

Baker

William F

1,561,813

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt 1cl Co. B, 137th MG Bn.

(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 remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

R.R. #5

Mrs. J. A. Baker

Sullivan

Ill

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

Orig letter sent to
Mr. Ezra A. Moore,
Sullivan, Ill.

Drawn by ARE
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1-14-21
E.M

✓ FULL NAME

BAKER, William Franklin

Pvt

✓ RANK

Pvt 1/c

✓ SERIAL

1561813

✓ DIVISION & ORGANIZATION

Co.B, 137th MG Bn

38 Div

✓ DATE OF DEATH

Oct. 23, 1918

✓ STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Illinois

✓ MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

none

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

Date

Grave

Row

Block

Suresnes, #34

Cemetery

31 AUG 26 1924

23/306/ARK

Place Laigle, Orne

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 1, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BAKER, William F. SERIAL NUMBER 1561813
 RANK Pvt. 1/cl. ORGANIZATION Co. B. 137th. M.G. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 1, 1921. From (give complete location): Military Section
Laigle, Orne, #3048

By: Group McGourty Unit Hqrs. Det.

3. Reburied (date): October 11th, 1921. In (give complete location): Suresnes Cemetery - Block B - Row 1 - Grave 22.

By: Group Field Operations Branch. Unit Nature of reburial: Metal Casket
Blanket

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

6ft. earthen grave, wooden box. Buried naked.

Badly decomposed Unrecognizable.

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

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

Identity confirmed by Cemetery Records.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to determine

(c) Hair—Color Impossible to determine

Quantity Impossible to determine

Characteristics Impossible to determine

(d) Hair on face—Color Impossible to determine

Location Impossible to determine

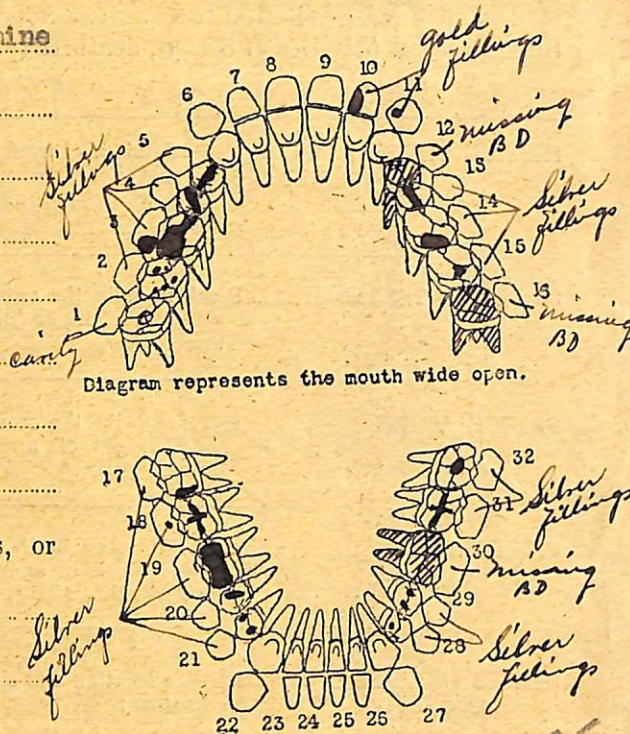
Quantity Impossible to determine

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

Teeth #12-16-30 missing before death.

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

Impossible to determine



7. Disinterment supervised by James McGourty Approved: J. J. Powers

(Title) J. J. Powers, 1st Lt. M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by R. G. Richards Approved: R. P. Harbold

R. G. RICHARDS,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

(Title) R. P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

May 8, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R #43567 (Baker, William F., Pvt. 1/c.)

FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.

TO: Mr. Ezra Allen Moore, Sullivan, Ill.

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private 1st Class William F. Baker,
Company B, 137th Machine Gun Battalion.

FILE
pm
5-8-22

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 22, Row 1, Block B, The American Cemetery of Suresnes, Department of the Seine, France.

2. 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 and date of soldier's death. 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.

3. 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.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED
MAY - 9 1922
G.R.S.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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(6)

DATE _____

1. NAME BAKER, William F SERIAL No. 1561813RANK Pvt.1/Cl. ORGANIZATION Co.B., 137th M.G.Bn.GRAVE LOCATION Mil. Section. LAIGLE (Orne) 308
CTY. NAME NUMBER

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL ~~BATTLE AREA~~ GRAVE LOCATION No number Laigle Orne
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.COORDINATES Nocoordinates given. Data taken from Form 1-A dated April 17, 1921.
Original burial made in Military section Cem.308, Laigle(Orne).CONCENTRATED TO Not Concentrated.
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

None.SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None.
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR I.A. Luke
Capt. F.A., Supervisor Areas 6-8.3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/11/21 22 1 B
DATE GRAVE ROW ~~Plot~~ BlockSURESNES AMERICAN CTY. #34, Suresnes (Seine).

CEMETERY

STATION Laigne, Orne.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 1, 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, William F.
 2. No. 1561813
 3. Rank Pvt. 1/01.
 4. Org. Co. B., 137th M.G. Bn.
 5. D.D. Oct. 23rd.
 6. C.D. Pneumonia.

10. Name None
 11. No. "
 12. Rank "
 13. Org. "
 14. (a) D.D. "
 (b) D.B. "

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 2 Sec. 1
 8. Plot 1 Row 1
 9. 1

15. Grave No. None Sec. 1
 16. Plot 1 Row 1
 17. 1

18. Cemetery Military Section
 20. Dept. or County Orne
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 308

19. Commune or town Laigne
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 1, 1921.By James McGourty.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BAKER, William F.
 Rank Pvt. 1st Cl.

Serial No. 1561813
 Organization Co. B. 137th M.G. Bn

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? NoSignature James McGourty 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).

Identity confirmed by Cemetery records.27. Condition of body Barely decomposed. Unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial 6ft. earthen grave, wooden box. Buried naked.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 1, 1921. By James McGourty31. Casket sealed by James McGourty

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

James McGourty, J.S.E.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 0-7431

32. Designation of body:

Name BAKER, William F

Serial No. 1561813

Rank Pvt. 1/01.

Organization Co. B., 157th M.G. Bn.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery American # 34 SURESNES (Seine.)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 1, 1921.

By James McGourty, S.E.

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector J. J. Powers, 1st. Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks Identity confirmed by Cemetery Records.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 1, 1921.

To point of Concentration Paris Morgue, St. Denis (Seine)

Convoyer James C. Wood (Name) J. J. Powers, 1st. Lt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at ~~Paris Morgue~~ or Point of Concentration: Date September 1, 1921.

By G.R.S. Representative H. L. WARD, Major Q.M.C.

39. Shipped from ~~Paris Morgue~~ or Point of Concentration: Date October 11, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Suresnes

Convoyer Arthur F. Lemon (Name) H. L. WARD, Major, Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date October 11th, 1921.

G.R.S. Representative R. F. HARBOLD, Major, Q.M.C.

41. Reinterred Suresnes Cemetery. October 11th, 1921.

42. Grave No. 22. (Date)

Section

43. Plot B. Row 1.

G.R.S. Representative R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 43567

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BAKER, William F. Ser. No. 1561813
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. B, 137th M/G Bn.
 (c) Date of death 10-23-18 (d) Cause of death Pneumonia

TYP. DB
 CKR.

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

(a) Grave No. - Row - Plot - Sec. - TYP. DB
 (b) Emerg. Address Extra Allen Moore, (Brother-in-law) Sullivan, Ill.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -

(a) Name Mrs. J. A. Baker (b) Relationship mother
 (c) Address R.R. #5, Sullivan, Ill.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes
 (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 are Date 1-13, 1920.

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

no correspondence, dated -
 confirming request in Par. IV., item -, above, or requesting that -

Examiner's Initials are Date 1-13, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

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

Examiner's Initials S.M. Date 1-14, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 308

SHEET No. 1-2

G. R. S. Form No. 115
 Amended April 6, 1920

3-7729

Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

CARDED

CONCENTRATED
 INTO PAC #34

10-26-21
 Concentration Surveys 34
 10-26-21

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 1/22/21 -----, 1920

Par. # 2 Not to be returned.

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IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be -----	-----
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Body to be shipped to -----	-----
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X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Name _____

Rank _____

Serial No.

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Rank.....
Serial No.....
Org.....
Remarks.....

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A. G. O. Card & Corr. *Clark 1-13*

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Discrepancies.....

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Name.....

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Rank.....

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Serial No.....

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Org.....

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Remarks *ea*

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G. R. S. Corr. *1-15*

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Discrepancies.....

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Name.....

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*checked 21
1-14 E.M.*

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON
HOBOKEN, N.J.

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FEB 17 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mrs. J.A. Baker, R.R.#5, Sullivan, Ill.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. 1/c William F. Baker, Ser. No. 1561813 Co. B, 138th M.G.Bn.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier remain in France.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Army.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? _____

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

Date _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Relationship _____

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FEB 4 - 1921

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SHEET NO.

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CONCENTRATED
INTO PAC #34
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WAR DEPARTMENT
Quartermaster Corps,
Graves Registration Service
Pier 2, Hoboken, N.J.

July 6, 1921.

FILE NO. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G.,
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery # 308
Transmittal Memorandum Number H-574

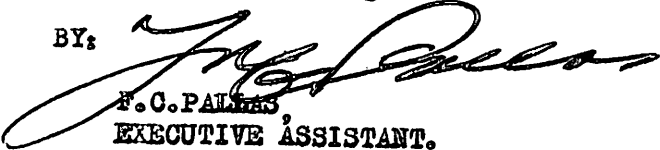
1. The records pertaining to the following cases are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the bodies are to remain in Europe.

REFERENCE NO:

1 BAKER, William F. Private 1st Class, Serial
Number 1561813, Company B, 137th Machine
Gun Battalion.

R.E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

BY:


F.C. PALMER,
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT.

1 ENCL.

R-7-11-21 m

43567
William

Baker W. F. #1561813

Co B

Pvt. 137th M.G. B. 38th Div

1st
Died 10/23/18

Buried Lalgle Communal Cem.

(G.R.U.)

FILE



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BAKER, W.#1561813

Pvt. 137 M.G.Co. 38th Div

10/23/18

Laigle Com Cem #308

Berlin Com. Brit Cem #302

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

File No. *43567* Registration.

Date *12/13/21*

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., 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. William F. *OK*
c. Serial number. 1561813 *OK*
d. Organization. Co. B, 137th M.G. Bn. *OK*
e. Rank. Pvt. *1st class*
f. Date of death. *Oct 23, 1918*
g. Cause of death. *Pneumonia*
h. Authority (C. C. No.) *303*
i. Emergency address. *Ezra Allen Moore*
Sullivan, Illinois
j. Relationship. *brother in law*

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

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

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Strike out teeth missing:

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Upper right	Upper left.
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Lower right.	Lower left.

REC'D MAIL SECTION,
W. W. DIV., A. G. O.
DEC 15 1921 By

Wheeler

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

H. J. Conner
H. J. CONNER,
Captain, Q. M. C.

correctly - per 864-PS - wgc - 12/19/21

Place Seringes- (Aisne).Date June 13, 19.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name ~~Wieder~~ BakerNumber 102324
263868.Rank Pvt 1/2Organization: Col. 168 Inf. L 125

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit 304.Disinterred (Date) June 13,,19. From: (Give complete location)Cemetery # 621 Grave 133.Reburied (Date) June 13, 19. in: (Give complete location)Cemetery # 608 Seringes-et-Nesles. (Aisne). Map 33 S.E.Grave 257 Plot 5 Section H.
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Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:

Buried 4 feet deep. Body badly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? No. None on cr.What other means of identification were found upon the body? None.Information taken from grave marker.

Note:

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

Supervised by Sgt W W Darnell1st Lt O W Forsberg.

C.O. Group

Unit 304.

Baker, William

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place BERINGES ET NESLES CTY 608

Date 5.10.21

1. REMAINS OF Baker, WIDDER, WILLIAM F SERIAL NUMBER 102384

RANK Pt PTG ORGANIZATION CO. L. 168th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): 5.10.21 From (give complete location): Gr 255 Sect H Plot 5

By: Group BOSSE Unit FIELD SECTION # 7

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

By: Group FIELD SECTION # 7 Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
BADLY DECOMPOSED FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE

U.S. UNIFORM AND BURLAP.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? NO On grave marker? YES

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

COLLAR INSIGNIA "U.S." "L-33rd Inf."

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(b) Weight (estimated) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(c) Hair—Color IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Quantity IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Characteristics IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(d) Hair on face—Color IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Location IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Quantity IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

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

MISSING PARTS: Left ulna and radial. Lower jaw. Right ulna.

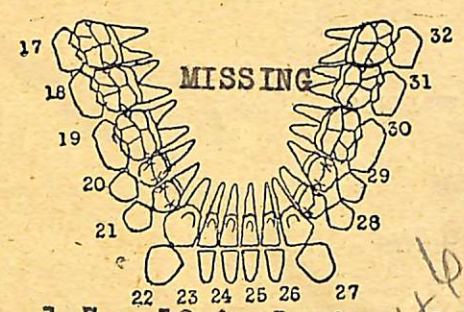
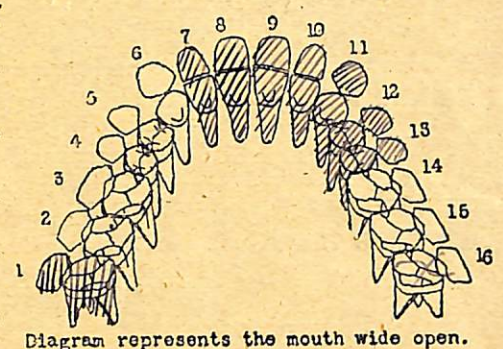
FRACTURES: None.

7. Disinterment supervised by HARRY V. BOSSE. SUP. EMB. Approved: H.S. HARPOLE. 1st Lt. QMC.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W.D. Th Approved:

(Title)



CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Baker, Wm 7	BAK	3	211 ⁰
BURIED	CEMETERY 34	1	6
	GRAVE 22	2	22
	ROW 1	2	01
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Ill	2	13
RANK	Pvt 1c	1	2
DIVISION	38	2	38
ORGANIZATION	137	3	137
ARM	M. & Bn	1	2
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME Baker	BAK	3	211
RESIDENCE Mrs G. A.	STATE Ill	2	13
	COUNTY Moultrie	2	70
	CITY Sullivan	3	149
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT			
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514/EAB	no Age 83		2 83

AUDITED
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IN REPLY
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

Baker William F Sur

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

October 13 1932

WASHINGTON

SPECIAL

Mrs J A Baker
RFD #5
Sullivan Ill

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space no, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here Mrs. J. A. Baker. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Baker, Wm. F. (Sur)

Sept. 7, 1932

Mrs. J. A. Baker
R. R. #5,
Sullivan, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Baker, Wm. F. (Sur)

Mrs. J. A. Baker,
R. R. #5,
Sullivan, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Baker, William F. (Sur)

November 10, 1931

Mrs. J. A. Baker,
R. R. #5,
Sullivan, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it will be appreciated if you will advise whether or not the late Private first class William F. Baker was married and is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,



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

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He was not married



*Mrs. J. A. Baker,
Sullivan Ill.*

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Baker, William F. (Sur) M

October 5, 1931.

Mrs. J. A. Baker,
Rt. #5,
Sullivan, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<u>No.</u>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <u>83</u> Health: <u>Fair, Have a broken hip</u>
3. Do you speak English?	<u>Yes</u>
4. What other language do you speak?	<u>none</u>

Mrs. J. A. Baker
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Baker, William F. Pvt. (Sur) M

June 17, 1931

Mrs. J. A. Baker,
E. R. #5,
Sullivan, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____
Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 6, 1930.

Baker, William F. 34 M

Mrs. J. A. Baker,
R.R. #5,
Sullivan, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

NO
(Write answer here)

Mrs. J. A. Baker
(Sign here)

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Baker, William F.
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August 9, 1929.

Mrs. J. A. Baker,
R. R. #5,
Sullivan, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 3, 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?

Mother

Mrs. J. A. Baker
Alton, Ill.

No. A broken hip keeps
her home.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Baker, William F.

May 3, 1929.

Mrs. J. A. Baker,
R. R. # 5,
Sullivan, Ill.

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, William F. Baker, Company B, 137th Machine Gun Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, 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,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Baker, Wm. F. (Sur)

Sept. 7, 1932

Mrs. J. A. Baker
R. R. #5,
Sullivan, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Baker, Wm. F. (Sur)

Mrs. J. A. Baker,
R. R. #6,
Sullivan, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-M
Baker, William F. (Sur)

November 10, 1931

Mrs. J. A. Baker,
R. R. #5,
Sullivan, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it will be appreciated if you will advise whether or not the late Private first class William F. Baker was married and is survived by a widow, and if so, her name and address.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Baker, William F. (Sur) M

October 5, 1931.

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Mrs. J. A. Baker,
Rt. #5,
Sullivan, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage
in 1932?

2. Please state your age and condition
of health:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Age:
Health:

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Baker, William F. Pvt. (Sur) M

June 17, 1931

Mrs. J. A. Baker,
R. R. #5,
Sullivan, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 6, 1930.

Baker, William F. 34 M

Mrs. J. A. Baker,
R.R. #5,
Sullivan, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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October 8, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Baker, William F. 34 M

Mrs. J. A. Baker,
R. R. #5,
Sullivan, Illinois.

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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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Baker, William P.
34

August 9, 1929.

Mrs. J. A. Baker,
R. R. #8,
Sullivan, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 3, 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,

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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 298 A-0
Baker, William F.

May 3, 1929.

Mrs. J. A. Baker,
R. R. # 5,
Sullivan, Ill.

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, William F. Baker, Company B, 187th Machine Gun Battalion, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, 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.

In your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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