

G.R.S. Form #114 B

FEB 10 1926

DATE

1. NAME Basel, Charles

SERIAL No. 285178

RANK Pvt

ORGANIZATION Co. B. 28th Inf. trans. fr. Co. M. 128 Inf & DIVISION 1st

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Cty. Villers-Tournelle (Somme)

176

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

180

GRAVE

ROW

C

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 19 D AM. MIL. CTY. CANTIGNY

SOMME

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT. 1263

COORDINATES 21 SE E121.98 N331.90

CONCENTRATED TO 6/2/19.

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Sec. B.

DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

AM. MIL. CTY. VILLERS TOURNELLE (SOMME)

Map. 21. SE. E119.8 N330.8

176

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Form 16, 6/2/19. shows Ident. tag found on body. Buried as unknown.

Form 16-A, 12/7/20 signed S.D. Campbell, Capt. Inf. shows Ident. tags found on body and on grave marker. Does not appear to be hospital case. Lower jaw missing.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

12/7/20.

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May 28, 1918

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DATE

GRAVE

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CEMETERY

Form 16-A, 12/7/20.

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ills

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MEDAL

GRAVE

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IONS AWARDED

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

W.R. BUCKLEY, Capt. Q.C.

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3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 17, 1922.

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Block C

DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

Somme American #636, Bony (Aisne).

CEMETERY

A. G. O.  
FEB 10 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

World War Div  
MAR 24 1928

AUDITED BY

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: **BASEL, Chas.**

Number: 285178

Rank: **Pvt.**

Organization: **Co. B. 28th. Inf.**

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group: **1** Unit **302**

Disinterred (Date) **6-2-19** From: (Give complete location)

Grave-19 D- AM.MIL.CEM. Cantigny, Somme- 21SE-121.98-331.90

Reburied (Date) **6-2-19** in: (Give complete location)

Grave-15 Sec. B- AM.MIL.CEM. Villiers-Tournelle, Somme- 21SE-119.76-330.92

176

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

Buried in Burlap-- decomposed

Was one identification tag found upon the body? **yes**

What other means of identification were found on the body?

Buried as unknown

11265  
CONFIRMED No D

Note:

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

Supervised By: Lt. Temple Bowling

*Temple Bowling*  
Lt. Temple Bowling

C.O. Group **1** Unit **302**

# Basel, Charles

## Party "D" - Itinerary - Somme Group

Sailed May 21st on GEORGE WASHINGTON. Maj. F. D. Carlock in charge. General Cheatham accompanied as observer.

Arrived Cherbourg 11.30 pm, May 29th.

May 30th. Debarked. Maj. Dailey, Capt. Kinderman, Lt. Freeman, 9 nurses and other personnel went out to ship on tender. Met at dock by Col. Ellis. Arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, at 2.05pm. Met by Col. Bartlett and detail of officers, interpreters and nurses. Taken to hotel in bus.

May 21st. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Visited Arc de Triomphe in afternoon. Mrs. Eliza Wilson laid official wreath for party. Reception at Restaurant Laurent. Returned to hotel.

June 1st. Left 8.15 am for Chantilly - Compiègne - Carrefour de l'Armistice - St. Quentin.

June 2,3. Visited Somme Cemetery.

June 4th. Visited Cemetery, Cambrai and Lille.

June 5th. Visited Lille and left at 2.15 for Arras and Amiens.

June 6th. Visited Amiens. Left at 1.30 for Beauvais. Returned to Paris.

June 7th. Visited Sacre Coeur in morning and Napoleon's Tomb at afternoon.

June 8th. Morning free. (Church) Visited Notre Dame at nite.

June 9th. Visited Louvre in morning. Evening free.

June 10th. Left hotel between 9 and 9.30 for Invalides Railway Station - entrained for Cherbourg. Accompanied by 8 conducting officers, Capt. Kinderman, 3 nurses, and 2 civilian employees. Arrived Cherbourg 4.11 pm. Boarded PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT at 5.05pm. Sailed at 6. Arrived U. S. June 18th.

Mrs. Magdaline Basel

Name BASEL, Mrs. Magdeline

Paris Hôtel HOTEL DE PARIS

Home address BOULEVARD DE LA MADELEINE  
7635 S. Bishop St., Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Party D Group 5 Unit 149 S.S. WASHINGTON

Date of arrival May 30, 1930 Date of departure \$\$ ROOSEVELT-10-1930

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased BASEL, Charles

Rank Pvt Organization Co.B, 28th Inf

Cemetery Somme

quarters: Mrs. C. Rehder

REMARKS



16. ✓  
W  
NAME BASEL, MRS. MAGDALINE

S.S. ROOSEVELT JUN 19 1930

HOME CHICAGO, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

R.R. *L. V. K. Surp B. - GT to dest.*

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

*Stop over 7 weeks  
in N. Y. C.*

Mrs Maydalen Basel  
City Chicago State Ill  
Your Berth is \_\_\_\_\_ Car \_\_\_\_\_ Train \_\_\_\_\_  
Leave Stop - ny Mrs Geo Frey. At \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrive At \_\_\_\_\_  
Leave 104-57- 89th Ave. Via \_\_\_\_\_ At \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrive At \_\_\_\_\_  
Leave Richmond Hill Ny Via \_\_\_\_\_ At \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrive At \_\_\_\_\_  
Leave Received Railroad Pullman Via \_\_\_\_\_ At \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrive At \_\_\_\_\_  
Leave Mrs Magdaline Basel Via \_\_\_\_\_ At \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrive At \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 -- ROOM 901 --  
 225 West 34th St., New York, N. Y.

BASEL, CHARLES - SON

PARTY "D"  
 NUMBER 735

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. MAGDALINE BASEL

Actual cost of through Pullman.

Name of Traveler

New York, to CHICAGO

CHICAGO, COOK COUNTY

Home Address

\$ 9.00

ILLINOIS

New York, to CHICAGO

Destination

Via L.V. to Susp Br.-G.T. to est.

JUNE 19, 1930  
Date of Departure

	Road	Train Number	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	<i>NY</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>419</i>	<i>10:15</i>				<i>9.00</i>
AR	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>419</i>	<i>2:15</i>			<i>1020984</i>	
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TOTAL								<u>9.00</u>

Remarks: STOP OVER --- 7 WEEKS --- NEW YORK

*Extra FARE*

*1.20*

*Counts Capt Child*

May 10th, 1930

Mrs. Magdeline Basel  
7635 So. Bishop Street  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the railroad station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For the Officer in Charge

George F. R. Taylor,  
1st Lieut. U.S. ARMY.  
Assistant.

Enclosures:  
2 tags

Arrived NY 5:40 PM - May 20  
Train 8 - NY CRR  
Capt Funk

*Entered on list*  
B A S E L, Charles,

*France*

**Basel, Charles**

**Private, Company B, 28th Inf.**

**Killed in action May 29, 1918.**

**In line of duty. Not the result  
of own misconduct.**

EA--Mrs. Magdaline Basel (mother)  
5706 Honore St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

A.G.O., June 28, 1918.

HB

REC'D

JUN 28 1918

O.Q.M.G.

Write nothing below this line.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Basel	3	219
BURIED	Charles F.	1	5
	CEMETERY	1	15
	GRAVE	2	19
	ROW	2	3
	BLOCK	1	13
STATE	Ill	2	2
RANK	Prvt	1	01
DIVISION	1	2	028
ORGANIZATION	28	3	1
ARM	Inf	1	2
MARTIAL	no	1	219
NAME	Basel, Mrs	5	13
MAGDALINE		2	16
RESIDENCE		2	028
	STATE	2	1
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Chicago	3	
	Mother	1	
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	1930	1	
	Yes	1	
	Age 64	1	

Paul  
 May 21, 1930

**AUDITED**  
 SEP 25 1931 KPS

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 29/514/PJ

Age

64 2a

NAME Basel, Mrs. Magdaline

ADDRESS 7635 So. Bishop St. Cook County Chicago Ill.

DATE July 8<sup>th</sup> 1930

TO: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED  
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Mrs. Magdaline Basel

STATE

Basel, Chas

ILLINOIS

Mother

NAME Basel, Mrs. Magdaline HOME ADDRESS 7635 So. Bishop St.,  
Chicago, Cook County.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mr. M. Basel 7635 So. Bishop St.  
Chicago, Ill

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE 5/20/30 HOTEL McAlpin ROOM NO. 667

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE May 21st, 1930 VESSEL S/S "WASHINGTON" CABIN NO. 149-C

DESTINATION CHERBOURG, FRANCE CEMETERY SOMME

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE *JUN 18 1930*

NAME *Boasel, Mrs Magdaline* HOME ADDRESS *7655 So. Bishop St.  
Cook County  
Chicago, Illinois*

RETURN ON S. S. *S/S ROOSEVELT* HOTEL *MCALPIN* ROOM NO. *868*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE .....

ROAD ..... TRAIN ..... CAR ..... BERTH or SEAT .....

REMARKS .....  
*New York to City 7 weeks.*  
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731- Washington 5/21/30 636  
● RETURN RECEIPT ●

*Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.*

✓ Mrs. M. Basel  
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(Signature or name of addressee.)

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(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 5-8-30, 1923

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RETURN RECEIPT

Washington 5/21/30

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

✓ Mrs. M. Basel

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY  
(Signature of name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, \_\_\_\_\_, 192

5-14-30

# Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927157

INSURED PARCEL

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

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300



POSTMARK OF DELIVERING

OFFICE

ON PARK

STATION

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_

State Washington, D. C.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 20, 1930.

Basel, Charles 636 M

Mrs. Magdaline Basel,  
7635 So. Bishop St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Washington  
5-21-30

Basel, Charles

I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Magdaline Basel

(Name)

7635 South Bishop Street, Chicago, Illinois

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Basel, Charles 636 -M

October 7, 1929. ✓

Mrs. Magdaline Basel,  
7635 So. Bishop Street,  
Chicago, Ill.

*Sailed*  
MAY 21 1930

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.

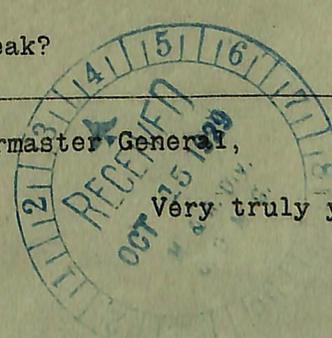
In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>Yes</i> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>Yes</i> (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) <i>No</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>64</i> Health <i>Good</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>Yes</i> (No) Other language <i>German</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Basel, Charles  
636

Sept. 13, 1929.

Mrs. Magdaline Basel,  
7635 So. Bishop St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated July 31, 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:

*none*

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:

*Magdaline Basel  
mother  
7635 So Bishop St  
Chicago Ill*

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

*yes*

For The Quartermaster General,

*Communications dated 7/31/29  
was completed & mailed to your office  
2 incls.  
Act of Congress on Sept 10, 29.  
Envelope*

Very truly yours,

*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

Basel, Charles

July 31, 1929.

Mrs. Magdaline Basel,  
7635 So. Bishop St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Charles Basel, Co. B, 28th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

*none*

2. If so, give her complete address.

*none*

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

*yes*



Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Basel, Charles

XC 21 802

May 15, 1929.

Mrs. Madeline Basel,  
6754 Justine St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Mother: Magdaline Basel  
7635 So. Bishop St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Charles Basel, Company B, 28th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, 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.

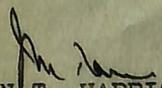
In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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



Basel, Charles 636 M

May 5, 1930

Mrs. Magdalino Basel  
7635 So. Bishop St.,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Chicago	G T	No. 8	12:45 PM	May 19
Ar. New York	L V	" "	5:45 PM	" 20

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

R. E. SHANNON,  
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

March 20, 1930.

Basel, Charles 636 M

Mrs. Magdaline Basel,  
7635 So. Bishop St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

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

Basel, Charles 636-M

March 21, 1930.

Mrs. Magdaline Basel,  
7635 So. Bishop St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

QM 293 A-C  
Basel, Charles - 636

March 1, 1930

X 20( Hon. C. S. Densen,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 20, 1930, with its enclosure, inquiring as to whether or not Mrs. Magdalena Basel would be permitted to visit relatives in Germany when she makes the pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Private Charles Basel under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

It has been held that except in unavoidable cases (such as illness), there is no authority of law to extend the time specified in section 2 (e) of the Act to cover this pilgrimage or to grant requests of individuals to leave the groups to which assigned.

Persons making the pilgrimage and desiring for other than unavoidable reasons an extension of time or variation in the itinerary can be granted such extensions and variations only upon the condition that all further expenses of the pilgrimage, including the return transportation to their homes, will be borne by the individuals concerned.

There is enclosed herewith, for transmittal to Miss Basel, a copy of Regulations governing the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

Very truly yours,

J. L. DeWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

Encl.  
Lt. 2-10-30 returned  
Regulations

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ISAAC M. STEWART, CLERK

February 20, 1930.

Colonel John L. DeWitt,  
The Quartermaster General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel DeWitt:

Attached you will find a letter from Miss Gertrude Basel, 7635 S. Bishop St., Chicago, relative to the wish of her Mother, Mrs. Magdalene Basel, who is one of the Gold Star Mothers, to extend her stay in Europe and visit relatives in Germany.

Will you advise me of the policy of the Department in this matter, returning Miss Basel's letter with your reply?

Yours very truly,

*F. J. Greene*

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Basel, Charles F.  
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Q. M. G.

Chicago, Ill.  
February 10, 1930.

Senator Chas. Deneen,  
457 W. 61st Place,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I am writing, concerning my mother, Mrs. Magdalene Basel, whose name is in the list of "Gold Star Mothers" to go to France in 1930, to visit the grave of her son, Chas. F. Basel.

I would like to know if there were any way possible in which she could extend the length of her stay in Europe. Mrs. Basel was born in Germany and still has relatives there whom she would very much like to visit during her stay. She is an elderly lady and will probably not be able to make the long trip across the ocean again. We will, of course, pay any additional expenses that may be required.

I am planning to accompany my mother on this trip and any information you may give me regarding the trip in general, and my request in particular, will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Signed Gertrude Basel

Miss G. Basel  
7635 S. Bishop St.,  
Chicago, Illinois

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Basel, Charles 636 -M

Mrs. Magdaline Basel,  
7635 So. Bishop Street,  
Chicago, Ill.

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.

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Basel, Charles  
636

Sept. 13, 1929.

Mrs. Magdaline Basel,  
7635 So. Bishop St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated July 31, 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

**Basel, Charles**

**July 31, 1929.**

**Mrs. Magdaline Basel,  
7635 So. Bishop St.,  
Chicago, Ill.**

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private Charles Basel, Co. B, 28th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Soissons American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.**

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you 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

Basel, Charles

May 15 1929.

Mrs. Madeline Basel,  
6754 Justine St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private Charles Basel, Company B, 28th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, 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,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Basel

(Surname.)

Charles

(Christian name in full.)

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285,178  
(Army serial number)

Pvt

Co B 28th Infantry

(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)

Magdaline Basel

P. O. I., Box 80.

Baroda

Mich.

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

February 21, 1927.

BASEL, Charles - Pvt.

Mr. Michael Basel,  
6754 Justine Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

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 overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity 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 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,

K. J. HAMPTON,  
Lt. Col. C.M.C.  
Assistant.

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Record card.



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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place *Millers, Soudelle, Soudelle*  
Date *12/7/20*

1. REMAINS OF *BASEL, CHARLES* SERIAL NUMBER *28578*  
RANK *Pvt* ORGANIZATION *Co B. 28th Inf.*

2. Disinterred (date): *12/7/20* From (give complete location):  
*Gr. 15 Plot. B. Cem 176. Millers, Soudelle, Soudelle*  
By: Group *4* Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date): *12/7/20* In (give complete location):  
*Gr. 180 Plot. C. Cem 176. Millers Soudelle, Soudelle*  
By: Group *4* Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial *Pine box, blanket*

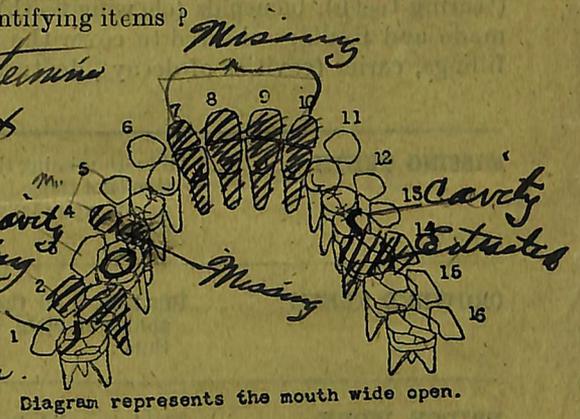
4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
*Burlap uniform, pine box*  
*Badly decomposed.*

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? *Yes* On grave marker? *Yes*

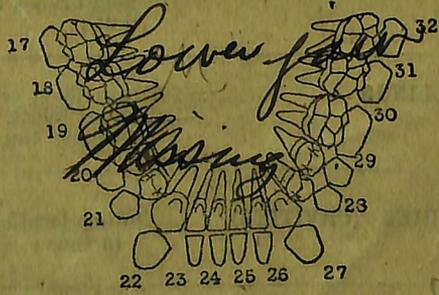
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
*Does not appear to be hospital case*

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

- (a) Height (actual measurement) *Impossible to determine*
- (b) Weight (estimated) *Impossible to estimate*
- (c) Hair—Color *Impossible to ascertain*  
Quantity *None*  
Characteristics *None*
- (d) Hair on face—Color *Impossible to ascertain*  
Location *None*  
Quantity *None*



- (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) *Impossible to determine*



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

7. Disinterment supervised by *Arthur B. Proctor* (Arthur B. Proctor, 1st Lt. QMC) Inspector  
8. Reburial supervised by *Arthur B. Proctor* (Arthur B. Proctor, 1st Lt. QMC) Inspector

Approved: *[Signature]* (S. D. Campbell, Capt. Inf.)  
(Title) *M. of S. #1*  
Approved: *[Signature]* (S. D. Campbell, Capt. Inf.)  
(Title) *M. of S. #1* rs

*File 577/15*

*CNR*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 3789

5/22/22  
Ex. husband for  
concentration camp.  
Somme # 636

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BASEL, Charles Ser. No. 285178  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 28th Inf.  
(c) Date of death 5-29-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DB  
CKR

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

(a) Grave No. 15 Row - Plot - Sec. B TYP. DB  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Madeline Basel, (Mother) 5706 So. Homore Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Magdaline Basel (b) Relationship mother  
(c) Address R#1 box 80 Baroda, Mich.  
(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. -

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Examiner's Initials BER Date 9-14-, 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 9-15-, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

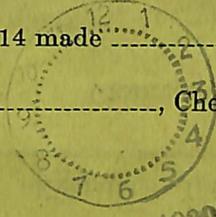
(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes AM

Examiner's Initials AM Date 7-15, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 176 SHEET No. 22

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

Re checked  
2/11/21  
E.M. l



VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 9-24, 1920

*Par. #2, not to be returned (H.S.)*

IX.

**CORRECTIONS**

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	
_____	
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X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *10/26/20 Form #120 mother same address as father n k wishes body left in Europe. 11/1/20 E.C. - Address <sup>given</sup> on form 120 is 6754 Justine St. Chicago Ill. 2/15/21 E.M.*

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.**

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*C.M.*

**REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL**

Date Nov. 10, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BASEL, Charles SERIAL NUMBER 285-178  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B, 28 Inf. Trns. Co., 128 Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 10, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 180, Pl. C, Amer. Cem. 176, Villers-Tournelle (Somme)

By: Group 4 Unit F.S.8

3. Reburied (date): 10/17/22 In (give complete location): Grave 16 Row 19 Block C, Somme Cem. #636, Bony (Aisne)

By: Group Reburial Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. Casket, Shipping Case  
 Nature of reburial \_\_\_\_\_

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable. Wrapped in blanket and in wooden box.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes, On grave marker? Yes.  
pinned to blanket

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Body previously reburied by Field Section. Bottle record and metal strips agree with form 114-A.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?  
 (a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(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

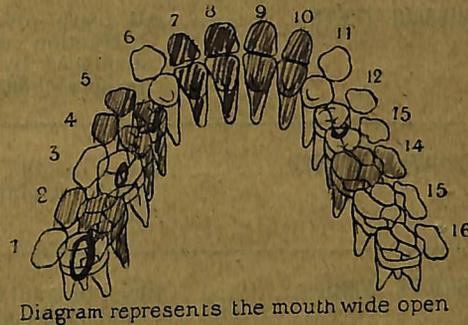
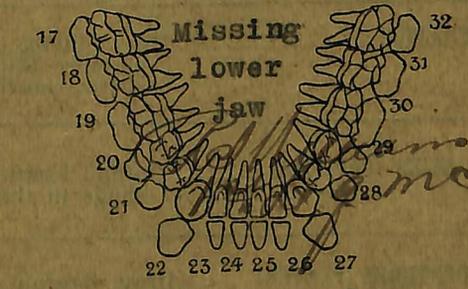


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



Missing lower jaw  
 (1 Cav., 2, MBD, 3 Cav., 4 MAD, 5 Root, 7, 8, 9, 10 MAD, 13 Cav., 14 MBD)

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Missing parts: right ulna, lower jaw.

7. Disinterment supervised by E. L. Reid Approved: W. D. Wall, Jr., Checker.  
E. L. Reid, Sup. Emb. R. S. Williams, 1st Lt. QMC

8. Reburial supervised by B. A. Bradford, S.E. Approved: D. E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC.  
B. A. Bradford, S.E. D. E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 10, 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 Basel, Charles  
2. No. 285178  
3. Rank Pvt.  
4. Org. Co. B, 28th Inf. trans fr. Co. M. 128th Inf.  
5. D.D. May 29 1918  
6. C.D. KIA

10. Name Chas. Basel  
11. No. 285178  
12. Rank Pvt.  
13. Org. U.S.A.  
14. (a) D.D. Disc pinned to blanket.  
(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 180 Sec.  
8. Plot C Row  
9.

15. Grave No. Sec.  
16. Plot Row  
17. No discrepancy

18. Cemetery Amer. Cty  
20. Dept. or County Somme  
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 176

19. Commune or town Villers-Tournelle  
21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 10, 1921  
24. Inscription on grave marker:

By E.L. Reid,

Name BASEL, Charles  
Rank Pvt.

Serial No. -----  
Organization Co. B, 28 Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes.  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).  
Body previously reburied by Field Section. Bottle record and metal strips agree with form 114-A.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wrapped in blanket and in wooden box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 10, 1921 By E.L. Reid

31. Casket sealed by E.L. Reid  
Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) E. L. Reid

ADDED BY  
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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **G-13501**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Basel, Charles** Serial No.

Rank **Pvt** Organization **Co. B, 28th Inf. trns. fr. Co. M, 128th Inf**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Somme Amer. Cty. #636 Bony, Aisne**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Nov. 10, 1921** By **F. J. Reid**

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

*R.S. Williams*

**R.S. Williams, 1st Lt. QMC**

36. Remarks **Disc on marker gave serial number as "285178"**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Nov. 10, 1921**

To point of Concentration **Amiens (Some)**

Convoyer **Charles Hambach** Signature Shipping Officer **R.S. Williams, 1st Lt. QMC**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Nov. 10, 1921**

By G.R.S. Representative **H. W. Beyette**

**Hubert W. Beyette, Capt. QMC**

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **21 NOV 1921**

To Permanent Cemetery **No. 636, Bony (Aisne)**

Convoyer **Charles Hambach** Signature Shipping Officer **H. W. Beyette**

**Hubert W. Beyette, Capt. QMC**

40. Received: Date **25 NOV 1921**

G.R.S. Representative **J.R. Dica**

41. Reinterred **Oct. 17, 1922**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **16** Section

43. ~~Plot~~ **Block C** Row **19**

G.R.S. Representative

*D.E. Lowry*

**D.E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC.**

COLLATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 3789

#136  
 mass  
 6-5-22  
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 Condensation  
 5/22/22  
 Exhumed

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BASSEL, Charles Ser. No. 285178  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 28th Inf.  
 Cause of death K/A  
 (c) Date of death 5-29-18

TYP DB

*Ret*  
*L. M.*

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

(a) Grave No. 15 Row - Plot - Sect. B  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Madeline Basel, (Mother) 5706 So. Homore Ave., Chicago, Ill.

TYP DB

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR

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

*A.G.O card:- Magdaline Basel (mother)  
 R#1 - box 80 - Baroda, Mich requests  
 body be not returned to U.S.  
 9-0-10-2-20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on..... 192  
 (letter of transmittal on 9/24/1920)

*Par. #2 - not to be returned (jek)*

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

OCT. 19 1920

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VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

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

NOV 24 1920

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COUNTRY FRANCE  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
 August 1920

CEMETERY NO. 176

SHEET NO.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BASEL 285178 Charles B.

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

Pvt. Co. B. 28th Infantry

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

*Eastern France*

CAUSE OF DEATH:

*Inf. Gun bullet*

DATE OF BURIAL:

**FILE**

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

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 by:

*Comptigny (Somme)  
10 - 218.E.*

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C.O., Co. "B", 28th Infantry

SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis  
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Continental Ltd. 10-2256  
Daily Report

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION~~October 29th~~ 192 1.**FILE**

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Company B. 28th Inf.ORGANIZATION (Old)BASEL 285178 Charles Private.(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.	12/7/20	176	D. 30279
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

BY: Miss Lannon

Card.

(Department)5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card;

By [Signature]  
S/3324/LML

**FILE**

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

OCT 19 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

To: Mrs. Madeline Basel, R. #1, Box #80, Baroda, Michigan.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Charles Basel, #285 178, Co. B, 28 Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body remain in Europe

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. A.

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

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.	
Was soldier married? <i>no</i>				
Soldier's widow				
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1			
	2			
	3			
Father	<i>Michael Basel</i>	<i>6754 Justine St</i>	<i>Chicago Ill</i>	
Mother	<i>Magdaline Basel</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>" " "</i>	
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1	<i>Harry Basel</i>	<i>Co. B 3. Box 50</i>	<i>Manawa Wisconsin</i>
	2	<i>Fred Basel</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>" " "</i>
	3	<i>Walter Basel</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>" " "</i>
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1	<i>Mrs. Louise Binney</i>	<i>6742 Justine St.</i>	<i>Chicago Ill.</i>
	2	<i>Miss Ella Basel</i>	<i>6757 Justine St.</i>	<i>" "</i>
	3	<i>Gertrude Basel</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>" "</i>

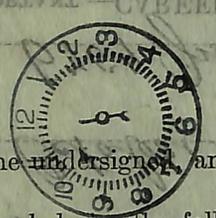
Date *October 26, 1920*

Signature *Magdalena Basel*

Address *6754 Justine St.*

Relationship *Mother*

POSTERIAL DIVISION



3-1880 (OAK) Oct 26, 1920

I, the undersigned, am the Mother and nearest living relative of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz: (Relationship.)  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet. remain in Europe
2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_ (Name.)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (R. R. station.) \_\_\_\_\_ (State.)
3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature Magdalena Basel

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper **MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER** shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

WASHINGTON  
GENERAL REGISTRATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT GENERAL SERVICE OF THE ARMY  
WAR DEPARTMENT

3-7860

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Reference 3789.

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

May 14th. 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Sergeant E. Kohlmann, Co. D. 311th. Engrs. A.P.O. #911.  
SUBJECT : Private Charles Basel.

1. In reply to your letter of inquiry, I am very sorry to have to inform you that my field force has not as yet succeeded in obtaining any definite burial information regarding this soldier. You may rest assured that every possible effort will be made to locate the grave, and, if necessary, a special search will be made of the area where he died and is, no doubt, buried.
2. Careful note is being made of your name and address, and immediately the burial information is received, you will be informed.

By direction

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

Per

MAURICE B. DIX,  
Captain, American Red Cross  
Representative assigned to  
Graves Registration Service.

MBD/mm.

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FILE

NAME

FILE NUMBER

37895 MA11919

Charles Basel,

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

ORGANIZATION

Private.

134th. Infantry

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
✓ 1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	✓ Yes (Pvt. Co. B. 28th Inft.)
2.	Date of Death	2 5-29-18
✓ 3.	Grave Location:	3 none
✓ 4.	Who reported burial?	
✓ 5.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	NO
6.	How is grave marked?	
7.	Identification Tags:	
	(a) Buried with Body?	
	(b) Attached to grave marker?	
8.	Emergency address:	
9.	Has above been notified? (Give date).	

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ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags etc. (Par. #5, Bul, 10-B)	Effects (G.R.S. Form Nos 7 & 7-A)
Monuments (Par. #6, Bul. 10-B)	Accrued Pay (G.R.S. Forms 19 & 22)
Disinterments (Par. #8, Bul. 10-B)	Liberty Bonds (G.R.S. Forms 21 & 22)
Circumstances of death (G.R.S. Form No. 6)	War Risk Insurance (G.R.S. Forms 20 & 22)
Photograph requested (File 004.5)	Disposition of Remains (a) Return to U.S.) Form 23 (b) Remain in France Form 24 (c) Miscellaneous letter
Grave Location <i>K. M.</i>	

REMARKS:

AMERICAN

Y.M.C.A.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WITH THE

U S NAVAL FORCES OPERATING IN  
EUROPEAN WATERS

May 1, 1919

From Sgt. E. Kohlmann,  
To Graves Registration Bureau,  
Subject: Location of Graves.  
Gentlemen:

Would you please inform me as to the location of  
the grave of Private Charles Basel.

The only information I have is that he was  
killed in action about May 28, 1918. I believe his  
organization was the 134<sup>th</sup> Infantry, but would  
not say positively.

Any particulars you can give me as to the  
location of same will be greatly appreciated.

Hoping to receive an early reply, I remain  
Respectfully yours

Sgt. E. Kohlmann

Sgt. E. Kohlmann  
Co D 311<sup>th</sup> Engrs.  
A. E. Z.  
A. P. O # 911.

H. H. Lang  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt SA



Sgt E Kohlmann  
Co K 11 Engns  
A.E.F.



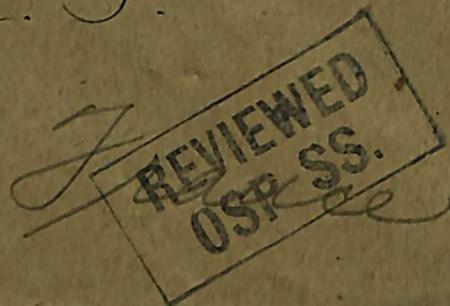
Soldiers  
mail

Graves Registration Bureau

~~G. H. L.~~  
A. E. F.



Handwritten notes in blue ink, including 'N.Y.' and '200'.



Basel, Charles F.

285,178

Pvt. Co. B 28th Inf.

France

Somme.

Co B 28th Inf.  
1st Division

BASIL, Charles R.- Pvt 285178

I saw Pvt Basil killed on May 28th 1918 by machinegun bullet, in head.

His body was placed in a shell hole about 300 yards N.E. of Cantigny, France, and it is not known whether he was buried or not. No other information is available.

Informant : Quinn, Martin - Sgt 1st.-56771  
Co B 28th Inf.

Home : Lincoln, Neb.

Signed : John M. Croake,  
2nd Lieut. 28th Infantry  
Commanding.

A/A/