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9059 France  
Meuse Argonne

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DATE 12/8/21

1. NAME BARKER, Fred de Merritte

SERIAL No. Amer. Red Cross

RANK 1st Lieut

ORGANIZATION & DIVISION - 82nd (Att to 328 Inf)

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse Argonne

Sec. 45

Fred DeMerritte Barker was born in Pennsylvania, but at the time of his enrollment in Red Cross Service was a resident of Florida. At the time of his death he was a First Lieutenant - Outpost Service, Department of Military Affairs, American National Red Cross, and was killed by a bursting shell while engaged in burying the dead on the Verdun front. *Del May 6 1928*

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT. Argennes

COORDINATES Verdun 35 NW 281.9 N 299.0 E

CONCENTRATED TO 3/19/19 161 Sec 45 4  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232  
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Plaque on body.

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 14, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Florida

data F-1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS  
ccg.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *Cited in*  
W.D.G.O. 167/1923 (Silver Star)

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

*M. B. Birdseye*

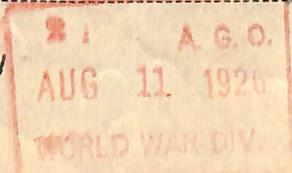
M. B. BIRDSEYE  
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/8/21 19 1

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cty. #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)  
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY  
R. B. B. 3/9/23  
Verified and  
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Room 442



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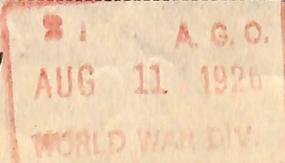
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CROSS INDEX

293.7 *Menne-Argonne*

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*Red Cross*  
*Memphis*

September 5, 1923.

O. O. M. G.  
293 *Barber, Fred de Menistte*

**SUBJECT:** Headstone Inscription.

**TO:** The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, G.M.G., in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, 16ème, Paris, France.

1. It is requested that the following permanent markers in the Menne-Argonne American Cemetery, be reset, and the inscriptions be changed to appear as given below:

Nicholas L. Tilney - Capt. - A.R.S. - New Jersey -  
Sept. 17, 1918. Grave 18, Row 1, Block F.

Fred de Harritte Boyer - 1 Lieut. - A.R.S. - Florida -  
Oct. 14, 1918. Grave 19, Row 1, Block F.

Ashley Martin White - 1 Lieut. - A.R.S. - Colorado -  
Sept. 28, 1918. Grave 20, Row 14, Block H.

Charles Eldon Pumphrey - 2 Lieut. A.R.S. - North  
Carolina - Oct. 26, 1918. Grave 22, Row 2,  
Block H.

2. Adjust all records accordingly.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

V. R. GIBSON,  
Colonel, G.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

LEB

1232  
*Red Cross*  
*Ineligible*

Barker

Fred Dem *erritte*

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

1st Lt. Amer Red Cross

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *wife -*

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*

(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:

*M* (Name of person to receive remain's.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

MAY 1 1919

(Sign here)

*Mary C. Barker -*

*Ebensburg - Cambria County - Pa*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Amer. City #668

Drawn by - 65 R  
1232 - see 45-13

4-11-21  
checked & HW

4-12-21

In reply refer to:  
293.8 C-R

#43585

March 15, 1923.

Mrs. Fred D. Barker,  
Ebensburg, Penna.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that  
the permanent grave of

the late 1st Lieutenant Fred Demeritte Barker,  
American Red Cross, is Grave 19, Row 1, Block P, Meuse-Argonne American  
Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Military Operations.

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

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

Very truly yours,

J. Conner,  
Assistant.

22/1423/ARK

Date 2nd. May, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BARKER, Fred D.

Number: 1455

43585

Rank: Unkn

Organization: A. R. C. 82 Div.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

19th., March, 1919

Grave #5 B.A.Cty. FLEVILLE. ARDENNES.

Map. 35 N. W. E. 299. N. 281.9

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

19th., March, 1919

Grave #161 Section #45 Plot #4

Amer. B.A.Cty. #1232 ROMAGNE? MEUSE.

Map. 35 N. E. E. 308 N. 285.

1232

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

Burial very poor. Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No

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

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Gove S. Wright, 2nd. Lt.

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.

C.O. Group Unit

CONFIRMED No D 10612

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BARKER, Fred De Merritte SERIAL NUMBER.....  
RANK 1st Lt. ORGANIZATION American Red Cross.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec 6, 1921 From (give complete location): gr 161, sec 45, plot 4. Cty. 1232

By: Group 4 Unit sec .1

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 8th, 1921. Grave 19, Row 1, Block F, Cemetery 1232. In (give complete location):

By: Group Reburial S Unit..... Nature of reburial Unlined Casket

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

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
G.R.S. plaque found on body checks with records.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

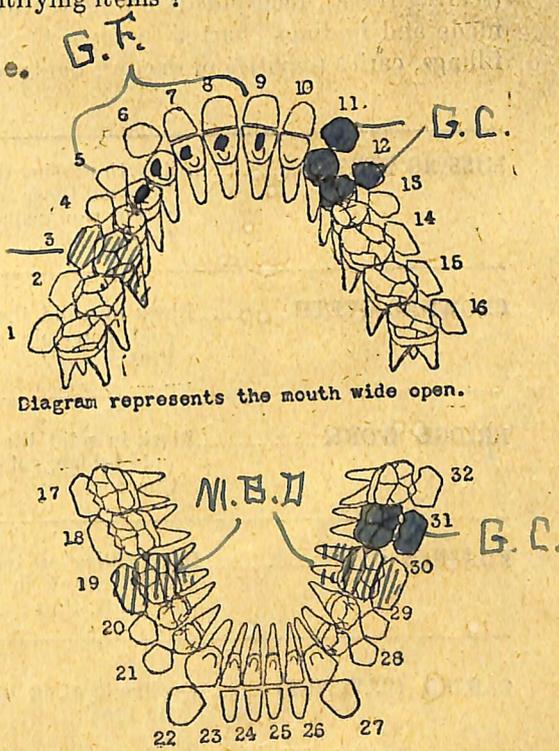
Location do

Quantity do

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

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

none visible.



7. Disinterment supervised by Ed Lavelle  
Ed Lavelle.

Approved: A.E. Dewey  
A.E. Dewey 1st Lt. Q.M.C.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A.D. Dufault  
A.D. Dufault,

Approved: James W. Younger  
James W. Younger,  
Captain Q.M.C.  
(Title)



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec 6 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 **BARKER, Fred De Merritte**
- 2. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Rank **1st Lieut**
- 4. Org. **American Red Cross**
- 5. D.D. **10-14**
- 6. C.D. **KIA**

- 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. **161** Sec. **45**
- 8. Plot **4** Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_

- 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. \_\_\_\_\_

- 18. Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne Amer**
- 20. Dept. or County **Meuse**

- 19. Commune or town **Rehaigne-s-Montisaucon**
- 21. Country **France**

- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. **1232 SEC 22 45**

- 23. Disinterred (Date) **Dec 6 1921**

- By **Ed Lavelle**

- 24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name **Fred DeMerritte Barker**  
 Rank **1st Lt.**

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization **American Red Cross**

- 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker?  Yes  No On body?  Yes  No

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

J L White

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).

**GRS plaque found on body checks with records**

- 27. Condition of body **Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable**

- 28. Nature of burial **US Uniform, burlap and pine box**

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

- 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date **Dec 6 1921** By **Ed Lavelle**

- 31. Casket sealed by **Ed Lavelle**

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-16462

32. Designation of body:  
Name Fred De Merritte Barker Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank 1st Lieut Organization Amer. Red Cross

33. Consigned to:  
Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-s-Montfaucon 1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec 6 1920 By Ed Lavelle

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 A E Dewey

36. Remarks A E Dewey, 1st Lt. MC

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec 6 1921  
To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne  
Convoyer W J Royed Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole  
(Name) J. GERALD COLE  
Captain, C. A. C.

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

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_  
G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

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

42. Grave No. 19, Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232 (Date) Dec. 8th, 1921. Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Y Row 1

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger

JEL

James W. Younger,  
Captain Q.M.C.

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

3/16/42 Examined  
 Concentration  
 Muese - Argonne  
 at 3/31/22  
 #1232

**I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:**

*Demeritte*

File #43585

(a) Name BARKER, Fred ~~Dell~~ <sup>(4-16-21)</sup> Ser. No. ---  
 (b) Rank 1st Lt. Organization Amer. Red Cross.  
 (c) Date of death 10-14-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. als  
 CKR. B.

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

(a) Grave No. 161 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. 45 TYP. als  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Fred D. Barker, (Wife) Edensburg, Penn.

III. ~~Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases/~~ CKR. B.

**IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:**

Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Name Mary B. Barker (b) Relationship Wife  
 (c) Address Edensburg, Cambria Co., Pa.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials BER Date 4-11-, 1920.

**V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE** shows communication from \_\_\_\_\_

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

*No correspondence*

Examiner's Initials BER Date 4-11-, 1920.

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

*A. V. Barker, Father, Galen Hall, Atlantic City, N. J. 11-22-*

*Requests exact location of grave*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials BER Date 4-11-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 1232Sec. 45.

SHEET No. 13.

*4-20-21*

Checked M  
 4-16-21



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

See Form 115  
at 3/3/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD: *Demeritte* File #43585

(a) Name **BARKER, Fred ~~Dell~~** *(4-16-21) M* Ser. No. ---

(b) Rank **1st Lt.** Organization **Amer. Red Cross.** } TYP. **als**

(c) Date of death **10-14-18** (d) Cause of death **K/A** } **B.J.**

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(a) Grave No. **161** Row **--** Plot **4** Sec. **45** TYP. **als**

(b) Emerg. Address **Mrs. Fred D. Barker, (Wife) Edensburg, Penn.**

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases \_\_\_\_\_ CKR. **B.J.**

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192

*Sec #45* { letter of transmittal on **APR 19 1921**, 192

**Par. # 2 Not To Be Returned (Civilian)**

*Barker, Fred Demeritte mess*

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

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

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

*W. 4-20-21.*

43585

2 # 1455

3 NAME BARKER FRED D.

4 RANK LIEUT. A. R. C.

5 X

6 X BATTLE AREA CEMETERY

7 FLEVILLE MEUSE

8 GRAVE NO. 5 PLOT F.

9 CROSS

10 TAG ATTACHED TO CROSS

11 X

12 299.0 E. 281.9 N. VERDUN N.W. 35  
BETWEEN ROAD AND RIVER

13 X

SIGNED *Orville Hamilton*.....

GROUP 2

G.R.S. 305

SKETCH #67

*Robt  
Lee*

Barker, Fred Demerritte # 43585

When final disposition of the body of this American Red Cross Worker has been recorded in the files of this office, notification of the same will be sent to the Director, Bureau of Personnel, The American Red Cross, National Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

Aug. 1938  
Jaw

July 15, 1921.

293.8 Gen. (Adm. Files American Red Cross.)

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

Mr. John C. Smith, Assistant to the Director, Bureau of Personnel,  
The American Red Cross, National Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

Disposition of remains.

1. In reply to your letter of June 2, 1921, you are advised that the records of this office show that in the cases of the following American Red Cross Workers requests that the body of the deceased remain permanently interred abroad are on file in this office:

# 43585	Barber, Fred Demeritte	MacDonald, Charles Sneed	# 1890
# 84147	Butler, Maude M.	Moore, Ezra Alexander	# 96153
# 100299	Carlisle, Roy Delano	Moore, Mary A.	# 93255
# 112113	Compton, Daniel Arthur	Plummer, Thomas R.	# 96074
# 85331	Gronwell, Dorothy K.	Puaphrey, Charles T.	# 52017
# 97549	Gronwell, Gladys	Stevens, William D.	# 24110
# 106448	Drisko, Alice Stearns	Tilney, Nicholas L.	# 19597
# 86466	Field, Pauline H.	White, Asbury H.	# 60021
# 29595	Haarman, Sophia	Rock, Mark G.	# 113116
	Larned, Edwin C.	MacDonald, John D.	# 62040

In the cases of the following workers requests that the body of the deceased be returned to this country are on file in this office:

# 105114 Brinton, Carrol  
# 97447 Fox, Walter H.  
# 100782 Harris, William Henry  
# 62053 McCord, William P.  
# 62089 O'Brien, James L.

The body of Walker H. Clark was returned to Greenfield, Mass. on November 5, 1920.

The requests in the following cases have been received since letter from this office of May 27, 1921:

# 62053 McCord, William P.  
# 62040 MacDonald, John D.  
# 62089 O'Brien, James L.  
# 113116 Rock, Mark G.

+ 293.8 Adm. files.

2. It has been the experience of this office that the legal next of kin of the soldier dead frequently change their minds as to the disposition they wish made of the bodies of the deceased. Information now furnished you as to the requests on file in regard to the return or permanent interment abroad of the bodies of the American Red Cross workers may soon become obsolete.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MR

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

JEW

43585

May 27, 1921.

293.8-Com. (Adm. Files American Red Cross).

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

Mr. John C. Smith, Assistant to the Director, Bureau of Personnel,  
The American Red Cross, National Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

Disposition of Remains.

1. In reply to your letter of May 17, 1921, you are advised that the records of this office show that in the cases of seventeen of the American Red Cross Workers, whose names you submitted, request for permanent interment abroad is on file; that in four cases request for the return of the body is on file.

2. In the following fourteen cases no request has been made:

62255 ✓	Carlock, George,	111504	Roche, John A.
257 ✓	Doster, Orland L.	96763	Seasthard, Ethel Fannie,
62053 x	McCord, William P.	62129	Sherman, Raymond H.
62040 x	MacDonald, John D.	95625	Taylor, Elizabeth Stearns,
31810 x	Needham, Elmer J.	60020	West, Paul,
62089 x	O'Brien, James L.	63682	Wetzel, Harvey Edward,
112217 x	Platt, William Devonport.		Wright, Benjamin. 106065

3. In the following seven cases there is no record in this office:

- ✓ Brkins, Joseph F.
- x Fairfield, Richard G.
- x Mans, Charles O.
- ✓ McCauley, Edna,
- x McKey, Edgar M.
- x Merritt, Henry K.
- x Rock, Mark G.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

LVB

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Colonel, G. M. C.,  
Chief, Cometorial Division.

JEW

*QW*

*Copies filed with each case.*



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THE AMERICAN RED CROSS  
 NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.  
 May 17, 1921.

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Colonel George H. Penrose, Q. M. C.,  
 Chief of Cemeterial Division,  
 Office of the Quartermaster General,  
 War Department,  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

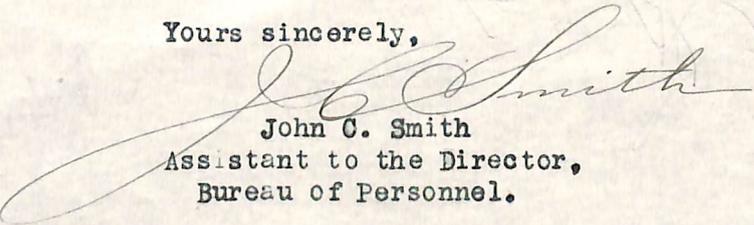
Attached is a list of American Red Cross workers who have died in our foreign service. After consultation with your office we had drafted the attached letter for issuance, together with Cemeterial Division Bulletin 10-G-W, to the next of kin of each deceased worker. This letter was approved by you under date of April 9th, 1921.

We have, during the past month, by correspondence with our various offices, eliminated many names from our list, where we have returned the remains, or where they have been returned by your organization, or where the next of kin has definitely stated that they do not desire the return of the remains.

The one last check which we wish to make before sending out the attached letter is to have your office go over the attached list, eliminating therefrom the name of any deceased worker regarding whom you may have been in communication with the next of kin, to the effect that the remains should, or should not, be returned, since, as you will see, our proposed letter is merely to advise our families of your service, and we wish to make no duplication whatever.

We will, therefore, greatly appreciate it if you will have the attached list checked as indicated, so that our proposed letter may be released.

Yours sincerely,

  
 John C. Smith  
 Assistant to the Director,  
 Bureau of Personnel.

JCS/E

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 ELIOT WADSWORTH

We have been officially advised by the War Department that, in connection with the return of the remains of those who died in the American military or naval service, they will undertake to bring back the remains of all welfare personnel, including workers of the American Red Cross, who died in foreign service, in cases where THE WAR DEPARTMENT RECEIVES SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR THE SAME FROM THE NEAREST OF KIN. We attach hereto a recent bulletin issued by the War Department in this connection.

Our records disclose your name as emergency address of \_\_\_\_\_, who died at \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, and whose body according to our records is at present interred at \_\_\_\_\_. If you are the next of kin, and desire the return of the remains, will you not immediately address a written request to the:

War Department,  
 Office of the Quartermaster General,  
 Cemeterial Division,  
 Washington, D. C.

No application form is provided for such request, but your request should be as complete and specific as possible. The Cemeterial Division will, thereupon, advise their Paris Headquarters, who will list your request in order that when their operations have reached the cemetery in which your relative is buried, the remains may be exhumed, and returned to America, as set forth in the attached bulletin.

Will you not also acknowledge this letter to this office at your early convenience, advising:

First. Whether you are the next of kin, (see paragraph seven of attached bulletin as to who is next of kin.), if not, who this is, and the address.

Second. If you are the next of kin, do you desire the return of the remains and, if so, have you written the War Department as required?

One statement in the attached bulletin of the Cemeterial Division does not apply to Red Cross personnel, i. e. the item in paragraph seven regarding funeral expenses. The act of Congress under which the Bureau of War Risk Insurance dispenses these funds specifically states that the act applies only to soldiers, sailors, and marines.

The American Red Cross will, however, upon presentation by the next of kin of receipted bills, reimburse the next of kin up to a maximum of \$100.00 for the actual expenses incurred for the burial of the remains. This will include any proper charges incident to the handling of the remains from the railroad station, as well as the funeral charges and actual burial. The receipted bills for these expenses should be mailed to this office for approval, and transmission to the Comptroller of the American Red Cross, for payment. We desire to make it plain that in fixing this amount the Red Cross is following the example of the Government, in order to establish uniformity of procedure as between the Government and the American Red Cross.

You are also advised that only persons having had recognized military service in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps are entitled to burial in a national cemetery.

It is imperative if you are the next of kin and desire the return of the remains that you should care for this matter at once, so that your request may be listed for attention before the Graves Registration Service reaches the cemetery in which the remains are interred, as we understand that they will not return to any cemetery after they have once completed operations thereon.

We wish to make clear in outlining the facts set forth above that we have no desire to urge or invite families to bring home the bodies of their dead. While we do not wish to shirk the slightest responsibility in this connection, we, equally, do not wish to encourage any change of attitude on the part of families who have been willing to allow the bodies to remain buried in military cemeteries abroad. These cemeteries will be permanent, and will be beautifully cared for. No one need have any anxiety on this point. American military cemeteries abroad will become shrines, which will annually be visited by throngs of Americans, and other peoples, and nothing will be left undone to make the burial grounds beautiful and worthy of those who lie in them.

Thanking you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter, I beg to remain

Yours sincerely,

John C. Smith  
Assistant to the Director,  
Bureau of Personnel.

Name of deceased worker.	Date of death.	Place of death.	Place of burial.
Barker, Fred Demerritte ✓	Oct. 14, 1918.	Verdun Front, France.	Verdun, France.
Brinton, Walter Carroll ✕	Dec. 8, 1918.	Sermaize-les-Bains, Marne, France.	(Information missing from Wash. records.)
Butler, Maud Mae ✕	Jan. 2, 1919.	Hospital, Neuilly-sur- Seine, France.	American Red Cross plot, American Cemetery, Suresnes, Grave No. 495.
Carlisle, Roy Delano ✕	Feb. 22, 1919.	American Hospital #103, Neuilly, France.	American Military Cemetery, Suresnes.
Carlock, George ✓	Oct. 22, 1918.	Paris, France.	American Cemetery, Suresnes, Grave #502.
Clark, Walter H. ✕	Oct. 12, 1918.	Base Hospital #6, France.	Cemetery #25, Section A, Grave 18, France.
Compton, D. Arthur ✕	Dec. 6, 1917.	Near Paris, France.	Paris, France.
Cromwell, Dorothea ✕	Jan. 19, 1919.	At sea.	Paulliac, Gironde, France
Cromwell, Gladys ✕	Jan. 19, 1919.	At sea.	Paulliac, Gironde, France.
Doster, Leslie Orland ✕	March 4, 1918.	Hospital #2, France,	American Red Cross plot, American Cemetery, Suresnes, Grave 479.
Drisko, Alice Stevens ✕	Feb. 20, 1919.	Savenay, France.	Savenay, France.
Erkins, Joseph F. ✓	Oct. 14, 1918.	Hospital at Falmouth, England.	Falmouth Cemetery, England.
Fairfield, Richard C. ✓	Jan. 26, 1918.	Mestre, Italy.	Mestre, Italy.
Field, Pauline Hildreth ✕	May 24, 1919.	Savenay Hospital Center, Base Hosp. 88.	American Cemetery 22, Savenay, France.
Fox, Walter H. ✕	Feb. 22, 1919.	Semdervo, Serbia.	Cemetery Suresnes, Grave 214, France.
Haarman, Sophia ✕	Jan. 27, 1919.	Hospital 103, Dijon, France.	Dijon, Officer's Section, Grave #3, France.
Harris, William Henry ✕	Dec. 8, 1918.	Base Hosp. #101, Neuilly, France.	American Red Cross plot, in American Cemetery, Suresnes, France.
Larned, Edwin C. ✓	Oct. 11, 1918.	Base Hosp. #6, Bordeaux, France.	Talence Cemetery, No. 25, Section A, Grave 17, France.
McCauley, Edna ✓	Jan. 28, 1919.	A.R.C. Hosp., Rome, Italy.	Cimitero del Verano, Rome, Italy.

Name of deceased worker	Date of death.	Place of death	Place of burial.
<del>Mc Cord, William Park</del>	Oct. 13, 1918.	A.R.C. Hospital, Nancy, France.	A.R.C. Cemetery, Nancy, France.
<del>McDonald, Charles Snead</del>	Aprl. 14, 1918.	Paris, France.	American Cemetery, Suresnes, Grave No. 478.
<del>McKey, Edgar M.</del>	June 16, 1918.	San Bernado de Piave, Italy.	New Cemetery, Roncade, Italy.
<del>McDonald, John D.</del>	Oct. 13, 1918.	Military Hospital, Neully-sur-Seine, France.	American Cemetery, Suresnes, Grave No. 481.
<del>Maas, Charles O.</del>	July 21, 1919.	Paris, France.	American Cemetery, Suresnes, Grave 918.
<del>Merritt, Henry K.</del>	Sept. 26, 1919.	American Hospital 121, France.	Suresnes Cemetery, Grave 506, France.
<del>Moore, Ezra A.</del>	Feb. 27, 1919.	R.C.Hospital, Le Havre, France.	American Section, St. Marie Cemetery, Le Havre, France.
<del>Moore, Mary Agnes</del>	Feb. 3rd, 1919.	Tours, France.	(Information missing from Washington files)
<del>Needham, Elmer James</del>	Oct. 10, 1918.	ARC Military Hosp.#3, France.	American Military Cemetery, Suresnes, Grave 500.
<del>O'Brien, James L.</del>	Oct. 24, 1918.	Hospital #102, Neuf- chateau, France.	AEF. Cemetery No. 4, Grave 140, Neufchateau, France.
<del>Platt, Wm. Davenport, Jr.</del>	Jan. 26, 1918.	Mestre, Italy.	Mestre, Italy.
<del>Plummer, Thomas R.</del>	Nov. 24, 1918.	Moyensmoutier, Vosges, France.	Moyensmoutier, Vosges, France.
<del>Pumphrey, Charles Tilden</del>	Oct. 26, 1918.	La Veuve, France.	Cemetery No. 826, La Veuve, Marne, Grave No. 56, France.
<del>Roche, Jahn Ashmer</del>	Aug. 10, 1919.	Camp Pontanzen, France. Base Section #5.	-Lambezellic Cemetery, Outside of Brest, France.
<del>Rock, Mark G.</del>	Nov. 8, 1919.	French Hospital, St. Nazaire, France.	American Cemetery #21, St. Nazaire, Grave P1551.
<del>Scatchard, Fannie</del>	Feb. 11, 1919.	Hospital #101, Neully, France.	-American Military Cemetery, Suresnes, France.
<del>Sherman, Raymond Hough</del>	Oct. 21, 1918.	Base Hospital 101, Neully, France.	American Cemetery, Suresnes, Grave 501.
<del>Stevens, Wm. DuBose</del>	Sept. 29, 1918.	Joinville, Paris, France.	American Military Cemetery, Suresnes.

<u>Name of decease worker.</u>	<u>Date of death.</u>	<u>Place death.</u>	<u>Place of burial.</u>
✓ <u>Tilney, Nicholas L.</u> ✓	Sept. 17, 1918.	Military Hosp.#18, Bazoilles, Vosges, France.	Cemetery of Military Hosp.18.
* <u>Tyler, Elizabeth Stearns</u> ✓	Feb. 22, 1919.	Red Cross Canteen, Sedan, France.	French Protestant Cemetery, Sedan.
<del>Wetzel, Hervey Edward</del> ✓	Oct. 14, 1918.	A.R.C. Hospital, Paris, France.	ARC plot, American Cemetery, Suresnes, Grave 480.
<del>West, Paul</del> ✓	about Oct. 18, 1918.	(Information missing- from Washington files.)	American cemetery, Suresnes, Grave 492, France.
<del>White, Asbury Martin</del> ✓	Sept. 29, 1918.	Evacuation Hospital #7, France.	-Hospital Cemetery, Evacuation Hospital #6.
* <u>Wright, Benjamin Clark</u> ✓	Apr.23, 1919.	American Hosp.#103, Neuilly, France.	American Cemetery, Suresnes-sur-Seine, Paris, Grave 499.

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G.R.S. Form No. 113  
 Reply to G. L. Inquiry.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
 GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 25, 1919.

Mr. A.V. Barker,  
 Galen Hall, By the Sea,  
 Atlantic City, N. J.

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1. In reply to your inquiry we beg to say that the records of the Graves Registration Service contain the following information as to grave location:

Case of: **1st Lt. Fred D. Barker,  
 American Red Cross**

Place of burial: **Reburied- Argonne American Cemetery,  
 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of  
 Meuse, Grave 161, Section 45, Plot 4.**

2. The grave has been registered and suitably marked for present purposes, pending the adoption of a more permanent monument by the National Fine Arts Commission, which now has the matter under consideration.

3. While it is a sad duty on our part to convey information concerning the burial of men who were our valient comrades, it is a satisfaction to answer the queries of those who suffer so grievously by the casualties of War.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
 Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
 Chief, Graves Registration Service.

G. E. E. MAHER  
 NOV 25 1919

GALEN HALL  
BY THE SEA  
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

Nov. 22<sup>d</sup>

Grave Registration Service  
Washington, D. C.

My son Lieut. Fred D.  
Barker, ~~was~~ of the  
American Red Cross, was  
killed Oct. 14, 1918  
and buried near Heville.  
Can you inform me  
if his body has been  
removed to the Cem-  
tery at Romagne and  
if so in what part  
of the cemetery it

GALEN HALL

BY THE SEA  
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

is buried. How can  
I find it. —

Yours Truly  
A. V. Barker.

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640 840

Surname BARKER, Lieutenant Number R.C. 1455

Christian Name Fred D.

Regiment Red Cross Outpost Service

Killed by bursting shell October 14th at Fleville.

Enquirer - Mrs. F. D. Barker, Ebensburg, Pa.

Request for photograph of grave.

*Handwritten notes:*  
Mrs. Barker  
Ebensburg Pa  
9/11/19  
[Signature]

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

ADJUSTMENT MADE

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-H  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 4-13-21

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File No. Requisition  
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Quartermaster Division) (SPECIAL)  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & E Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname BARKER, ✓
- b. Christian name *Demeritte* Fred Dem
- c. Serial Number ---
- d. Organization Amer. Red. Cross ✓
- e. Rank 1st Lt. ✓
- f. Date of death 10-14-18 ✓
- g. Cause of death K;A ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address *Mrs. Fred D. Barker Edensburg, Pa.*
- j. Relationship *wife.*

NOTED FORM 115  
DATE 4-16-21 M

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

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Age of enlistment
  - b. Color of eyes
  - c. Color of hair
  - d. Height
  - e. Weight
  - f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)
  - a. Strike out teeth missing
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H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

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CEMETERY NO: 1232-Sec.45

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

SHEET NO: 13  
TYPED BY: VH.

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