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G.R.S. Form #114-B
MMB

To The A. G. O.

DATE 3/16/22.

1. NAME BAKER, Thomas SERIAL No. 172933
 RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co.K 166th Inf.
 GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232 Sec.5
 CTY. NAME NUMBER
62 Sec.5 2
 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 4 Bac, Apremont, Ardennes
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35 SE 276.9 N 299.75 E

CONCENTRATED TO 4/23/19 62 Sec 5 2
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
Meuse Argonne 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 body

DATE OF DEATH

Oct 18/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Pa

data F-1.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

None

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS
 ccg DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. Birdseye

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 3/16/22. 39 15 G.
 DATE GRAVE ROW Block Block

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sons-Montfaucon n. Robert G. Davis

AUDITED BY
 B.W. 3/9/23

2 A.G.O.
 AUG 31 1926
 WORLD WAR DIV.

CEMETERY

The Adjutant General
 By [Signature]

SEP 2 1926



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.

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SEP 3 1922



Swia 10/15 CC 325 RLT 12/10

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Baker, 172933, Thomas
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Co. K, 166 Inf.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: 10-18-18

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

Verdun Meiziers map #35. 92' east. 75' north, 350 yds east of German hospital.

GRAVE NUMBER: 3, Plot 2.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

L. D. Williams, Chaplain,

307 San, Tn.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

Pvt. *Co. K. 166 Inf.*
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Oct. 17, 1918.*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Aprenont.*

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

350 yards east of German Hospital
Aprenont, Department of Meuse.

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REPORTED BY:

Chaplain R. D. Williams
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Baker,	3	219
	Thomas		
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 39	2	39
	ROW 15	2	15
	BLOCK G	1	7
STATE	Penna.	2	44
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	42	2	42
ORGANIZATION	166	3	166
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Baker,	3	219
	Mrs. Ellen		
RESIDENCE	STATE Penna.	2	44
	COUNTY Blair	2	07
	CITY Hollidaysburg	3	126
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no acc.	1	27

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Baker Thomas (MA)

JULY 7, 1932

Mrs Ellen Baker
R D #1
Hollidaysburg Pa

Dear Madam:

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

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) 

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Baker, Thomas Pvt. (M-A) M

June 10, 1931.

Mrs. Ellen Baker,
Hollidaysburg, Pa.
R. D. #1

Dear Madam:

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

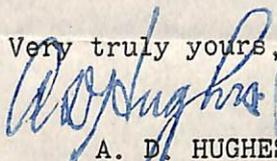
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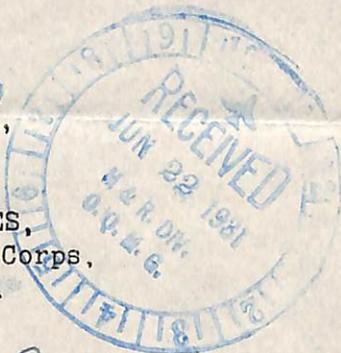
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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



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

Write answer here

Mrs. Ellen Baker

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 6, 1930.

Baker, Thomas 1232 M

Mrs. Ellen Baker,
R.D. #1,
Hollidaysburg, Pa.

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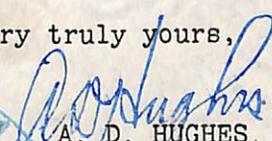
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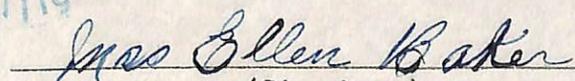
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Assistant.

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

Yes ✓
(Write answer here)


(Sign here)

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Baker, Thomas 1232 M

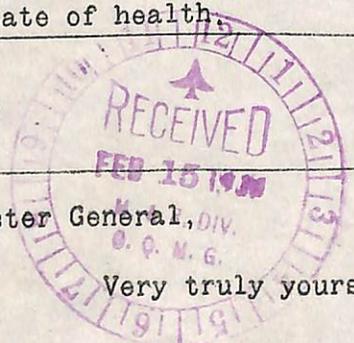
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1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No</i>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 78 (Years)	Health <i>Blind + Crippled</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)	(No) <i>none</i> (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General, Div.
Very truly yours,

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

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UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU.

Ruth, 19

RESPECTFULLY REFERRED TO

Thomas Baker

172933

Port. Co K 166 Inf

10-18-18

C-182-018

VETERAN SINGLE

Mother

Mrs Ellen Baker

HOLLIDAYSBURG

RD#1

8-2-29

Pa,

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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Baker, Thomas

June 29 , 1929.

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Cullison, Kans.

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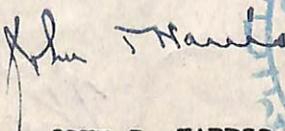
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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.



July 25 - 1929
421 West 33 St
Kansas City MO

Mr J. J. Harris DMC.

Dear Sir

I Beg to advise you that I am not
The man that you Refer to in this
Letter. As I was a Sargeant in the
Quarter master Corps. at Camp Funston
and was never overseas I was discharged
at Camp Funston March 1 - 1919 my Serial
no. was 2.198676.

I hope that this will give you sufficient
evidence so you may get this straightened
out all OK.

This mistake has arose once before in
1932 and I thout the Govt had gotten
it straightened out.

So I trust this will help you get things
straight
Yours Very Truly

Thomas A. Baker

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

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Sign here

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(Sign here)

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5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)	(No) Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
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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,

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Assistant.

In reply refer to:
293.8. C-R #70106

March 14, 1923.

Mrs. Ellen Baker,
R.F.D. #2,
Hollidaysburg, Penna.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Private Thomas Baker, Company K, 166th Infantry, is Grave 39, Row 15, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of 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 a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, 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,

H. J. Conner
Assistant.



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BAKER, Thomas. SERIAL NUMBER 172933

RANK vt. ORGANIZATION Co. K. 166th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Mar 8, 1922 From (give complete location):

gr 62, sec 5, plot 2. Cty. 1232.

By: Group 4 Unit sec 1.

3. Reburied (date): Mch 16, 1922, Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, gr 39, bl G, row 15 In (give complete location):

Mch 16, 1922, Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, gr 39, bl G, row 15

By: Group Reburial S Unit unlined casket Nature of reburial

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

wooden box and burlap and U.S. uniform. badly decomposed, ~~unrecognizable~~
recognition impossible.

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

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

disc on body reads: Thomas Baker, 172933.

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

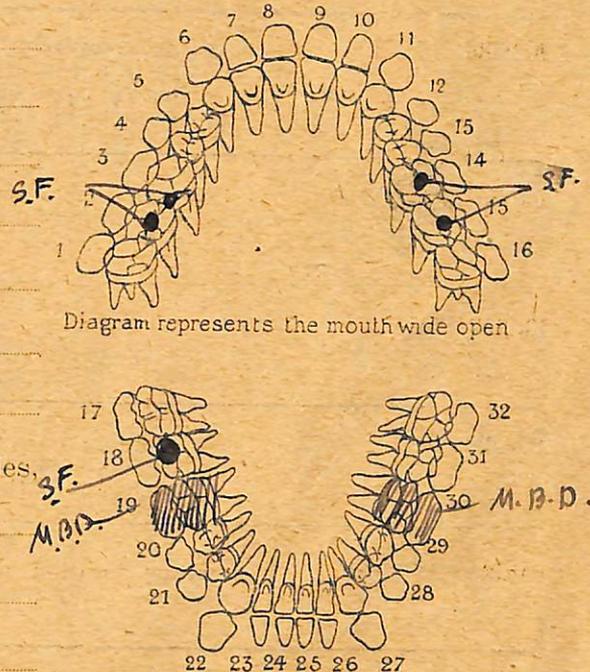
Quantity do

(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

Roy M. Perry
R.M. Perry.

Approved:

Geo. C. Bland
Geo. C. Bland 1st Lt., M.C.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by

W.B. Sheild
W.B. Sheild

Approved:

A.E. Dewey
A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt., QMC.
(Title)

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
 2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.

3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

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

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

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
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.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE March 8 1922

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, Thomas

10. Name _____

2. No. 172933

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. K 166th Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. 10-18-18

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. D.O.W.

(b) D.B. none

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 62 Sec. 5

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 2 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. none

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.

19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232

Sec. 5

23. Disinterred (Date) March 8 1922

By Roy M Perry

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Thomas Baker

Serial No. 172933

Rank Pvt

Organization Co K 166th Inf

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

Ray Brown
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

Ray Brown

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).

Disc on body reads : Thomas Baker 172933

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognisable

28. Nature of burial Uniform, burlap and wooden 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 March 8 1922 By Roy M Perry

31. Casket sealed by Roy M Perry

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor Roy M Perry)

Roy M Perry
ROY M PERRY

APPROVED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 25111



32. Designation of body:

Name Thomas BAKER Serial No. 172933

Rank Pvt Organization Co. K 166th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne/s/ontfleuron

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) March 8 1922 By Roy M Perry

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 Geo C Bland

36. Remarks Geo C Bland 1st Lt. QMC

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) March 8 1922 cc

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne
(Name)

Convoyer P H Doran Signature Shipping Officer G F Spain

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date G F Spain Capt/QMC

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, Mch 16, 1922
(Date)

42. Grave No. 39 Section

43. ~~X~~Plot Block G Row 15

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #70106

(a) Name BAKER, Thomas Ser. No. 172933
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.K, 166th Infantry
(c) Date of death 10/18/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. DMA
CKR. J.B.

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

(a) Grave No. 62 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 5 TYP. DMA

(b) Emerg. Address Mr. R. R. Baker (brother) Hollidaysburg, Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

no card in file Et. 3-18-21
CKR. J.B.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name (b) Relationship
(c) Address
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.?
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials Date, 1920.

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

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials Et. Date 3-18-21, 1920.

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes Et.

Examiner's Initials Et. Date 3-18-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-sec.5 SHEET No. 12

Handwritten notes and stamps including 'checked 4/15/21' and 'SILVER'.

Vertical handwritten note on the right margin: 'of app. had remains no discharge 3/14/21'.

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

RECEIVED.

Typed by _____ Checked by _____

APR 28 1921 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

CEMETERIAL DIVISION



APR 28 1921

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____
letter on 3/26/21, 1920

*Sec. 5.
Par. 2. Not to be returned (E&S)*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *B.A.W.R. Miss Mary Baker (sister)
R.F.D. #1, Hollidaysburg, Pa. 4/5/21 M&B.
Ago gives as Ed on B.A. memo. Mrs Ellen Baker
(mother) R.F.D. #2 Hollidaysburg Pa. Bld. 5/14/21.*

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Scantlebury

A. G. O. Card & Corr. *3-18-21*

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks *E. A.*

E. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Chackers *as*

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No. *78 Wisent*

Org. *3-19-21*

Remarks *WR E A*

*checked by
03 19 21*

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

*Q Dease
will.*

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Baker, Thomas, Pvt.

1232-Sec.5 - 12

3/19/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

DATE OF DEATH

172933

Co. K, 166th Inf.

10/18/18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Copy forwarded to
Adjustment Department

Date *4/5/21 m.e.B.*

DATE *C-182018*
March 31, 1921.

Miss Mary Baker,

Sister

PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE

RELATIONSHIP

RPD #1, Hollidaysburg, Pa.

ADDRESS

Wear

PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION

RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #70106

(a) Name BAKER, Thomas Ser. No. 172933
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 166th Infantry } TYP. DMA
 (c) Date of death 10/18/18 (d) Cause of death DWR1A } 873

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

(a) Grave No. 62 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 5 TYP. DMA
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. R. R. Baker (brother) Hollidaysburg, Pa.

III. ~~Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases~~ 3/24/21 E.M. CKR. A. J.

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

No card in file E.S. 3-18-21
No request for disposition H.S. 4-8-21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
Sec. 5 letter of transmittal on 3/26/21, 192
Par. 2. Not to be returned (E.S.)

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. APR 28 1921, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

FRANCE

1232-sec.5

12

AP. 4/8/21

error on part of
 ago he it
 belonged
 made
 5/4/21

Date 2nd June 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

70106

Remains of:

Name: BAKER, ThomasNumber: 172933Rank: Pvt

Organization:

Co K 166th Inf

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

23rd April 1919Grave No 4 American B/A CtyAPREMONT ARDENNES 35 SE E 299.75 N 276.9

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

23rd April 1919Grave No 62 Sec 5 Plot 2ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY NO. 1232ROMAGNE MEUSE

1232

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

Burial fair; body buried in underwear and blanket; body normally decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

10540

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 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 StrongR. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.

JMB

C.O. Group _____ Unit _____

70106

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Baker 172933

Thomas

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

Pvt.

Co. K. 166 Inf.

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

Oct. 17, 1918.

DATE OF BURIAL

PLACE OF BURIAL

Apremont.

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

350 yards east of German Hospital

Apremont, Department of Meuse.

GRAVE NUMBER

#3 Plot #2.

HOW MARKED:

Name Peg?

yes

Cross?

yes

Headboard?

Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

yes

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

yes

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

Apremont (Meuse)

293

35 S. E.

E-300.2

N-278.1

REPORTED BY:

C-293

Chaplain H. D. Williams

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

6 NOV 1918

293-1016

Continental Lab. No. _____
Daily Report No. _____

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

May 11, 1921.

MEMORANDUM

for the Quartermaster General
of the Army:

The records of this office
show the emergency address of
Thomas Baker #172933 Co. K,
166 Inf. to be:

Mrs. Ellen Baker (mother)
R.F.D. #2
Hollidaysburg, Pa.

P. C. Harris
The Adjutant General.

y'

May 20, 1921.

293.6 Cem. Div. -#70106 -(BAKER, Thomas).

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

Mr. Thomas A. Baker, Cullison, Kansas.

Case of Private Thomas BAKER, #172953, Co. K, 166th Infantry.

1. With reference to your communication dated May 3rd, 1921 on the reverse side of notification letter from this office dated April 23rd, 1921, you are advised that this office regrets exceedingly that due to a discrepancy in the records notification of the location of the grave of the above names soldier was forwarded to you.

2. The records have been corrected and the brother of Private Baker notified of the location of the grave.

3. Your co-operation in this matter has materially aided in the correction of the records and is greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General :

Inv & Adj

BG

THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,
Captain, Q. M. Corps.

DRG

MAILED
MAY 23 1921
G.R.S.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

MAY 17 1921

Date

TO:

Ma Hood

CAPTAIN HANSON

MR. HUGHITT,

MISS BOLAND

Action as necessary
Necessary adjustment
Investigation
Remark
Suspension
Note (Need not return)
Note and return
Form 101-A
Action as noted

Preparation of letter
Signature
File
Recording
Coding
File Papers
Returned
Report
Forwarded

~~CARD DEPT. (RFSS)
CITY AUDIT DEPT. (ISS)
INV. & ADJ. DEPT. (ISS)
PREP. OF DATA DEPT. (ISS)
INFORMATION CONTROL (ISS)~~

OPSS - Adm. Dept.

CPSS - Comp. Dept.

OPSS - Corresp. & Coord. Dept.

OPSS - Files Dept.

FILES DEPT. (ADM. BRANCH)

Return to

C.H.
C.H.

From

Memo:

*Prepare letter of
apology.*

(Revised 3-23-21)

S/1333/LML

5/14/21

Mr Hughtt :-

Miss Esbari corrected
5X8 card and sent
out reburial letter
to correct E.A.

Am forwarding
papers so you
can answer letter
(letter you mention in
att; memo)

B. Landman

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 23, 1921.

TO: Mrs. Thomas A. Baker,
Cullison, Kansas.

1. You are advised that the investigation made by this office to discover the grave location of the late **Private Thomas Baker, #172933, Company K, 166th Infantry.**

has finally been successful and the records of this office now show this soldier to be buried in **Grave #62, Section 5, Plot 2, Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.**

2. This office regrets the delay in this case, which however, was unavoidable being due to the inevitable difficulties arising in a work of this nature.

3. You may rest assured that identification has been absolutely established and need have no fear as to the correctness of this report.

4. Will you kindly accept the heartfelt sympathy of the Department in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Lt. Colonel, U. S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

This notification does not affect the request made for the retention of body in, or return from Europe.

M. M. S.
S-1707/MB

SN 89

RECEIVED
MAY 10 1921
G. H. S.



RECEIVED

May 3 - 1920

Ballison Kans

Office of the G.A.C. General of the Army
Washington D.C.

You have made a sad mistake
in which I regret that it has
happened, as there is no Thomas Baker
in this Locality by that name,
you have my name mixed with some
other boy who has the same name
but different add.

my serial no is 11986767

When I was overseas, I was stationed at
Camp Funston Kans the period of the
enlistment.

I hope that I have gave you sufficient
evidence to enable you to correct
this groud mistake.

yours very truly,

Sgt.

Thomas A. Baker

Ballison Kans



CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

11
MAY 12 1921

Date

TO: *Mrs. Landman*

CAPTAIN HANSON

MR. HUGHITT,

MISS POLAND

Action as necessary	Preparation of letter
Necessary adjustment	Signature
Investigation	File
Remark	Recording
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Note (Need not return)	File Papers
Note and return	Returned
Form 101-A	Report
Action as noted	Forwarded

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FILES DEPT. (ADM. BRANCH)

Return to

From *OH*

Memo:

*(Will you please
note our copy records
and forward to
Mr. Wilson for a copy of
records under that
direction, ticket. I
will want the letter also)*

(Revised 3-23-21)

S/1333/LML

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

Date MAY 12 1921

TO: Mr. Wilson
CAPTAIN HANSON

MR. HUGHITT,

MISS POLAND

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Return to _____
From CH

Action as necessary	Preparation of letter
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Memo:

On receiving this from
Mrs. Landman will you
please adjust all
records and forward
to me.

(Letter apology)

(Revised 3-23-21)

S/1333/LML

FROM: O.Q.M.G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

for 115 sent

Adjustment Made

WAR. DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-7-A-O
Information requested of A.G.O. Date 3/19/21.

File No. Requisition.

(SPECIAL)

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname **Baker** *OK*
- b. Christian name **Thomas** *OK*
- c. Serial Number **172933** *OK*
- d. Organization **Co. K, 166th Inf.** *OK*
- e. Rank **Pvt.** *OK*
- f. Date of death **10/18/18** *OK*
- g. Cause of death **DWRIA.** *OK*
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address *Mrs. Thomas A. Baker, Callison, Kans.*
- j. Relationship *Wife. see memo attached*

NOTED FORM 115
DATE 3/24/21 E.M.

BODY DESCRIPTION
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS *attached*
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment) *Red 5/14/21*

a. Strike out teeth missing

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
								upper right								
								upper left								

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
								lower right								
								lower left								

*Donnelly, H.
Eric Pers Sec
48 3/22/21*

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

CEMETERY NO: C.W. 132-Sec.5.

BY: *[Signature]*
H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut, Q.M.C.

SHEET NO: 12
TYPED BY: I.W.

*Rec'd War Dept. 3/21/21
Date: J.A.F.*

MAR 21 1921

which this office could determine the faith of soldiers, the Jewish Welfare Board has assisted in compiling a list of Jewish dead in Europe. Crosses which may have been inadvertently placed over such graves are being replaced by Jewish markers as rapidly as possible. Jewish markers are also being removed from Christian graves, wherever error has been made.

12. Photographs of graves have been taken by a section of the American Red Cross, assigned to the Graves Registration Service, and are being distributed without charge, and without application, as each case is reached, to the next of kin. Considering the large number of cases involved and the great amount of detailed work in furnishing of these photographs, it must be understood that they can not be sent to any persons other than the relative of the deceased. Photographs have been received by the next of kin which clearly show mistakes in inscriptions; these were taken before the corrected data had been inscribed upon the grave marker and in some cases while the establishment of cemeteries was still in progress. This also explains the appearance of any photographs which may show an untidy foreground or background. All of our cemeteries in Europe are now in excellent condition and innumerable letters of commendation have been received on this subject.

Requests have been received in this office for sectional and panoramic photographs of the different cemeteries abroad. This office is unable to furnish such pictures, but photographs of practically every place in Europe of interest in connection with the World War were taken by the Signal Corps of the United States Army and catalogues of these pictures containing necessary instructions relative to procuring them from the Signal Corps will be found in Public Libraries. Large pictures of Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, are on sale at the Y. W. C. A. Hostess House, Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, and can be purchased for 2.50 francs, which equals about 25 cents in American money.

13. Inquiries concerning the following subjects should be addressed as indicated:

- (a) *Personal effects*: Chief, Effects Bureau, Q. M. C., 539 Greenwich Street, New York City, N. Y.
- (b) *Pay*: Auditor for the War Department, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.
- (c) *Liberty bonds*: Chief of Finance, Washington, D. C.
- (d) *War risk insurance*: Chief, War Risk Insurance Bureau, Washington, D. C.

14. If in the dispatch of a great volume of daily correspondence there may be letters which seem to the readers to be too brief and businesslike, it is hoped that no one will believe us lacking in sympathy with those in sorrow. It is the aim of the office to show the utmost courtesy to all inquirers and to satisfy their desires within the limit of our power.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Army, Chief, Cemeterial Division.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION BULLETIN NO. 10-G-W.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,
CEMETERIAL DIVISION,
Washington, D. C.

1. The Graves Registration Service is now a branch of the Cemeterial Division of the Quartermaster General's Office, which is the official organization of the War Department charged with the acquisition, maintenance, construction, registration, and control of all American cemeteries and plots in foreign cemeteries in Europe in which the remains of our soldier dead are interred. The headquarters is now in Washington, D. C., where all data necessary for the final disposition of the remains of soldiers of the American Expeditionary Forces are prepared. Burial reports of all descriptions are completed and recorded, and inquiries of nearest relatives and friends of deceased members of the American Expeditionary Forces are answered. This division is not prepared to give information on other subjects than the above. (See par. 13.)

2. The exact location of a grave is communicated whenever possible to the person whom the soldier had previously registered as the proper one to be addressed in case of emergency. Many changes in grave location have been made since first notifications were sent to relatives in order that bodies may be better located and the care of graves more fittingly maintained. These transfers were made at the instance of the French Government, and all the allied armies have been engaged in this policy of concentration. Entire cemeteries, which in the stress of battle and other emergency had been poorly located, were removed, isolated graves opened, and the bodies reinterred in concentration cemeteries.

3. Change of address on the part of relatives has caused the return of thousands of letters of notification to this office by the postal authorities, which accounts in many cases for failure of relatives to receive notification as to the change of grave location. Advice as to the change of address must be forwarded to this office if the records are to be kept up to date. If notification has not been received, this office will be glad to be advised.

4. The return of bodies from all countries in Europe is being accomplished as promptly as conditions and the reverent handling of our dead will permit. It is difficult to forecast a date when removals may be completed, inasmuch as this work is dependent upon circumstances which can not always be controlled, but it is being prosecuted as vigorously as possible.

Prior to operations in the particular cemetery in which the remains of their kin are interred, this office will mail to relatives "Shipping Inquiries" which give such directions for shipment or other disposition as have been recorded here, and request verification thereof together with necessary information concerning the legal next of kin, with whom alone this office must deal.

The legal next of kin is notified from the Hoboken office of this service as soon as possible after receipt of information from Europe that the remains have been shipped. He is again notified by telegram from Hoboken upon arrival of the remains at that port, giving date of their further shipment inland.

The bodies which still remain in Russia can not be removed until weather conditions and the attitude of the Russian people will permit. Public announcement will be made at the appropriate time.

Removals must be made with due regard to orderly procedure, accuracy, and fairness; therefore no request for priority will be considered.

It is the policy to deliver the remains of American officers and enlisted men buried overseas to their bona fide homes in foreign countries, when such a course is practicable and the request therefor has been made by the next of kin.

The transfer of a body to a foreign country is subject to the sanitary laws and health regulations of both the country of present interment and that to which removal is requested, as well, also, of any intervening country through which the remains must be transported. Should any of these countries prevent the transfer desired, the body will be retained in the custody of the American Government in such cemetery as will best insure its preservation.

5. **Instructions for the disposition of remains** will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority (if there are no brothers), rank next in authority to decide. Upon an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above may claim and be accorded the right to direct disposition. The legal guardian of the children of a deceased soldier may, however, also direct disposition and such request will have priority next after the widow of the soldier. The former widow after remarriage, therefore, may still direct disposition of the remains of her former husband if she has custody of the minor children of the deceased in her capacity as their natural guardian.

Requests of individuals to return to the United States the remains of their soldier dead under their own direction can not be granted. Our agreement with other nations contemplates that the entire responsibility of such transfer shall rest with this Government. Permits of this nature would be a manifest injustice to those relatives who, though equally bereaved, are unable to bear the considerable expense involved.

Requests from the legal next of kin that bodies remain in established French cemeteries will be granted when possible to do so, providing that the next of kin relieves this Government from further care of the grave. Formal release of a body will not be made to next of kin until the final disposition has been made of all bodies in that particular cemetery and the area in which it is located. When, however, a body can not be left undisturbed, and the general policy requires evacuation of the cemetery in which it lies, it will be transferred at Government expense to a permanent American cemetery in that country, and its future maintenance will be a care of the Government. Bodies will be concentrated into permanent American cemeteries without attempting to form special groups, based upon consideration of rank, religion, or organization.

6. **The nearest of kin, or an authorized agent may**, upon presentation of proper credentials to the office of the Graves Registration Service, at Hoboken, N. J., **assume the custody of the remains** of a deceased member of the American Expeditionary Forces upon arrival of the remains at that port. When the remains are turned over to the nearest of kin the latter must take absolute possession and entire charge of the body and the responsibility of the United States Government thereupon ceases. The War Department representatives at Hoboken will issue Government transportation for the body and for the nearest relative or the accredited representative who accompanies the body to the home. It must be clearly understood, however, that the expenses of the journey of relatives *from their homes to Hoboken* for the purpose of meeting the remains of their soldier dead must be borne by themselves, as there are no appropriations available for this purpose. If the nearest relatives do not take charge of remains at Hoboken and accompany them to the homes, specially selected soldiers will be detailed to

act as military escorts and these soldiers will proceed with the remains from Hoboken to the places designated by the legal next of kin for delivery.

7. **All expenses of the shipment** of remains to the railroad station nearest the place designated for burial by the legal next of kin will be borne by the War Department. Expenses incident to and of the actual burial of the body will be reimbursed up to the amount of \$100 upon application direct to the Chief, Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D. C., supported by an itemized statement of expenses or receipted bills. This will include any proper expense ordinarily incident to the handling of the body from the railroad station as well as the funeral charges and actual burial; not to exceed the \$100 mentioned above. The legal next of kin should communicate with the Chief, Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D. C., for further information on this matter.

8. **Firing squads for funerals of deceased soldiers.**—The commanding officer of any post, camp arsenal, depot, or other station, will furnish a firing squad of not to exceed eight (8) men to attend the funeral of a person who has died in the military service, and whose remains have been turned over to the relatives or friends for interment, when request is made by the relatives or friends of the deceased, and provided that such a firing squad can be furnished without interfering with the duties of the men composing it, and without expense to private individuals, or to the Government except in the use of available transportation. The authorization of such details will not be permitted to make necessary any increase in the personnel at any station.

9. **Permanent American cemeteries** will be maintained in which all bodies will be concentrated which are to remain overseas, unless relatives may choose other places of burial and agree to maintain them independently of the Government, after the bodies have been transferred to such local cemeteries by the Graves Registration Service.

Four permanent American Cemeteries have been located in France: Suresnes American Cemetery, Department of the Seine, on the outskirts of Paris; the Argonne American Cemetery, at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse; Belleau Wood American Cemetery, Department of the Aisne (near Chateau Thierry); and Flanders Field American Cemetery, at Bony, Department of the Aisne. Arrangements are being made for a similar cemetery in the vicinity of London for such bodies as relatives have designated for permanent burial in England. It is the policy to concentrate upon these few permanent places the best care of our Government.

Concentration of bodies into permanent cemeteries in Europe will be effected in accordance with a prearranged plan based on geographical location of the present cemeteries in relation to the designated permanent cemeteries and logical considerations of rail transportation. The only exceptions will be in the case of the bodies of blood relatives, which, upon application of the families concerned, may be placed in the same permanent cemetery.

10. **Monuments.**—No private monuments of any sort have been authorized, all graves being temporarily marked with a cross or Jewish marker, pending the substitution of stone monuments of uniform and artistic design in place of crosses and other markers now employed. These permanent headstones have been designed by the National Fine Arts Commission, and will be put in place by the Government when cemeteries are completed.

11. **The present inscriptions** on grave markers were necessarily taken from burial reports, identification tags, and other available means which sometimes proved to be not correct in every detail. A careful comparison of these inscriptions with the records of this office and of The Adjutant General's Office is being made, and the permanent stone markers will conform to the exact spelling and other data according to officially certified records.

Where possible, this service has taken the utmost care to indicate the graves of Jewish soldiers by the use of the approved Jewish marker. Because there was little or no means by

Put. Thomas Baker.

172 933,

Miss. Katharine W. Baker.
W. S. Hoop. Train # 56.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Baker, 172933, Thomas
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Co. K, 166 Inf.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: **10-18-18**

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

Verdun Meiziers map 2' east, 75' north, 350 yds east of German hospital.

GRAVE NUMBER: **3, Plot 2**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? **Yes**

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? **Yes**

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

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

CMME

NEAREST RELATIVE: **Bunaville (Marne)**

ADDRESS: **35 S.W. COORD {E 292} {N 275} app**

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: **L. D. Williams, Chaplain, 307 San. Tn.**
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).



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201. Baker, Thomas

1st Ind.

70106
TAR/mt.

Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O.#902, A.E.F., June 14, 1919 @
To Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O.#717.

It is requested that this office be furnished with information regarding the burial of Pvt. Thomas Baker. This soldier died of wounds Oct.18, 1918.

H. M. NELLY,
Adjutant General.

293.8 - GRS.

2nd Ind.

ACL/NWA.

American E.F. Headquarters, S.O.S., O.C.Q.M. Acting Chief, G.R.S. France. July 11, 1919 - TO: Central Records Office, A.G.D. A.P.O. 902, Am. E.F. Returned.

1. Records of the Graves Registration Service show Private THOMAS BAKER, (172933), Co. K., 166th Infantry, to have been reburied April 23, 1919 in Grave 62, Section 5, Plot 2, Argonne American Cemetery at Remagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department Meuse, Map reference 35NE, Coordinates #308.16 - N284.87. Grave is marked by a cross to which is attached one identification tag; one tag is buried with body.

L. A. SHIPMAN,
Major, Q.M. Corps,
Acting Chief, GRS.



HEADQUARTERS OF THE SALVATION ARMY
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
FRANCE

70106

May 19, 1919.

Central Records,
a. p. o. #902.

Gentlemen:-

Re: Private Thomas Baker
Co. K., 166th Inf.

Any information you can give us regarding this young man will
be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in anticipation of the favor of a reply, I am.

Very sincerely yours,

WM. S. BARKER, Colonel

By _____
W. O. Hunter, Brigadier,

1b.



TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER 70106

FROM:-

DATE: 6/20/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BAKER, THOMAS

NUMBER

RANK PVT

ORGANIZATION Co. K-166 Inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① 172933
2.	Date of Death.	② 10/18/18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ DWR1A
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ 381
5.	Date buried.	⑤ 10/18/18 reburied.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ 4-23-19 Cty. 12 32. grave no 62 Sec 5. Plot 2.
7.	Who reported burial?	ARGONNE, AMERICITY
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.?	ROMAGNE
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	MEUSE
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑦ L.D. Williams - Chaplain - 307 San - Trn
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑧ Yes. Form 06.
12.	Has N/R been notified?	⑨ CROSS
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑩ one - body one - grave marker
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	⑪ R. R. BAKER (brother) HOLLIDAYS BURG, PA.

N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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7-7-19.

⑫ 6/3/19

D.A.T.