

1. NAME BALCER, Anthony SERIAL No. 914549
 RANK 1st Lt ORGANIZATION Co.C 7th Engrs.
 & DIVISION 5th
 GRAVE LOCATION St.Mihiel Amer.Cty.Thiaucourt M-et- M 1233
 CTY. NAME NUMBER
83 Sec.16 2
 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Isolated, Vieville M-et-M,
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.
 COORDINATES 52 11E E 369.3 N 240.6

CONCENTRATED TO 5-16-19 83 Sec 16 2
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
1233 St Mihiel Thiaucourt
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Sept. 24-1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME La.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED no record

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE	GRAVE	ROW	PLOT	CEMETERY

DATE	GRAVE	ROW	PLOT	CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR _____

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Aug. 16, 1922 22 14 Block B
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

St.Mihiel American No.1233, Thiaucourt
 CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

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 OCT 23 1925
 JOINT WAR DIV.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Balcer 914549 Anthony

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

Pvt

(Rank.)

7th Engineers

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Sept-24-1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Beville en Haye

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

1 kilo due north above town
2 rods of N.E. corner
of Bois Gerard woods

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Edward S. Boyer

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

Place Thiaucourt (F. et M.)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 10, 1921.1. REMAINS OF ANTHONY BALGER, SERIAL NUMBER.....RANK Pvt., ORGANIZATION Co. C., 7th Engineers.

2. Disinterred (date):

November 10, 1921.

From (give complete location):

Grave #83, Section 16, plot 2,
Cemetery #1233, Thiaucourt, M. et M.By: Group M. L. Todd, Major, M. C. Unit Area #1, AGRS, UMC., in E.

3. Reburied (date):

November 10, 1921.

In (give complete location):

Grave #83, Section 16, plot 2,
Cemetery #1233, Thiaucourt, M. et M.By: Group M. L. Todd, Major, M. C. Unit Area #1, AGRS. Nature of reburial Burlap, in box.4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Burlap in box. U. S.
uniform. Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable. Collar ornament "CO. C 7th ENGRS."
Shoes #10. Large man, fat. Both hands missing.5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? None. (0) On grave marker? None (0).

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

The dental work was well done.

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

- (a) Height (actual measurement) Unknown (Form #1 states 6 feet tall). Missing A/D. Gold fllg.
- (b) Weight (estimated) Unknown (Form #1 states 200 lbs). Missing B/D. Gold crown.
- (c) Hair—Color None found. None. Missing B/D. Silver fillings.
- Quantity None found.
- Characteristics None.
- (d) Hair on face—Color None found.
- Location None.
- Quantity None.
- (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Both hands missing. Body decomposed. Missing B/D. Gold crown.
- (f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Bullet hole thru left frontal bone at supra-orbital ridge. Missing A/D.

Diagram represents the mouth wide open.

7. Disinterment supervised by

M. L. TODD,
Major, M. C.Approved: _____
(Title).....

8. Reburial supervised by

M. L. TODD,
Major, M. C.Approved: _____
(Title).....

Baleer, Anthony

Place The Macourt, Cem. 1233,

OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date April 27th, 1921

REMAINS OF Unknown U. S. Soldier

SERIAL NUMBER U. 3207

RANK --

ORGANIZATION --

2. Disinterred (date):

From (give complete location):

April 27th, 1921

Gr. 83, Sec. 16, Plot 2, Cem. 1233,

By: Group 4

Unit Sec. 8

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

April 27th, 1921

Gr. 83, Sec. 16, Plot 2, Cem. 1233,

By: Group 4

Unit Sec.

Nature of reburial Burlap, pine box.

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

Uniform, pine box. Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

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

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

Ornaments on collar: "E. C. Engineers" insignia "U.S."

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5 ft 8 in

(b) Weight (estimated) 150 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color None visible.

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible.

Location

Quantity

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible.

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None visible.

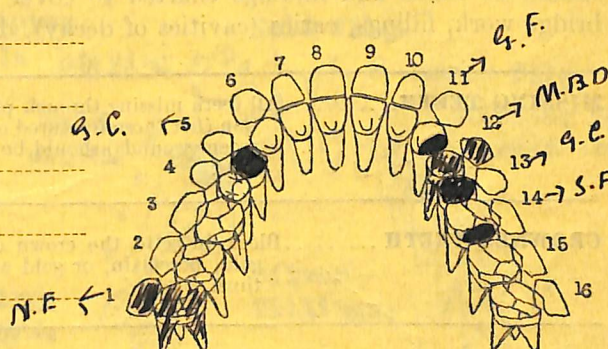
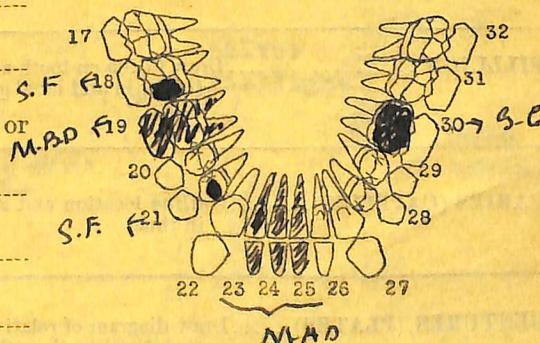


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



Bert McGlaughlin, Checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by

Approved:

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by

Approved:

(Title)

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB- HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Balcer</i>	<i>Bal</i>	3	212
<i>Anthony</i>	CEMETERY <i>1233</i>	1	3
BURIED	GRAVE <i>22</i>	2	22
	ROW <i>14</i>	2	14
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	2
STATE	<i>Iowa</i>	2	16
PANK	<i>Pub</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>5</i>	2	05
ORGANIZATION	<i>7</i>	3	007
ARM	<i>Engns</i>	1	4
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	2
<i>Mrs</i> NAME <i>Mary Balcer</i>	<i>Bal</i>	3	212
	STATE <i>Iowa</i>	2	16
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Linn</i>	2	57
<i>925-80-9th St E.</i>	CITY <i>Cedar Rapids</i>	3	011
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER	<i>Sister</i>	1	2
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	2
29/514/PJ	<i>Age</i>		78

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Balcer, Anthony (SM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925 - 9th St., E.,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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.

2 Encls.

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

No
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Mary Balcer

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Balcer, Anthony Pvt. (StM) M

June 13, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925 - 9th Street, East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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



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

No
Write answer here

Mrs Mary Balcer
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Balcer, Anthony 1233 -M

Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925- 9th Street, East
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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) 78	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language <i>Bohemian</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Balcer, Anthony (StM)

December 23, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925 - 9th Street, East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

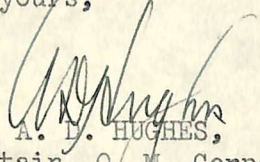
Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Anthony Balcer. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to visit your son's grave next summer.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers and widows in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested you so notify this office. Should you make the trip, you are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and needs will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

(over)

April 8 = 1932

Office of the Quartermaster General

Dear Sir Mr A. D. Hughes.

I want to thank you for your personal letter, and invitation care, & comfort extended to War Mothers. I would be very glad to go, but my poor health will not permit it. I am run down, and feel I could not stand the trip. I thank you again for your kind letter, & invitation.

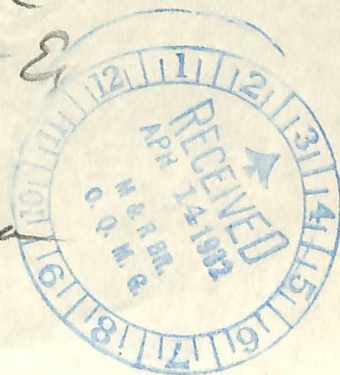
Yours truly

Mrs Mary Balcer

No 928 80 9th E

Cedar Rapids

Excuse me, for not answering sooner.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 295 A-M
Balcer, Anthony, Pvt. (StM) M

May 8, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925 Ninth Street, East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not your son, the late Private Anthony Balcer, was married and is survived by a widow, and if so, please furnish her name and address.

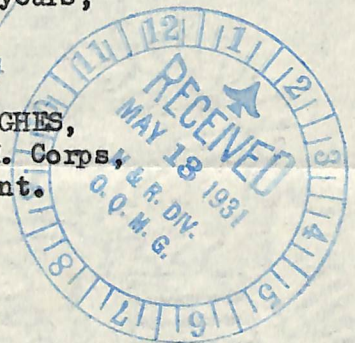
For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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A. D. Hughes
Dear Sir.

*I wish to advise. That my
son Antony Balcer was never married
Very truly yours
Mrs Mary Balcer*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 6, 1930.

Balcer, Anthony 1233 M

Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925 9th St., East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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.

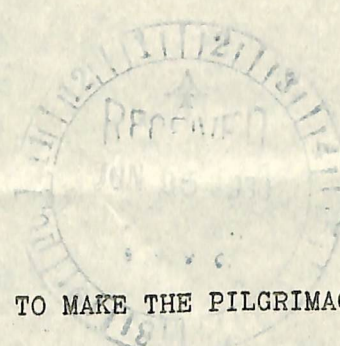
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

Mary Balcer
(Sign here)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 21, 1929.

Balcer, Anthony 1233 M
Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925 9th St., East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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 76 Health (Years) (Good) (Poor) ☒	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) ☒ (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

RECEIVED NOV 4 1929 M. & R. DIV. Q. Q. M. G.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Bohman & German
Respectfully yours
John T. Harris
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps, 5614 S. Halsted St.
Assistant.
Chicago

M other is 76 and in poor health.

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QM 293 A-C
Balcer, Anthony

October 23, 1929.

Mrs. M. O. Hull,
925 9th St., East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 13, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

In reply thereto you are advised that the Act of March 2, 1929 provides that invitations for a pilgrimage shall be extended only to the mothers and widows for whom it is authorized. It does not contain any provision which permits of the transfer of the invitation. I am sorry your request to make this pilgrimage in your mother's place cannot be granted, but you will understand that the War Department has no alternative other than to carry out the law as passed by Congress.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Cedar Rapids Ia.
Oct 13 1929.

Washington

War Department.

Mrs. J. T. Harris.

I in reply to your letter
of August 27-1929. I am
answering for my mother
Mrs Mary Balcer Mother of
Anthony Balcer Mother is
75 years old and wouldnt
be strong enough to make
the trip across of course she
said I am the oldest sister
I should go in her place I
said it is only for mothers
& widows so that leaves me
out But I sure would love
to go to see my dear Brothers

grave he was a good christian
boy and we sure feel bad when
ever we speak of him But there
were many other dear boys too
So Mother can't go as her
health won't permit. I sure
would like to go in her place as
I said before I am here visiting
my Mother and my home is
in Chicago Sorry to keep
you waiting so long for an answer
as Mother can't write in American
language Respectfully Yours

Mrs. M. O. Hull.

5614 - So. Halsted st.

Chicago Illinois

Mother's address Mrs Mary Baker
925 9th Street East.

Dear Repids
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 27, 1929.

Balcer, Anthony
1233

Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925 9th St., East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 25, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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

Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925 9th Street, East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Balcer, Anthony

May 25, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925 - 9th St., East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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 Anthony Balcer, Co. C, 7th Engineers, whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Balcer, Anthony (STM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925 - 9th St., E.,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

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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)

QM 293 A-M
Balcer, Anthony (StM)

December 23, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925 - 9th Street, East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Anthony Balcer. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to visit your son's grave next summer.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers and widows in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested you so notify this office. Should you make the trip, you are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and needs will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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JUN 21 4:00 PM '31
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INTERPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
~~Balcer, Anthony~~ Pvt. (StM) M

June 13, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925 - 9th Street, East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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

QM 293 A-M
Balcer, Anthony, Pvt. (StM) M

May 8, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925 Ninth Street, East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not your son, the late Private Anthony Balcer, was married and is survived by a widow, and if so, please furnish her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 6, 1930.

Balcer, Anthony 1233 M

Mrs. Mary Balcer,
935 9th St., East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 6, 1930.

Balcer, Anthony 1233 M

Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925 9th St., East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Balcer, Anthony 1233 -M

Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925- 9th Street, East
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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,

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

QM 293 A-C
Balcer, Anthony

October 23, 1929.

Mrs. M. O. Hull,
925 9th St., East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 13, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

In reply thereto you are advised that the Act of March 2, 1929 provides that invitations for a pilgrimage shall be extended only to the mothers and widows for whom it is authorized. It does not contain any provision which permits of the transfer of the invitation. I am sorry your request to make this pilgrimage in your mother's place cannot be granted, but you will understand that the War Department has no alternative other than to carry out the law as passed by Congress.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 21, 1929.

Balcer, Anthony 1233 M
Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925 9th St., East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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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DISPATCH

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 27, 1929.

Balcer, Anthony
1233

Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925 9th St., East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 25, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Balcer, Anthony

May 25, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925 - 9th St., East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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 Anthony Balcer, Co. C, 7th Engineers, whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Mourthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

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Balcer,
(Surname.)

Anthony
(Christian name in full.)

914,549
(Army serial number.)

Pvt 1st cl Co C 7th Engrs
(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)

Menel Mary Balcer

925-9th St East Cedar Rapids Iowa
(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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BALGER, Anthony Pvt.

March 1, 1924

Mrs. Mary Balcer,
925 - 9th Street, East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.
Record card.

Assistant.
R. L. FOSTER

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MAR 1 1924
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File
R. L. Foster
10/1/24

Date 5th June 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Balcer, Anthony(UNIDENTIFIED AMERICAN)Number: UNKNOWNRank: UnknownRatOrganization: Co C 7th Engrs.Unknown

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

16th May 1919

From: (Give complete location)

Grave IsolatedVIEVILLE M et M 52NE 369.3E 240.6N

Reburied (Date)

16th May 1919

in: (Give complete location)

Grave # 83 Sec 16 Plot 2ST. MIHIEL AMERICAN CEMETARY #1233THIAUCOURT M et M

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

Burial poor ;Was one identification tag found upon the body? NoWhat other means of identification were found on the body? Locket with small photo, of man and lady. nothing else found; 6ft Tall weight 200 lbs;Teeth gold crowned;

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, G.R.S.

Supervised by: Lt. Scott;R. H. ROSENTHALC.O. Group 2nd Lieut. Unit C.U.S.A.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #86981

(a) Name BALCER, Anthony Ser. No. 914549
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C, 7th Engrs.
 (c) Date of death 9/24/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. meh
 CKR. MB

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

(a) Grave No. 83 Row -- Plot 2 Sec. 16 TYP. meh

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary Balcer (mother) 925 S. 9th St., East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. MB

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

no card in file
 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 ---, 192

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

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

Examiner's Initials --- Date ---, 192

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? ---

Examiner's Initials MB Date 1-19-, 192 2

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 1233 SHEET No. 4245

*Checked
 mek 1/21/22*

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 192

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on _____, 192

2/18/21 Letter of Transmittal- Europe advised that Gr.83, Plot 2, Sec.16 contains the body of an UNKNOWN SOLDIER. 1/5/22 Audit Dept. amended records to show that Gr.83, Plot 2, Sec.16 contains the body of Anthony Balcer. 1/13/22 F-115 covering UNKNOWN SOLDIER was cancelled and filed. meh 1/21/22 *LB 1/23/22*

IX.

REMARKS

1-27-22 - Europe advised of Adjustment Body not to be returned as 1-27-22

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Aug. 16, 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 BALCER, Anthony

10. Name

2. No. 914549

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co.C 7th Engrs.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 9-24-1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. K.I.A.(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 83 Sec. 16

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 2 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None18. Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer.19. Commune or town Thiaucourt20. Dept. or County M-et-M21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 123323. Disinterred (Date) Aug. 16, 1922By A.W. Taggart

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BALCER, AnthonySerial No. 914549Rank Pvt.Organization Co.C. 7th Engrs.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? NoSignature W.N. Tucker Junior Technical Assistant

W.N. Tucker

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)..

Bottle record reads: Unknown U.S. Soldier U-3207, changed to Balcer, Anthony, authority Hdqrs. A.G.R.S.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Wooden box and burlap29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Aug 16, 1922 By A.W. Taggart31. Casket sealed by A.W. Taggart

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

MMB

A.W. Taggart

AUDITED BY
SUB 107/18/23

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 28796

32. Designation of body:

Name Anthony BALCER Serial No. 914549

Rank Pvt Organization Co.C 7th Engrs.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Aug.16, 1922 By A.W.Taggart

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

None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Aug.16, 1922

To point of Concentration

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery St.Mihiel Amer.1233, Thiaucourt, France.

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer J.J.Powers, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred August 16th 1922.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 22, Section

43. ~~Plot~~ Block B Row 14

G.R.S. Representative A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Thiaucourt France

Date August 16 1922

1. REMAINS OF BALCER Anthony SERIAL NUMBER 914549
 RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co C 7 Engrs

2. Disinterred (date): August 16 1922 From (give complete location): Gr. 83 Sec 16 Pl 2 Cem 1233

By: Group 2 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date): August 16th 1922. In (give complete location): Grave 22, Row 14, Block B, Cem. 1233.
 By: Group Reburial Unit Casket & Shipping Case. Nature of Reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Wooden box and burlap badly decomposed

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

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

Bottle record reads "Unknown US soldier U3207" changed to
Balcer Anthony authority Hdqrs. AGRS

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) imp to det.

(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) none visible

missing before death 12 19

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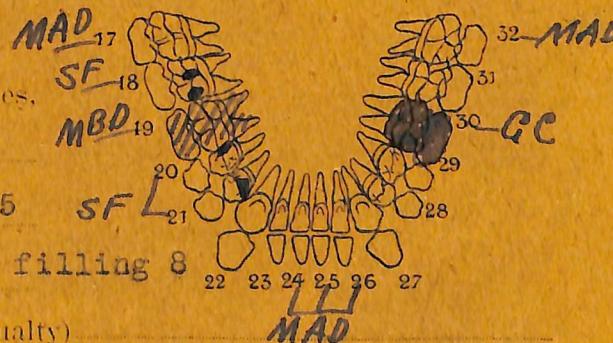
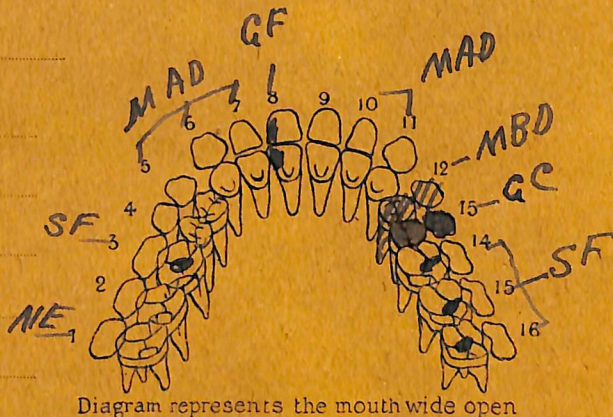
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(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)

none visible



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7. Disinterment supervised by A. W. Taggart Approved: J. Powers
 (Title) 1st Lieut QMC

8. Reburial supervised by H.L. KRAMER, Approved: A.E. DEWEY,
concentration (Title) 1st Lt. QMC.

Place Thiaucourt (M. et M.)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 10, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF ANTHONY BALGER, SERIAL NUMBER 914549RANK Pvt., ORGANIZATION Co. C., 7th Engineers.2. Disinterred (date):
November 10, 1921.From (give complete location):
Grave #83, Section 16, plot 2,
Cemetery #1233, Thiaucourt, M. et M.By: Group M. L. Todd, Major, M. C. Unit Area #1, AGRS, QMC, in E.

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

November 10, 1921.

Grave #83, Section 16, plot 2,
Cemetery #1233, Thiaucourt, M. et M.By: Group M. L. Todd, Major, M. C. Unit Area #1, AGRS. Nature of reburial Burlap, in box.4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Burlap in box. U. S. uniform. Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable. Collar ornament "CO. C 7th ENGRS." Shoes #10. Large man, fat. Both hands missing.5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? None (0) On grave marker? None (0).

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

The dental work was well done.

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

- (a) Height (actual measurement) Unknown (Form #1 states 6 feet tall). Missing A/D. Gold fillg.
- (b) Weight (estimated) Unknown (Form #1 states 200 lbs). Gold crown. Missing B/D. Gold fillg.
- (c) Hair—Color None found. Silver fillings. Missing B/D. Gold crown.
- Quantity None found
- Characteristics None.
- (d) Hair on face—Color None found.
- Location None.
- Quantity None.
- (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Both hands missing. Body decomposed. Missing B/D. Silver fillings. Missing A/D. Gold crown.
- (f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Bullet hole thru left frontal bone at supra-orbital ridge.

Diagram represents the mouth wide open.

7. Disinterment
supervised byM. L. Todd,
Major, M. C.Approved: _____
(Title)8. Reburial
supervised byM. L. Todd,
Major, M. C.Approved: _____
(Title)

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #86981

(a) Name BALCER, Anthony Ser. No. 914549
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C, 7th Engrs. } TYP. meh
 (c) Date of death 9/24/18 (d) Cause of death K/A } RB

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

(a) Grave No. 83 Row -- Plot 2 Sec. 16 TYP. meh
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary Balcer (mother) 925 S. 9th St., East,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. RB

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

2/18/21 Letter of Transmittal- Europe advised that Gr.83, Plot 2,
Sec.16 contains the body of an UNKNOWN SOLDIER. 1/5/22 Audit Dept.
amended records to show that Gr.83, Plot 2, Sec.16 contains the body of
Anthony Balcer. 1/13/22 F-115 covering UNKNOWN SOLDIER was cancelled and RI
filed. meh 1/21/22
RB 1/23/22

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on _____, 192

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
			<u>1-27-22</u> <u>Europe advised</u> <u>of adjustment</u> <u>Body not to be</u> <u>returned</u> <u>as-1-27-22</u>

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. _____, 192

COUNTRY

CEMETERY No.

SHEET No.

G. R. S. Form 115-A
August, 1920

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Balcer ^{1st} *914549* *Anthony*
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. *7th Engineers*
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... *Sept 24 - 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL... *Vieville-en-Haye*
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

1 kilo - due north of above town - 2 rods from north east corner of Gerard Woods

GRAVE NUMBER...

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

none of above

COMM. *Vieville-en-Haye (M & M)*
(C-125) SLIT. *52 NE. COORD E. 367.8*
N. 240.8

REPORTED BY: *Edward S. Boyer*
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Manila List No.
Daily Report No.

727-175

86981

Balcer Anthony

#914549

Pvt. 7th Eng.

Sept. 24th,

Veiville en Haye 1 Kilo due N.
2 rods Fr N.E. orner of Bois
Gerard .

Chaplain E.S. Boyer
311th Inf.

(Special #8)

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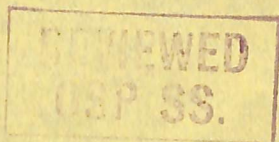
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SYNOPSIS

For letter to France giving
grave location see case 7

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20469, Tippet, Ralph W.,
Co E, 11th Infantry.



D. Bledsoe
Investigator

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

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C. IN EUROPE
8. AVENUE D'ENNA, PARIS

February 11th, 1922.

File No.

From: Chief,

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

Subject: Acknowledgment of Correspondence.

Receipt this date is acknowledged of the following
correspondence from your office:

Letter)

dated: January 27, 1922.

~~Indorsement~~)

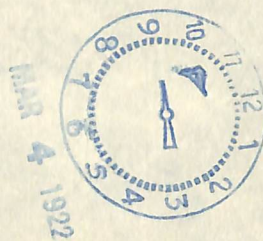
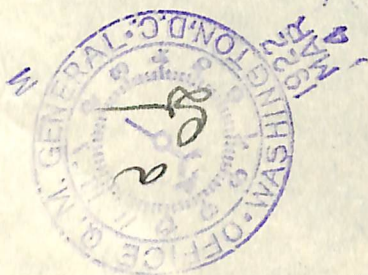
File No. 293.8 C.R. #86981, Balcer, Anthony, Cty. 1233-4245.

Subject: Supplementary advice on the American Cemetery of the St. Mihiel, #1233

Name: Balcer, Anthony, Private.

M.M.

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



RECEIVED
GENERAL DIVISION

January 27, 1922.

FILE NO. 293.8 C-R #86981, Balcer, Anthony, Cty. 1233-4245.
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).
TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G., in Europe.
SUBJECT: Supplementary advice on the American Cemetery of the St. Mihiel, #1233.

1. Reference paragraph 4, office letter of February 18th, 1921 (File No. 1233 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.), the records of this office have been amended to show the remains buried in Grave #83, Plot 2, Section 16, reported as those of an UNIDENTIFIED SOLDIER, are now identified as those of the deceased soldier named below. This body is not to be returned to the United States.

Cable

Ref. No.

4245. Balcer, Anthony, Private, 914549, Company C, 7th Engrs.

2. It is requested that the records of your office be revised accordingly.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

OSPS

MAILED

JAN 27 1922

Overseas Proj. Sec.
Cemeterial Division.

CHARLES J. WYNN,
Captain, Q.M. Corps.

FS
MG.

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REVISED REPORT ON CTY.# 1233

#1233 - The American Cty., of the St. Mihiel,
Thiaucourt, St. Mihiel,
Last report 12-30-21 (With 2 suspensions)
1-5-22 - "Unknown" Gr. 83, Section 16,
identified as Anthony Balcer. -

(4238 0 126 19 0)

+1 -1

Cemetery # 1233 now reads (With 2 Susp.)

(4239 0 125 19 0)

O P I N I O N

Dec. 37 1921

CASE OF Balcer, 914549, Anthony, Pvt. Co. C, 7th Engrs.

GRAVE 83, Section 16, Plot 2, Cty. 1233, Thiaccourt, M-et-M.

DECISION That body is that of Pvt. Anthony Balcer.

DENTAL CHART

Date of Enlistment			Report on Disinterment		
A.G.O.		Emergency Address			
Missing	Dental Work	Dental Work	Missing B.D.	Dental Work	Miss A.D.
U.R.	#4 gold crown		#1	#5 gold crown	7
None		No report.		3 sil. fil.	
U.L.	#13 gold crown		12	11 gold. fil.	
None				13 gold crown	
L.R.				14, 15, 16 sil. fil.	
#19	None		19	18, 20, 20 sil. fil.	23, 24,
L.L.	#30 gold crown			30 gold crown	
None					25

Above discrepancies can be accounted for as follows:

Crown on #4, reported by A. G. O. and on #5; reported upon disinterment; probably an error in checking teeth, since the other gold crowns and one missing tooth check up o. k. #1, and 12 could have been missing after enlistment. *It had been missing at enlistment. It may probably be the one checked #4.*

A.G.O. Report	E/A Report	Report on Disinterment
Height 6 ft.		6 ft. tall.
Weight not given.	No report.	200 lbs.
Hair brown.		impossible to determine.
Fractures None		Impossible to determine.

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body

Found on Cross

No.

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on Body

cross read
Anthony Balcer.
Stripread "Unknown"

U. S. Uniform, badly decomposed, features unrecognizable, collar ornaments Co. C, 7th Engrs. Shoes #10. ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA Large man, fat, Both hands missing.

Body in this Grave concentrated from Grave isolated, Vieville M-et-M. *E-3693
N-2406*
This man reported buried originally Unconfirmed in Commune of Vieville en Raye. *E-3678
N-2408*

Organizations of other men buried around original location

Dora Bledsoe
Dora Bledsoe.

Investigator

Concur:

APPROVED:

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

86981

Date December 14, 1921.

File No.

Registration.

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. Balcer *OK*

☒ f. Date of death. 9-24-18 *OK*

☒ b. Christian name. Anthony *OK*

☒ g. Cause of death. Killed in action. *OK*

☒ c. Serial number. 914549 *OK*

☒ h. Authority (C. C. No.) 391 SP 23 *OK*

☒ d. Organization. Co. C, 7th Engrs. *OK*

☒ i. Emergency address. Mrs. Mary Balcer
925 S. 9th St. East, *OK*
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

☒ e. Rank. Pvt. *OK*

☒ j. Relationship. Mother. *OK*

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

☒ a. Age at enlistment. 26 yrs 4 mos.

☒ b. Color of eyes. brown.

☒ c. Color of hair. dark brown

☒ d. Height. 6 feet.

☒ e. Weight.

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

S 1/2 F. Head S, 1/4 R. thigh S 1" L. Hand.

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

☒ a. Strike out teeth missing:

CR
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
Upper right. Upper left.
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Lower right. Lower left.

Dora Bledsoe,

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

By

H. J. Conner

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

*Dispatch slip
attached to
file papers.*

REC'D MAIL SECTION,
W. W. Div., A. G. O.

DEC 16 1921 4

Connelly - per SSN - PS - W48 - 12/19/21

File # 86981.

Co C, 7th Engineers
5th Division

BALCER, Anthony, - Pvt 914549
Home : Not given

Statement of Lieutenant Gates of Manchester, Iowa.

On the night of September 23rd this organization was relieved from its duties in connection with the work on the line of resistance and accordingly a detail of three squads was sent out to bring in the tools. Pvt Balcer was on this detail.

Statement of Private WOODWARD, Harry M. 188 Hale Ave, Brooklyn, New York.

Four of us, one being Balcer became separated from the main detail, and in the darkness could not locate it. As our work had been completed we started in for camp. We had progressed a little way when Balcer complained that we were walking too fast, so dropped back a little, saying he would catch up before we reached camp. That was the last as far as I know that Balcer was seen or heard of by any man of this company. The place where he was last seen is as follows : About two and a half miles south and three quarters of a mile east of the Town of Thiaccourt, a town well known in connection with the St. Mihiel offensive, is the Village of Viville en Haye. Almost due east from this village across rolling country, and about half a mile distant is a wood patch of about 20 acres. Just in front of this wood runs an irregular trench system with barbed wire in front. It was near the south east corner of this wood lot, at a point where the line of trenches is only about ten feet away, where Pvt. Balcer was missing.

Sept. Fifth Division Statistical Record ; This man is reported as killed in action of Sept. 24th 1918 from C. O. 7th Eng. to C.R.O. dated Jan. 29th 1919.

Next of kin :

Mrs Mary Balcer,

126 S. 9th St. E. Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Informant : Not given

Signed : Jno. P. Peterson, Capt.

File # 86981.

Co. C. 7th Engrs.

Balcer, Anthony Pvt. 914 549.

Missing Sept. 23rd 1918.

Balcer was missing Sept. 23rd. He was with some infantry I think it was the 6th, went over the top with them, and was killed, at St. Mihiel. Three boys out of F. Co., said they helped bury him. I don't remember the names of any of them. They just saw him after he was killed. helped to bury a bunch of boys, and he was in the bunch. He was buried just back of the trenches, near St. Mihiel.

Informant: Bennett, John H. Pvt. 914 e553.

Kerhuon Hospital Center.

Co. C. 7th Engineers.

Feb. 29 th 1919.

Home address: Sikiston, Mo.

Mildred Stanford, Searcher.

Mac.

File # 86981.

C. 7th Engrs.

Balcer Anthony Pvt. 914549

I think he was killed near Montfaucon (on the right) I was with him coming back from the trenches at night with two squads of our platoon. He was lost and wounded, never heard from since.

6'4" tall, dark complexion, Black hair. No other in the company of the same name. Came from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I had known him since 1917.

Informant. Weddington Maurice Pvt. 1st Class 914675

Co. C 7th Engrs.

Am. E. C. Le Mans.

Home. Logansport Ind.

Jan. 2 1919

Vincenta Coppinger Researcher.