

FLORIDA

PINELLAS COUNTY.

Mrs. Martha Baker Hanson,  
916 Seventh St., N., St. Petersburg, Fla.  
Mrs. Tabitha L. Bateman,  
521 Fifth Ave., South, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Lv. St. Petersburg      ACL      #38 -76      8:50 PM ET    May 3.  
Ar. New York          Penn RR   #110      7:10 AM ET    " 5.

Route going: ACL Richmond, RF&P Washington, Penn RR New York.  
~~Route~~ returning: Penn RR Washington, RF&P Richmond, ACL ST. Petersburg.

Sleeper St. Petersburg to New York.

Elapsed time 34 hours, 29 min.

PUTNAM COUNTY.

Mrs. Ozell Waldron,  
P.O.Box 509, Palatka, Fla.

Lv. Palatka      ACL      #92-80      4:57 PM ET    May 3.  
Ar. New York    Penn RR   #102      6:15 AM ET    " 5.

Route going: ACL Richmond, RF&P Washington, Penn RR New York.  
return: Penn RR Washington, RF&P Richmond, ACL Palatka.

Sleeper Palatka to New York.

Elapsed time 37 hours 18 minutes.

DADE COUNTY.

Mrs. Anna Platt,  
Uleta, Fla.

Lv. Uleta      SAL      #192      8:27 PM ET    May 3.  
Ar. New York. Penn RR   #120      10:50 AM ET    " 5.

Route going: SAL Richmond, RF&P Washington, Penn RR New York.  
return: Penn RR Washington, RF&P Richmond, SAL Uleta.

Sleeper Uleta to New York.

Elapsed time 38 hours 23 minutes.

~~BAKER~~, *marion*  
FULL NAME.....

~~Pvt.~~ *Pvt. 1st.*  
RANK..... SERIAL..... 2899121

~~Med. Det. Base Hospital #89~~  
DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... *Div. not shown*

DATE OF DEATH..... 10-2-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *Florida*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... 6-26-1922 26 12 A  
Date Grave Row Block

St. Mihiel American Cemetery 1233  
Cemetery



Robert O. Davis,  
Major General  
The Adjutant General  
By *acc*

MAY 28 1925

*U.S. World War Div*  
MAY 26 1925

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Baker 2899121 Raepk*  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

*Priv. Med. Dept. B.H. 89.*  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *B. 50. A. P. O. 798*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Acute L. Pneumonia*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *American Army*

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

*Cemetery: Meves. Dept  
Nixon*

GRAVE NUMBER: *43*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: *M<sup>r</sup> Martha Baker*

ADDRESS: *St. Petersburg: Fla. R. F. D. 145A.*

RELATIONSHIP: *Mother*

REPORTED BY:

*W<sup>m</sup> M. Carroll 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Chaplain*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

Name..... HANSON, Mrs. Martha Baker  
HOTEL CARLTON  
Paris Hôtel.....  
AV. DES C  
Home address..... 916 7th St. N., St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida  
Party..... A..... Group..... 3..... Unit..... S/S AMERICA  
Date of arrival..... MAY 16th, 1930..... Date of departure..... MAY 29th, 1930. ~~SS~~. HARDING  
Relationship..... Mother  
Name of deceased..... BAKER, Ralph Marion  
Rank..... Pvt. 1 cl. Organization..... Med. Det., Base Hosp. 89  
Cemetery..... St. Mihiel

REMARKS



MRS. MARTHA BAKER HANSON  
916 7th Street N. St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mother of Private first class Ralph Marion Baker, Med. Det. Base Hospital, 89, remains interred in St. Mihiel American Cemetery in France.

Arrived New York on Train 110 at 7:10 A.M. on Penna. RR on May 6th. Escorted to Hotel Pennsylvania by Captain Ross. She occupied room with Mrs. George L. Warner and Mrs. Julia A. Heisler. (2 pieces baggage)

Sailed for Cherbourg on the SS AMERICA May 7th - occupied cabin 205 with Mrs. Anna Platt, Mrs. Charlotte G. Butler and Mrs. Thomas Leytham.

See itinerary attached for the party in Europe.

Sailed for home on the PRESIDENT HARDING- occupied cabin 128 with Mrs. Henry P. Golden, Mrs. Max Fischer

Arrived New York and went to the McAlpin Hotel where she occupied room 529 with Mrs. Anna M. Frantz. Left hotel at 6:00 P.M. by taxi to make Penna Train 141 leaving Penna. station at 6:50 on June 7th.

Escorted to station by Lieutenant England.

{ITINERARY FOR ST MIHIEL GROUP}

PARTY "A"

Arrived on the SS AMERICA May 16th at Cherbourg at 1:45 PM  
Met by Majors Dailey and Beach, Captain Haley and Miss Rulon and 2  
other nurses.

Conducted to the Gare Maritime Hall where greeted by French  
officials. Then to Paris by train. Arrived at the Gare des Invalides  
in Paris at 9:53 PM where photographs were taken and a speech of welcome  
made by Mr. Daniel Baque representing the French Minister of Tourism.  
Then taken to hotel.

May 17th - Morning was devoted to rest and to the transaction  
of personal business for the pilgrims at each hotel, this included the  
exchange of money, preparation of laundry, purchase of flowers and wreaths  
which certain pilgrims desired to place on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier  
and similar personal business. After lunch proceeded to Arc de Triomphe  
where Mrs. S. C. Thompson placed a wreath for the party. Then to tea at  
the Restaurant where short addresses were made by prominent persons - in-  
cluding General Pershing. Following the tea went to hotel for dinner  
and to rest or retire.

May 18th - Sunday - church and sightseeing.

May 19th - Visited Notre-Dame in the morning and had the  
afternoon free.

May 20th - 25th - Went to cemetery

May 26th - Sightseeing in and about Paris.

May 27th and 28th - Sightseeing which included a trip to  
Versailles.

May 29th - Left for Cherbourg to sail at 6:45 P.M. on the  
PRESIDENT HARDING.

Mrs. Martha Baker Hanson

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 -- ROOM 901 --

225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

Party "A"  
 Number 58

**BAKER, RALPH MARION**

**ST.M.**

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Martha Baker Hanson

Name of Traveler

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

St. Petersburg, Pinellas Co.

Home Address

New York, to St. Petersburg, Fla.

Fla.

\$ 13.50 Lower

New York, to St. Petersburg, Fla.

Destination.

Via PRR to Wash. - RF&P to Richmond - ACL to destination

June 7, 1930  
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV	N.Y.C.	PRR	6/7	6:50 P				
AR	Washington D.C.	"	"	11:50 P				
LV	"	RF&P	75	"	12:10 A			
AR	Richmond Va	"	"	2:55 A				
LV	"	ACL	"	3:25 A				
AR	ST Petersburg Fla	"	6/9	7:45 A	L-7	K89		13.50
LV								
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TOTAL 13.50

Remarks:

NAME HANSON, MRS. MARTHA BAKER  
 S.S. HARDING JUN 6 1930  
 HOME ST. PETERSBURG, PINELLAS COUNTY,  
 R.R. *Peninsula - West - Albert* FLA.  
 STATION  
 TRAIN #  
 CAR #  
 BERTH OR SEAT  
 TIME  
 DATE

*Mr. H. H. Hanson*

*916 9<sup>th</sup> St N.*

*St. Pete  
Florida*

April 19th, 1930.

Mrs. Martha Baker Hanson,  
916 - 7th St., N,  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the railroad station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For the Officer in Charge

George F. B. Taylor,  
1st Lieut. U. S. ARMY.  
Assistant.

Enclosures:  
2 tags

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Baker, Ralph M.	Bak	3
BURIED	CEMETERY	1233	1
	GRAVE	26	2
	ROW	12	2
	BLOCK	a	1
STATE	Ila		2
RANK	Priv 11 cl.		1
DIVISION	Med Corps		2
ORGANIZATION	89		3
ARM	Base Hospital		1
MARTIAL	No		1
Mrs NAME	Martha Baker	Bak	3
Hanson	STATE	Ila	2
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	Pinellas	2
	CITY	St. Petersburg	3
RELATION	Mother		1
OTHER	Father		1
ELIGIBILITY	Yes		1
NATIVITY			1
RACE			1
ENGLISH			1
ATTENDANT			1
HEALTH			1
NO. OF SONS			1
DATE OF TRIP	MO.		1
	YR.	1930	1
ACCEPTANCE	Yes		1

**AUDITED**  
OCT 5 1931  
RS

47.

29/514/PJ

QM 295 A-M  
Baker, Ralph Marion - 1233

September 9, 1930

Mrs. Martha Baker Hanson,  
916 7th St.,  
N. St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Madam:

The enclosed passport used by you on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has been stamped showing "Pilgrimage Completed" and may be retained by you as an additional souvenir of your trip.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Incl.  
1 passport

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QM 293 A-M

Baker, Ralph M. 1235

June 12, 1930.

Mrs. Martha Baker Hanson,  
916 7th St. N.,  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial which you and the other mothers and widows from the State of Florida were so kind as to send me regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army, nurses and other employees of the War Department as well as the personnel of the railroads, steamship lines and hotels rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every energy that those making the pilgrimage might have a comfortable and pleasant journey. It is gratifying to receive such complimentary remarks as those contained in your testimonial, but I feel that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

The Quartermaster Corps has been charged with the care and maintenance of the national cemeteries for many years and fully appreciates the responsibility imposed on it to care for the graves of those who sacrificed their lives for their country. I can assure you that the cemeteries in Europe will always be maintained in the same fine condition in which you found them, since it always has been and will be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make these cemeteries fitting resting places for the heroes who are buried in them.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments which you expressed, I am

Sincerely yours,

Major General  
The Quartermaster General.

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STATE

FLORIDA

Baker, Ralph Marion A

Mother

916 7th St., N.  
St. Petersburg  
Pinellas County

NAME .. Hanson, Mrs. Martha Baker... HOME ADDRESS ..

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN .. Mr. H. H. Hanson ..  
916 - 7th St. N. St. Petersburg, Fla.

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE .. 5/6 .. HOTEL .. PENNSYLVANIA .. ROOM NO. .. 1609 ..

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE .. May 7th, 1930 .. VESSEL .. S/S "AMERICA" .. CABIN NO. 205-A ..

DESTINATION .. CHERBOURG, FRANCE .. CEMETERY .. ST. MIHIEL ..

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE JUN 6 1930

916 7th St. N.  
Pinellas County  
St. Petersburg, Fla

Mother  
NAME Hanson, Mrs. Martha Baker HOME ADDRESS

RETURN ON S. S. HARDING HOTEL McALPIN ROOM NO. 529

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE JUN 7 1930

ROAD Penn TRAIN 141 CAR BERTH or SEAT

REMARKS

NAME

Hanson, Mrs Martha Baker

ADDRESS

916-7th St - St Petersburg Fla

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TO:

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS- AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED

TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

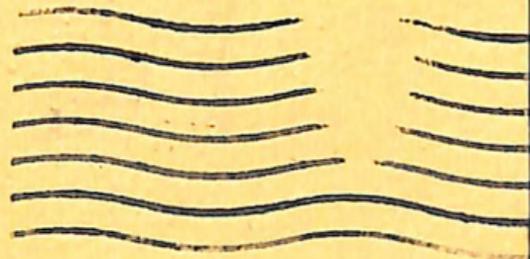
(SIGNED)

Martha Baker Hanson

DEPARTMENT

POSTAGE FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

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Annula 5/7/30

RETURN RECEIPT

1233

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Martha B. Hanson

(Signature or name of addressee.)

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 4-24-30, 192

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1233

162 RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Martha B. Hanson

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery,

4-22-30, 192

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926 375

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Return to

*D. M. General*

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

*777 Mission Bldg*

WASHINGTON,

D. C.



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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE \$300.

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OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926162

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Q. W. General

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, Union Bldg.

WASHINGTON,

D. C.



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE, \$300.

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Baker, Ralph Marion 1233

April 21, 1930.

Mrs. Martha Baker Hanson,  
916 7th St.,  
N. St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 291720 in the amount of \$ 15.00, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

Baker, Ralph Marion M 1233

April 16, 1930

Mrs. Martha Baker Hanson  
916 Seventh Street, North  
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. St. Petersburg	8:50 PM	May 3
Ar. New York	7:10 AM	May 5

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

R. E. SHANNON,  
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

March 11, 1930.

Baker, Ralph Marion 1233 M

Mrs. Martha Baker Hanson,  
916 7th Street, N.,  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Baker, Raehl, Marion  
 Part 1 cl. - not set  
 BH #89

I Accept 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. Martha Baker Hanson

(Name)

*America  
 May 7-30  
 1930*

910 - 7th Street, N., St. Petersburg, Pinellas Co., Fla.

(Town or City)

(State)

QM 293 A-C  
Baker, Ralph Marion  
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September 19, 1929.

Mrs. Martha Baker Hanson,  
924 Mt. Dessert St.,  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 11, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

In reply you are informed that the Act of March 2, 1929, provides that invitations for a pilgrimage shall be extended the mothers and widows, but it does not contain any provision which permits of any other member of the family making the trip. It is, therefore, regretted to have to advise that your husband and daughter are not eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage.

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

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

Within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage (May 1930) blanks will be forwarded to you upon which to make formal application for the journey. Space will be provided thereon for you to indicate the time you desire to go.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

St Petersburg Fla  
Sept. 11, 1929

Quartermaster General  
Washington D.C. 1233

Dear Sir - Kindly inform  
me if arrangements can be  
made for husband or daughter  
to accompany the mother  
to France



Respectfully

Mrs Martha Baker Hanson

7<sup>th</sup> St. N.

St. Petersburg  
Fla.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 27, 1929

Baker, Ralph Marion  
1233

Mrs. Martha Baker,  
924 Mt. Desert St., - *changed to 7<sup>th</sup> St. A.*  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 25, 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:

*No*

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.

*mother - Martha*

*Baker/Hanson - 924 Mt Desert St. Petersburg Fla.*

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

*yes*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 25 , 1929.

Baker, Ralph Marion

Mrs. Martha Baker,  
924 Mt. Desert St.,  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

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 mother of the late Private, first class Ralph Marion Baker, Med. Det. Base Hospital #89, whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is 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,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Baker, Ralph Marion - 1233

September 9, 1930

Mrs. Martha Baker Hanson,  
916 7th St.,  
N. St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Madam:

The enclosed ~~passport~~ used by you on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has been stamped showing "Pilgrimage Completed" and may be retained by you as an additional souvenir of your trip.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

U.S.M.C. DIV.

1930 SEP 9 PM 12 42

DISPATCHED

Encl.

1 passport

QM 298 A-M  
Baker, Ralph M. 1833

June 12, 1930.

Mrs. Martha Baker Hanson,  
916 7th St. N.,  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Madam:

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With sincere appreciation of the sentiments which you expressed, I am

Sincerely yours,

Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

0.2.M.G.M  
1930 JUN 23 PM  
DISPATCHED

ADH  
JTH  
WRG

Baker, Ralph Marion M 1233

April 16, 1930

Mrs. Martha Baker Hanson  
916 Seventh Street, North  
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. St. Petersburg 8:50 PM May 3  
Ar. New York 7:10 AM May 5

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.L. Corps,  
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Baker, Ralph Marion 1233-M

March 19, 1930

Mrs. Martha Baker Hanson  
916-7th St, North,  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 11, 1930.

Baker, Ralph Marion 1233 M

Mrs. Martha Baker Hanson,  
916 7th Street, N.,  
St. Peterburg, Fla.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

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 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Baker, Ralph Marion 1233 -M

Mrs. Martha Baker Hanson,  
7th Street, North  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8, 1929.

Baker, Ralph Marion 1233 M.

Mrs. Martha Baker *HANSON*  
7th Street NORTH  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General,

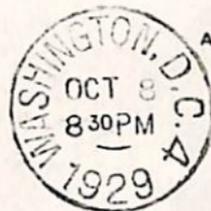
Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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REASON FOR  
NON-DELIVERY  
Insufficient Address



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO  
AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$300



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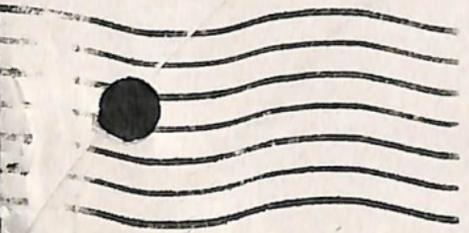
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C  
Baker, Ralph Marion

September 19, 1929.

Mrs. Martha Baker Hanson,  
924 Mt. Dessert St.,  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 11, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

In reply you are informed that the Act of March 2, 1929, provides that invitations for a pilgrimage shall be extended the mothers and widows, but it does not contain any provision which permits of any other member of the family making the trip. It is, therefore, regretted to have to advise that your husband and daughter are not eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage.

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

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

Within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage (May 1930) blanks will be forwarded to you upon which to make formal application for the journey. Space will be provided thereon for you to indicate the time you desire to go.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 27, 1929

Baker, Ralph Marion  
1233

Mrs. Martha Baker,  
924 Mt. Desert St.,  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 25, 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  
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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, Ralph Marion

May 25, 1929.

Mrs. Martha Baker,  
924 Mt. Desert St.,  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

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 mother of the late Private, first class Ralph Marion Baker, Med. Det. Base Hospital #89, whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is 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,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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Baker,

(Surname.)

Ralph Marion

(Christian name in full.)

2,899,121

(Army serial number.)

Pvt 1cl

Med Det Base Hosp 88

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

*mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*no*

(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 rema'ns.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Martha Ann Baker*

*924 Mt. Desert St.*

*St. Petersburg*

*Florida*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Transcribed by RF

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QM 293 A-C

BAKER, Ralph M., Pvt.

February 14, 1924

Mrs. Martha Baker,  
924 Mt. Desert Street,  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

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.

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

Assistant,  
R. L. FOSTER

MFK  
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FEB 15 1924

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 30214

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BAKER, Ralph M. Ser. No. 2899121 )  
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/d Organization Med. Det. Base Hosp. #89 ) TYP. EML  
 (d) Cause ) CKR. SS  
 (c) Date of death 10-2-18 of death Pneumonia )

*3/24/22 Exhumed*  
*Concentration*  
*St. Michael #1233*  
*att 4/13/22*

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

(a) Grave No. 43 Row --- Plot --- Sect. --- ) TYP. EML  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Martha Baker (mother), St. Petersburg, Fla.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card ) CKR. SS

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Martha Ann Baker (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address 924 - Mt. Desert St., St. Petersburg, Fla.  
 (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 JCS Date 5/21/ 1920

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

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials att Date 5-21 1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes - M.H.S

Examiner's Initials M.H.S Date 5/22/ 1920

*no request for disposition*  
*12-4-22*  
*M.H.S*

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_

Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by-

( cable on \_\_\_\_\_ 1920

( letter on 8/14 1920

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

*A.P. 12/6/20*

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE

ACTION TAKEN

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

RECEIVED.

DEC 29 1920

CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB. SEC.

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form 120, 6/2/20 Mrs Martha Ann Baker (mother,  
n. of h.) 924 Mt. Desert St., St. Petersburg, Fla., requests body  
remain in France. 1-6-21-21-21*

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBSON

TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

*M.*

DEC 29 1920

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec 7 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, Ralph M.  
 2. No. 2899121  
 3. Rank Pvt  
 4. Org. Med.Det. Base Hosp. #89  
 5. D.D. 10-2-1918  
 6. C.D. Pneumonia

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. none

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 43 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. none

18. Cemetery Amer.Cty.Mil.  
 20. Dept. or County Nievre  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 86

19. Commune or town Mesves  
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 7. 1921

By T. F. Greene

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Baker, Ralph M.  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 2899121  
 Organization Med.Det.Base Hosp.#89.

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

J. A. Annabel  
 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).

Tag on body entirely corroded. End body in row. Body in Gr.44 previously exhumed.No discrepancies.No effects found.Form 16-A accomplished.

27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_

28. Nature of burial Uniform and pine box

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec 7. 1921 By T.F.Greene

31. Casket sealed by T. F. Greene

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor T. F. Greene)

AUDITED BY  
8/21/23  
Gulf

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 23943

32. Designation of body:

Name Ralph M. BAKER Serial No. 2899121

Rank Pvt Organization Med. Det. Base Hosp. #89

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. #1233 Thiaucourt, M-et-M

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 7. 1921 By T. F. Greene

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector D. E. Lowry  
D. E. Lowry. 1st. Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec 7. 1921

To point of Concentration Nevers. Nievre. France.  
(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 22 DEC 1921

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel. (1233). Thiaucourt. M. et M.  
(Name)

Convoyer R. L. Hall. Signature Shipping Officer [Signature]

40. Received: Date 27 DEC 1921 1-9-22

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

41. Reinterred. June 26, 1922.  
(Date)

42. Grave No. 26 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. ~~XXXX~~ Block A. Row 12

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

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec. 7, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Baker, Ralph. M. SERIAL NUMBER 2899121  
RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Med. Det. Base Hosp #89

2. Disinterred (date): Dec 7, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 43  
Amer. Cem. Mesves, Nievre, France.

By: Group 2 Unit Sec. 4

3. Reburied (date): June 26, 1922. In (give complete location) Gr. 26. Bk. A, Rem. 12  
Reburial Casket and Shipping Case.

By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial \_\_\_\_\_

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Wooden box and uniform. Body badly decomposed. Recognition impossible.

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

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

Tag on body entirely corroded. End body in row Body in grave 44 previously exhumed. No discrepancies. No effects found. Form 16-A accom-  
plished.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) " " "

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity "

Characteristics "

(d) Hair on face—Color "

Location "

Quantity "

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Unable to determine

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

Unable to determine

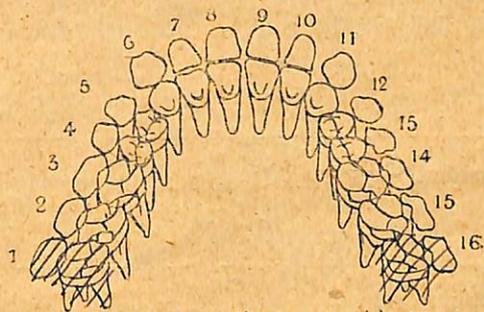
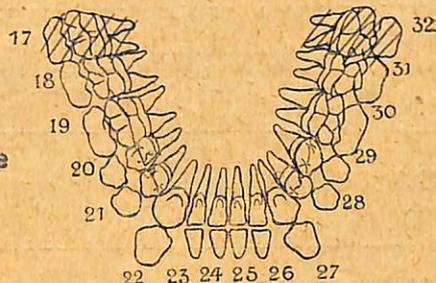


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



N.G. 1, 16, 17, 32.

7. Disinterment supervised by T. F. Greene Approved: D. E. Lowry  
T. F. Greene. 1st. Lt. QMC.

(Title) JMC.

8. Reburial supervised by H. L. Kramer Approved: E. Dewey  
H. L. Kramer 1st Lt. QMC.

(Title)

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

JUN 7 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. *Rush answer* 86-25  
TO: Martha Ann Baker, 924 - Mt. Desert St., St. Petersburg, Fla.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Ralph M. Baker.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be not returned to U. S.

*no change*

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

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

*Noted on Form No. 115  
1-6-21. J.L.*  
CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U.S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>none</i>		
Soldier's Children	1. <i>none</i>		
(Name oldest first)	2. <i>none</i>		
	3. <i>none</i>		
Father	<i>Dead</i>		
Mother	<i>Mrs. Martha Ann Baker</i>		
Brothers	1. <i>none</i>		
(Name oldest first)	2. <i>Earl M. 216 A Grand ave Marion, Ohio</i>		
Sisters	<i>Mrs. E. G. Ruth Zinn 924 Mt. Desert St. St. Petersburg Fla</i>		

Date *6/12*

Signature *Mrs. Martha Ann Baker*

Address *924 Mt. Desert St.*

Relationship *Mother*

Note: - Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

(OVER) *als*

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at government expense.



*It is my wish that his body remain in France*  
*Martha Ann Baker.*

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper **MUST** be signed by the person who is the **NEXT** of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. If **YOU** are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. 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.
6. You are requested to return this paper **AT ONCE** in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C.O., Med. Det., Base Hospital #89

SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

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

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert G. Davis  
Adjutant General.

Note:

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

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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# GRAVE LOCATION BOOK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Baker, 2899121, Ralph M.

(Surname): (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Med. Det. Base Hosp #89

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Base Hosp #50 APO 798

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 15, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Near Mesves, Neivre

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

A. E. F. Cemetery #86, Mesves, Neivre

GRAVE NUMBER: 43

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?  Yes

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?  Yes

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Martha Baker

ADDRESS: St. Petersburg, Florida

R.F.D. 5

RELATIONSHIP: Mother

REPORTED BY

J. S. C. Fielden, Jr., Major, Med. Corps

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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