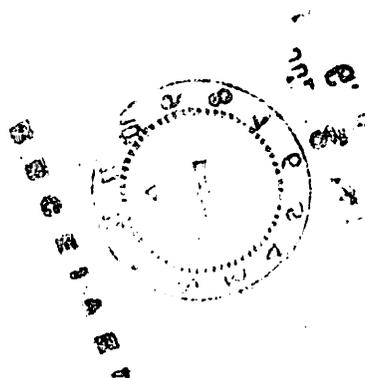
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HW/lwa.

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



I found Peter Baker in a trench about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile east of the dressing station at Valpriez Farm. This lies about one mile west of Juvigny, which is 5 miles north of Soissons. He had apparently been wounded and had sought shelter in the trench.

We raised him and buried him not far from where he fell. He is buried in the field with two companions and their graves are marked.

FILE

Informant: Shanahan, John J - Chapl.  
126 th Inf.

Home : 952 Winchester St. Milwaukee - Wiss.

28 Feb. 1919.

Signed : J. J. Shanahan - Chaplain  
126 th Inf.

M.S.

Co. K. 126th Infantry.  
32nd Division.

BAKER / Peter, Cpl. 280928.  
Home: 832 Cherry St.  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Killed instantly by machine gun bullets through the stomach and chest, August 28th, 1918, while the company was advancing. Buried near Juvigny, France.

Informant: PAAUWE Martin, J. Cpl. 280296.  
Co. K. 126th Infantry.  
Home: 1701 Burlingame, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Signed: WERNETTE? D. L. Lieut. 126th Infantry.  
U.S.A.  
2/24/19.

Emergency address:  
Henry BAKER,  
832 Crosby Sgt.  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

I.C.





November 5, 1920.

File No. 293,8 Reg.Sec.Cem.Div.  
(BAKER, Peter)

Henry Baker,  
832 Crosby St.,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

It is requested that you advise this office whether the late Private 1/c Peter Baker, Co. K. 126th Inf., Ser. No. 280928, is survived by widow and children, and if so, the name and address of each is desired.

If, however, the soldier was unmarried it is requested that you advise whether you desire the body returned to the United States and shipped to you at Government expense, buried in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia or remain buried in France.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

*T. G. Hanson, Jr.*  
THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,  
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.

MAILED

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OVERSEAS PROJ. SEC.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION.OSP:SS  
(1 Encls.) ✓

Noted on Form No. 115

Date

11-5-20 *gmj*

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*met*

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

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

To: **Mr. Henry Baker. 832 Crosby St. Grand Rapids, Michigan.**

SUBJECT: Remains of **1st. Pvt. Peter Baker.**  
**Co. K. 128th Inf. Ser. No. 280928**

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body

**be not returned to U.S.**

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

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.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, 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 WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

....., 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the ..... and nearest living relative of the within-named  
(Relationship.)

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

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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 instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest 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.

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

Harlow.

*Please Rush*

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

BAKER, Peter. Pvt. 1/cl.

598 - 15.

1/27/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

280928.

Co. K, 126th Inf.

*C-39804*

Date of death, 8-29-18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mr. Henry Baker

Father

Address

832 Crosby St., N.W. Grand Rapids, Michigan.

S/709/LML

*Copy to Adm. Dept.  
Sub. 2-16-21*

Adjustment. Ma

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WAR DEPARTMENT

File No. 17601

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

201(Baker, Peter)WW

October 28, 1920.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

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

Subject: Date of death of Corporal Peter Baker, 280,928,  
Company K, 126th Infantry.

FILE

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that he was killed in action August 28, 1918.

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted May 7, 1917, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Henry Baker, (father), 832 - Crosby St., N. W., Grand Rapids, Mich.

*P. C. Harris*  
The Adjutant General.  
Per: *M. J. K.*

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P. C. Harris

The Adjutant General.  
Per:

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Classification  
Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
REGISTRATION SECTION

JUN - 7 1920

Date \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.  
Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files.

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

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

O.K. Alphabetical Files R. E. S. 6-10-20  
~~O.K. Organization Files~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
~~O.K. State Files.~~ \_\_\_\_\_

*✓ Card kept*

Cemetery Audit Department  
Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By *CS*

1 Cards attached.

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Burial has been reported for two men in different permanent cemeteries, forms 1-A and files in this office indicate same, yet BAKER PETER, has been identified with BAKER PETER 280928, Cpl. Co. K 126th. Inf., by your office.

Please give information as to whether they are one and the same man, or two different men, and if two different men kindly furnish death status for BAKER PETER.

FROM: O. Q. M. G.  
CEMETER [REDACTED] DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1123

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

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Address Reply To  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

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

Cty.# 1764

Date 11-27-20

File No. Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname **Baker,** f. Date of death *Aug 28, 18*  
b. Christian name **Peter** g. Cause of death *N.I.A.*  
c. Serial number *280,928* h. Authority (C.C.#) *255*  
d. Organization *Co K 129 Inf.* i. Emergency address *Henry Baker*  
e. Rank *Cpl.* j. Relationship *832 Cross St., N.W., Grand Rapids, Mich.*  
*father*

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age at Enlistment  
b. Color of Eyes  
c. Color of Hair  
d. Height  
e. Weight

DENTAL CHART

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

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

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

(over)

*Donnelly of  
the Pers Sec  
11/29/20*

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,  
Director of Purchase & Storage.

By:

*H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
Captain, Q.M.C.  
*1st Lt.*

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Date 11-29-20

This is the only Peter Baker of record  
who died overseas.

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