

To The A. G. O.

7207

G.R.S. Form #114-B

MAY 14 1926

DATE 11/17/21.

1. NAME BAKER, Sterling.

SERIAL No. 472618

RANK Cpl.

ORGANIZATION Co. M. 59th Inf. & DIVISION 40th

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse Argonne American, Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232, Sec. 48

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

129

Sect. 48

3

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

*Issumme Laola, Briouille sur Meuse, Cunel.*

GRAVE

COMMUNE

Meuse DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35 NE 283.4 N 311.65 E

CONCENTRATED TO 6/7/19 129 Sec 48 3

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery

1232

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross and body

DATE OF DEATH Oct 5-1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Nebraska

data F-1

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

CCG. DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. BIRDSEYE  
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 11/17/21. 7 43 D. Block 1008

DATE

GRAVE

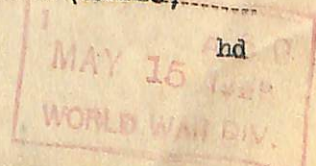
ROW

Block 1008

AUDITED BY  
*[Signature]*  
4-71-23

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. (Meuse)

CEMETERY



## 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.

Co. M, 59th Inf.

BAKER Sterling 573618.

Missing July 19th 1918.

"Pvt. Leo Martin, a gunner and one other man in Baker's squad told me that they had seen Baker killed instantly by high explosive in the Soissons drive near Visley. No details were given of the burial, but I have an idea he was buried right on the field, for a bunch of men were buried in that way, 6 or 8 being laid side by side".

Informant: DAVIS Robert L. Cpl. 2202106.

B.N. N° 26.

Co. M, 59th Inf.

Home : Muskogee, Okla.

Jan. 12th 1918.

Grace H. Turnbull - Searcher -

M.C.

- 1.- No.
- 2.- Pvt. Leo Martin Co. M, 59th Inf.
- 3.- Held.
- 4.- Probably near where he fell.
- 5.- Yes, no, no.
- 6.- No.
- 7.- He had a scar over his left eye, he was about 5 ft. II, dark-com-
- 8.- Fair.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name BAKER Sterling

Number: 572618

Rank: Corpl.

Organization: Co M 59th Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

7th June 1919

Grave Isoletad

BRIEULLES SUR MEUSE 35N# 311.65E 283. 4<sup>N</sup>

Reburied (Date)

in: (Five complete location)

7th June 1919

Grave # 129 Sec 48 Plot 3

ARGONNE AMER. CTY:# 12322

ROMAGNE MEUSE

*11373*

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

Burial poor, bur ed in Uniform, body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

Yes

What other means of identification were found upon the body? None

*11373*

Note:

CONTINUED No. D.....

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G. O. 170, G. H. C. 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by Lt. Strong.

r/s

R. M. [Signature]

2nd Lieut. [Signature]

C.O. Group

Unit

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Baker</i>	<i>Bak</i>	3	<i>2110</i>
<i>Sterling</i> BURIED	Cemetery <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE <i>7</i>	2	<i>07</i>
	ROW <i>H3</i>	2	<i>43</i>
	BLOCK <i>15</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>Virginia</i>	2	<i>32</i>
RANK	<i>Cpl</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>4</i>	2	<i>04</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>59</i>	3	<i>059</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i> <i>(PM)</i>
<i>(father)</i> NAME <i>Baker</i>	<i>Bak</i>	3	
<i>James Floyd</i>	STATE	2	
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	
<i>Smoot, W. Va.</i>	CITY	3	
RELATION <i>no</i>	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead (1912)</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

*Audited*  
MAR 28 1932  
*MB*

*Elmer*  
29/514

*MB*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

March 29, 1932.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Baker, Sterling (MA)

Mr. James Floyd Baker,  
Smoot, West Virginia.

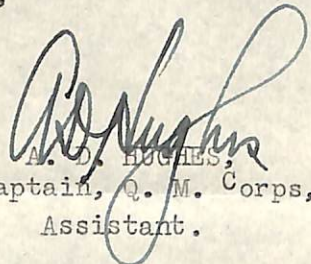
Dear Sir:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and accurate, it will be appreciated if you will advise as to whether or not your son, the late Corporal Sterling Baker, is survived by a stepmother, and if so, furnish the date of your marriage to her.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.

Env.

*Sterling Baker had no stepmother  
Very truly yours  
James Floyd Baker,  
Smoot N. Va.*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Baker, Stirling 1232 F

July 3, 1930.

Mr. Floyd James Baker,  
Smoot, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

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

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

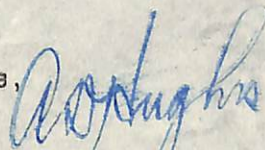
3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

*No She has been  
dead before the war  
in 1912 in November*

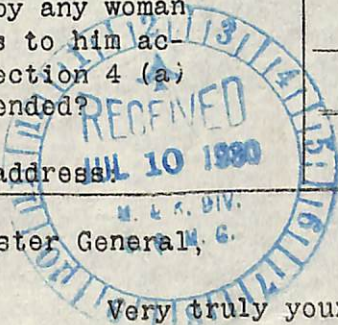
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment



(7)  
James Floyd Baker  
Smart  
W. Va.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE January 17, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Baker, Sterling	Cpl.	472618	Co. A, 59th Inf.	Oct. 5, 1918

STATE	Nebraska	CTY. NO.	1232	GRAVE	7	ROW	43	BLOCK	D
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NAME AND ADDRESS	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
		:	:
	MOTHER	:	✓
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:
	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:
	<i>no</i> WIDOW - <i>single man</i> (Who has not remarried)	:	:

Veterans Bureau Claim Number XC 184733

29/156

1/21/30 *Sm*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Baker, Sterling

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. W. B. Dearing,

Seward, Nebr.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the sister of the late Cpl. Sterling Baker, Co. M, 59th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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 incs.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

March 29, 1932.

QM 293 A-M  
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Very truly yours,

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

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CCMG M&R BR  
Encl.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 3, 1930.

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1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Baker, Sterling,**  
1232

September 4, 1929.

**Mrs. W. E. Dearing,**  
Seward, Neb.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~June 29, 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

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June 29 , 1929.

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Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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Envelope.

Dup 

Baker,

Sterling

572,618

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Cpl

Co M 59 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*sister*


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  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)

*Mrs. W. B. Dearing*

*Seward*

*Nebr.*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Album by P#

4-23-21

1232 - Sec 48-6

Checked by

at 4-25-21.

In reply refer to:  
QM - 293 C-R

August 2, 1923.

Mrs. W.B. Bearing,  
Seward,  
Nebr.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Corporal Sterling Baker, Company M, 59th Infantry, is Grave 7, Row 43, Block D, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The 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.

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

O.Q.M.G.  
Central Office, Ft. Br.  
Conner,  
Assistant.



AUG 2 1923

R. M. C.

R<sup>D</sup>  
23/494/WFW

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #83809

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name *ok: 8.1.25-21* BAKER, Sterling Ser. No. 572618  
(b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. M, 59th Inf.  
(c) Date of death 10-5-18 (d) Cause of death k/a.

TYP. HWL.  
CKR. *30*

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

(a) Grave No. 129 Row Plot 3 Sec. 48 TYP. HWL.  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. W. B. Dearing (Sister) Seward, Nebr.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases *A.G.O. 201 - Jan. 17, 1920 confirms (8.1.25-21)* CKR. *30*

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name Mrs. W. B. Dearing (b) Relationship Sister  
(c) Address Seward, Nebr.  
(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 PF Date 4-23-1921

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

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

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-23-1921

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

*No request for disposition*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-23-1921

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1232, Sec. 48 SHEET No. 6.

*Checked*  
*572618*

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 192

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter on 5-3-21, 192

*Sec. 48.*

*Par. 2. Not to be returned (Ess).*

IX.

REMARKS

Area with horizontal dashed lines for writing remarks.

WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 17, 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, Sterling

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. No. 472618

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

3. Rank Cpl.

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

4. Org. Co. M. 59th Inf.

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

5. D.D. 7/19/18 10-5-18

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

6. C.D. MIA head.

(b) D.B. No discrepancies.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 129 Sec. 48

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot 3 Row \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

17. No discrepancies.

18. Cemetery Meuse Argonne American,

19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon.

20. Dept. or County Meuse.

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232, Sec. 48

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 17, 1921.

By H. E. Strong.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Sterling Baker

Serial No. 472618

Rank Cpl.

Organization Co. M. 59th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes (Imp. to read-corroded)

L. B. Ayers  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
L. B. Ayers.

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).

G.R.S. plaque on box reads, "Sterling, Baker, 472618 Cpl. Co. M 59th Inf."

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform

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 Nov. 17, 1921. By H. E. Strong.

31. Casket sealed by H. E. Strong.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H. E. Strong.

AUDITED BY



SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-15952.

32. Designation of body:

Name Sterling Baker. Serial No. 472618

Rank Cpl. Organization Co. M. 59th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne American, 1232, Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 17, 1921. By H. H. Strong.

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector R. C. Worthington, 1st Lieut. QMC.

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov. 17, 1921.

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne. (Name)

38. Convoyer W. J. Royed. Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole  
J. GERALD COLE  
Captain, C. A. C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov. 17, 1921.

By G.R.S. Representative W. J. Royed.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred \_\_\_\_\_

42. Grave No: Meuse Argonne Cemetery #1232, Nov. 17, 1921. Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. ~~Plot~~ BLOCK 7 Row \_\_\_\_\_

~~Block~~ D 43

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger

**James W. Younger**  
**Captain, QMC**

cbr

Place ..... Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date..... Nov. 17, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF..... BAKER, Sterling..... SERIAL NUMBER..... 472618

RANK..... Cpl..... ORGANIZATION..... Co. M. 59th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov 17, 1921 From (give complete location): gr 129, sec 48, plot 3.

By: Group..... 6..... Unit..... sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Nov. 17, 1921. In (give complete location): Meuse Argonne Cemetery #1232, Grave 7, Row 43, Block D

By: Group..... Re-burial S..... Unit..... Nature of reburial Unlined Casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: wooden box and burlap and uniform, badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes. Corroded? yes. Grave marker? yes.

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

G.R.S. plaque on box reads Sterling Baker 472618 Cpl. Co. M. 59th Inf.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(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)

do

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

none visible.

7. Disinterment supervised by H.E. Strong

H.E. Strong.

Approved: R.C. Worthington

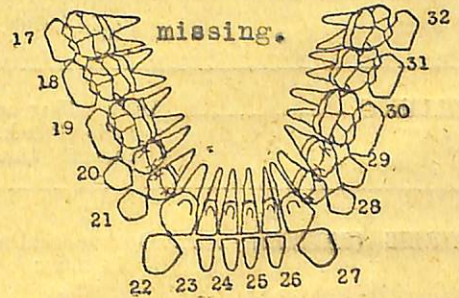
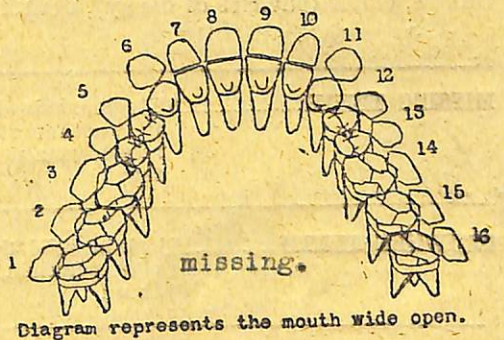
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8. Reburial supervised by A.U. Dufault

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Approved: James Younger

(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), 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.

**MISSING TEETH**.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :



**CROWNED TEETH**.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :



**BRIDGE WORK**.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :



**FILLINGS**.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :



**CARIES (CAVITIES)**.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



**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.

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #83809

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name **BAKER, Sterling** (Ed. 4-25-21) Ser. No. **572618**  
 (b) Rank **Cpl.** Organization **Co. M, 59th Inf.** } TYP. **HWL.**  
 (c) Date of death **10-5-18** (d) Cause of death **k/a.** } *[Signature]*

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

(a) Grave No. **129** Row **4** Plot **3** Sec. **48** TYP. **HWL.**

(b) Emerg. Address **Mrs. W.B. Dearing (Sister) Seward, Nebr.**

III. ~~Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases~~ A.S.O. 211 - Jan. 17, 1920 Confirmed (Ed. 4-25-21) CKR. *[Signature]*

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
*Sec. 48.* { letter of transmittal on **5-3-21**, 192  
*Par. 2. Not to be returned (Ed)*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 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. \_\_\_\_\_, 192

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_

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1. R. S. Form No. 1. Hq. S. File

2. Soldier's No.

3. Baker S. Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Corp. M 59th. Inf. Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Isolated Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Brioules Meuse Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 741 Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? 1 Cross? Headboard? Bottle? Check Method of Marking

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

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

OMME. Brioules sur Meuse (Meuse)  
C-230 SIIT 35 NE. COORD. E. 311-3  
N. 283.55

12. "A" sketch 60 Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

GROUP No. 4 Signed Lt. Caswell

PROV. UNIT "A" G.R.S. Group Unit G. R. S.

*Handwritten signature and date: 1598*

G. R. S. FORM NO. 6: Request referred to  
Chaplain.

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE C. Q. M., A. E. F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

June 6th, 1919.

FROM: The Chief, G. R. S.

TO: Chaplain • 59th Infantry,  
Sub-inspector, G. R. S.  
C/o, Sr. Chaplain, G. H. J., Amer. S. F.

SUBJECT: Information for relatives.

1. Information as to the circum-  
stances connected with the death of  
~~Corporal Sterling Baker~~, Co. H., 59th Inftry,  
Serial # 572618.

which are not of record in this of-  
fice, is desired by Mrs Mark Hedrick, Alderson,  
W. Va., U.S.A.

2. I am sure it will be your plea-  
sure to give what comfort you can in  
writing directly to the above address,  
and I deeply regret that the desired  
information is not available for me to  
use, without the delay involved in  
this request for your aid.

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

Copy furnished for the information  
of the family of the deceased.

G.R.S. Form No. 8: Central Records Liaison.  
 Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.F.O.  
 SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

**FILE**

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- ( ) Surname: BAKER
- ( ) Number: 572618
- ( ) First name: Sterling
- ( ) Rank: Cpl.
- ( ) Company: M
- ( ) Organization: 59th Inf.
- ( ) Date of death:
- ( ) Cause:
- ( ) Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "

Class " "

(✓) Relative: Mrs. Carrie B. Dearing  
 (✓) Relationship: sister  
 (✓) Address: Seward, nebr.


- ( ) Authority:
- ( ) Cablegram No:
- ( ) Telegram from:

dated:

- ( ) Reported to Washington:
- ( ) C.C. Nos: 482 subpar.48  
 (UnderSCORE the "official" C.C.)
- ( ) Remarks:
- ( ) Show present status on reverse side.

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

Initials of Reporter:

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G.R.S. FORM #105 - Reply to Casualty Div., A.G.O.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Office of Director Purchase & Storage.  
Washington, D.C.

MEMORANDUM TO: Casualty Division, Adjutant General's Office,  
6th & B Streets, n.w., Washington, D.C.

Attached papers are returned with the information that the files of the Graves Registration Service show that:

**BAKER, Sterling** Ser. #572618  
Cpl Co. M 59th. Inf.  
~~is buried~~ was disinterred and reburied in  
Grave #129; Sect. #48; Plot #3; Cty. #1232;  
Argonne American Cemetery,

Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

By authority of the Quartermaster General,  
Director of purchase and Storage

IMV

Charles C. Pierce,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

G.R.S. FILE NO.  
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## WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

January 17, 1920

WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY  
REFER TO

201( Baker, Sterling)DR

FILE

From: The Adjutant General of the Army

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

Subject: Notification of date of death.

1. Upon investigation it has been ascertained by the War Department that Corporal Sterling Baker, #573,618, Company M, 59th Infantry who was reported in Casualty Cablegram 482 as buried, date and cause of death to be determined, was killed in action October 5, 1918. A notation to that effect has been placed upon the official records.

2. It appears from the records that the deceased was enlisted March 13, 1918 at Camp Greene, North Carolina, and gave the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency as Mrs. W. B. Dearing, sister, Seward, Nebraska.

By order of the Secretary of War:

*P. C. Harris*

The Adjutant General.  
per. *abj*

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
 THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, 1920  
 WASHINGTON.

201 (Baker, Sterling) DR

From: The Adjutant General of the Army  
 To: The Quartermaster General of the Army  
 Washington, D.C.  
 Subject: Notification of date of death.

1. Upon investigation it has been ascertained by the War Department that Corporal Sterling Baker, #579,618, Company H, 59th Infantry who was reported in Casualty Cablegram 482 as buried, date and cause of death to be determined, was killed in action October 5, 1918. A notation to that effect has been placed upon the official records.

2. It appears from the records that the deceased was enlisted March 13, 1918 at Camp Greene, North Carolina, and gave the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency as Mrs. W. B. Dearing, sister, Seward, Nebraska.

By order of the Secretary of War:

J. O. BARRIS  
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The Adjutant General.  
 per.

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

June 6th, 1919.  
FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Mrs Mark Hedrick, Alderson, W. Va., U.S.A.  
SUBJECT : Corporal Sterling Baker, Co. M., 59th Infantry, American E.F.  
Serial # 572618.

With an assurance of very deep sympathy, and in reply to your letter of enquiry, you are advised that information has been filed in this office by the burial officer concerned, to the effect that the above named soldier is buried in an Isolated Grave, at BRIEVILLES-SUR-MEUSE, department of the MEUSE.

The grave is marked with the regulation cross.

I am to-day requesting the chaplain of Corporal Baker's Organization to communicate with you, giving, if possible, full particulars of death.

(Enclosures - G.R.S. )  
( 10 - B, 6, .004.5. )

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

CCP/GC.



(S.F. 6.15.19)  
201. Baker. Sterling.

CGR/pd

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CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT,  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES,  
A.P.O. 902, FRANCE.

May 31, 1919.

Form : Officer-in-Charge.

To : Chief of the Graves' Registration Service, Headquarters,  
S.O.S. A.P.O. 717.

Subject : Delayed correspondence.

On April 24, 1919, a communication from 1st Lt. Howard R. Huston, requesting information relative to the place of burial of Cpl. Sterling Baker, was forwarded to your Office by our 1st indorsement. Our records fail to disclose that any reply has been received.


The Commander-in-Chief directs that all papers, together with report, be returned immediately to this Office.

H. M. NELLY,  
Adjutant General.

1st. Ind. ACL/RH.  
Chief, Graves Registration Service. HQ., S.O.S. A.E.F. June 10. 1919.  
To : Central Records Office. A.G.D. APO. #902. A.E.F.

Returned. Your 1st. indorsement dated April 24, 1919, regarding Cpl. STERLING BAKER, was answered by 2nd. indorsement from this office, (copy of which is attached) May 2, 1919.

CHARLES C. PIERCE.  
COLONEL. Q.M.C., USA.  
Chief, G.R.S.



# AMERICAN RED CROSS

(CROIX-ROUGE AMÉRICAINÉ)

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File 2-B-260



May 15, 1919.

From: Home Communication Section  
To: Graves Registration Service, APO 717.  
Subject: Pvt. Sterling BAKER, Co. M, 59th Inf.-572618.

Please send information regarding the death  
and burial of the above named soldier to his  
sister, Mrs. Mark Hedrick,  
Alderson, W.Va.

FS:SH

<sup>F. H.</sup>  
Home Communication Section,  
Bureau Home & Hospital Service.



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Baker, Sterling.

2nd. Ind.

FVN/lde

Chief, G.R.S. HQ., S.O.S. Am. E.F. APO #717. May 2. 1919.

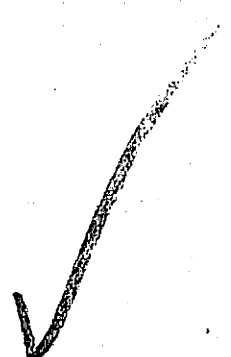
To : Central Records Office. A.P.O. #802. A.E.F.

Returned. Records of this office show Cpl. Sterling Baker, Co.M. 59th. Inf. to have been buried in Grave #741, (isolated) Commune of Brioules-sur-Meuse, Dept. Meuse. Map reference: Map 35 NE. Co-ordinates E.311.3 - N.283.55.

Grave is marked by a Name peg to which is attached one identification tag.

By authority:

CHARLES C. PIERCE.  
Lt. Colonel. Q.M.C., USA.



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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Headquarters, Services of Supply.  
First Section, General Staff.

Tours, April 16, 1919.

FROM : Howard R. Huston, 1st. Lieut. Inf. G-1. S.O.S.  
TO : Central Records Office.  
Subject. : Information.

1. Request information regarding the present location of Corp. Sterling Baker. He was last heard of while a member of Co.M. 59th. Infantry, and disappeared about October 5, 1918 while that organization was in the vicinity of Mont Fauton in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. His number is 572618.

Howard R. Huston.  
1st. Lieut. Inf.

201. Baker, Sterling.  
(S.F. 5.9.19)

1st. Ind.

GG/afc.

Central Records Office, A.G.D. APO. #902. Am. E.F. April 24. 1919.  
To : Chief, Graves Registration Service. APO. #717. A.E.F., for all available information relative to the place of burial and location of grave of Corp. Sterling Baker, #572618, late of Co., M. 59th. Infantry.

Prompt return of papers to this office is desired.

By Command of General Pershing:

Wm A. Woodlief.  
Adjutant General.