

Basil, Tom

2,068,903

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co E 18 Engrs.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Brother

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)

Military Vasil Pappasterie

2330 Franklin Ave St. Louis Mo.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Am

27-16

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Checked by  
9.m.m. 11/3/20.

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G.R. Form #114-B

FULL NAME ..... BASIL , Tom .....

RANK ..... Pvt. .... SERIAL ..... 2068905 .....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Co.E, 18th Engrs. ....

DATE OF DEATH ..... Feb. 3, 1919 .....

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... ~~France~~ Mont .....

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED:

*None*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ..... 10 11 A .....

Date Grave Row Block

Suresnes, #34

Cemetery

WORLD WAR DIVISION  
AUG 25 1924

23/306/ARK

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Basil 2068903 Tom.  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. 18 Engineers Co. E.  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: 106 Base Hospital.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Tuberculosis Pulmonary.

DATE OF BURIAL: February 4; 1919.

PLACE OF BURIAL: Am. E. F. Cemetery #27.

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

Merignac Gironde

GRAVE NUMBER: 201

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs. Zoitaa Basil

ADDRESS: Krupista Gastonia

RELATIONSHIP: Mother

REPORTED BY:

Reed B. Churington  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).  
1st Lt. Chaplain

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

September 7, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R ~~#94044-~~

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private Tom Basil,  
Company E, 18th Engineers.

TO: Mr. Miltiadi Basil Pappasterie, 2350 Franklin Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 10 Row 11,  
Block A, Suresnes American cemetery at Suresnes, Department of  
Seine, France.

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

3. In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were  
exactd 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.

For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

SEP 7 1922

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Assistant.

G.R.S.

*File*

*ms  
es*

DATE Oct 20th, 1921.

1. NAME BASIL, Tom SERIAL No. 2068903

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.E., 18th Engrs.

GRAVE LOCATION American Cemetery MERIGNAC ( Gironde ) CTY. NAME 27 NUMBER

201  
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 201 Merignac, (Gironde)  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES None.

CONCENTRATED TO Feb. 6, 1919. 201  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
Merignac, (Gironde) 27  
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W. R. Nichols, Major, C.A.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct 20th, 1921 10 A. 11.  
DATE GRAVE Block ROW PLOT

SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY # 34 (Seine).

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY  
SAB 7/12/22

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BASIL, Tom SERIAL NUMBER 2068903

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. E, 18th Infgs.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 24th, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 201, Cem. 27

By: Group 3 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date): October 20th, 1921. In (give complete location): Suresnes Cemetery, - Block A - Row 11 - Grave 10.

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

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

Wooden box and uniform. Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

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

Body tag checks.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Indiscernable

(b) Weight (estimated) due to decomposition

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location

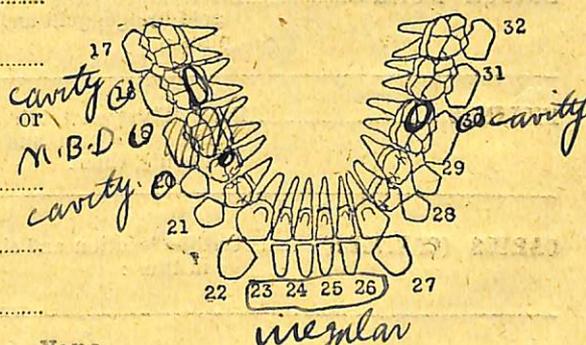
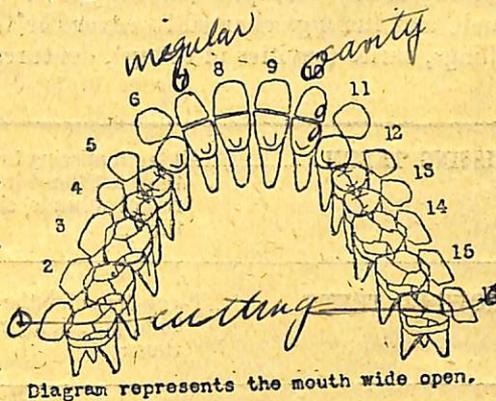
Quantity

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, OR

missing parts) None

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

L. R. Khasin, checker.



7. Disinterment supervised by B. F. Fair Approved: B. F. Fair

B. F. Fair, Sup. Emb. (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by R. G. Richards Approved: O. E. Davis, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (Title) R. P. HARBOLD, Major, Q.M.C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 24th, 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 BASIL, Tom  
 2. No. 2068903  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co. E., 18th Engrs.  
 5. D.D. 2-3-19  
 6. C.D. Pulmonary Tuberculosis

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 201 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery American Cemetery  
 20. Dept. or County Gironde  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 27

19. Commune or town MERIGNAC  
 21. Country France.

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 24th, 1921

By B. F. Fair

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Tom Basil  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization Co. E. 18th Engrs.

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

L. R. Kivassin  
 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 tag checks.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

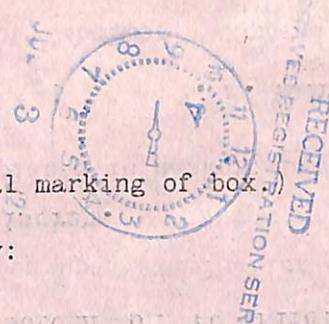
28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No discrep.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 24th, 1921 By B. F. Fair

31. Casket sealed by B. F. Fair

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) B. F. Fair



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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 0-2152

32. Designation of body:

Name BASIL, Tom Serial No. 2068903

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.E., 18th Engrs.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 24th, 1921 By B. E. Fair

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 G. E. Davis, 1st Lt., QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 24th, 1921

To point of Concentration Bassons (Gironde)

Convoyer Charles F. Schiller Signature Shipping Officer S. D. CAMPBELL, Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 26 SEP 1921

By G.R.S. Representative W. R. NICHOLS Major C. A. C.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct 14, 1921  
Paris Morgue

Cemetery Paris Morgue (Name) W. R. Nichols  
Signature Shipping Officer W. R. Nichols

Date October 20th, 1921.

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

Suresnes Cemetery. October 20th, 1921.  
(Date)

10. Section

43. ~~Block~~ A. Row 11.

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



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Signature of G.R.S. Inspector O. E. Davis  
O. E. Davis, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 24th, 1921

To point of Concentration Bessons (Gironde) (Name)

Convoyer Charles F. Schiller Signature Shipping Officer S. D. CAMPBELL, Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 26 SEP 1921

By G.R.S. Representative W. R. NICHOLS  
Major C. A. C.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct 14, 1921  
Paris Morgue

39 (a) Received at Paris Morgue, October 17, 1921. H. L. WARD  
H. L. WARD,  
Major, Q.M.C.

39 (b) Shipped from Paris Morgue, Oct. 19th 1921. To Permanent Cemetery No. 34, American, Suresnes (Seine) by Shipping Officer, H. L. WARD  
Convoyed by: H. L. WARD,  
Major, Q.M.C.

43. ~~Block~~ Block A. Row 11.

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

94044-11-8-20

File No. 94944

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BASIL, Tom Ser. No. 2066903 ) TYP. EML
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E. 18th Engrs. )
(d) Cause ) CKR. JF
(c) Date of death 2-3-19 of death Pulmonary Tuberculosis )

11. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(a) Grave No. 201 Row Plot Sect. ) TYP. EML
(b) Emerg. Address F. V. Pappasterie, (mother), Hrupista Macedonia, Greece.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases Card agree with (d) CKR. JF

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Miltiade Basil Pappasterie (b) Relationship Brother
(c) Address 9330 Franklin Ave. St Louis Mo.
(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.

See Suspension Remarks

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S.

Examiner's Initials JPB Date 4/30/ 1920

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

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

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials JPB Date 4/30/ 1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows: 7-26-20 (brother) Miltiade

Basil Pappasterie, St. Louis, Mo. acknowledges G. R. S. letter of July 7 & states his mother died 3 yrs. ago. Has communicated with other relatives in Greece & they have decided to let his brother's body remain in France.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes a a 5-1-20

Examiner's Initials Z.K. Date 7-30- 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY NO. 27 SHEET NO. 16

G.R.S. Form #115

Amended April 6, 1920.

Make Form #114

Rechecked by J.M.M. 11/3/20

10-20-21 Exhumed Concentration 11-8-20

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 MAY 10 1920, 1920  
*may 10th*

*Par. 2. Not to be returned. MB 11-4-20*

IX. CORRECTIONS

IX.	Change of advice	Action taken
	Desires body be	
	Body to be shipped to	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Letter<sup>7-7</sup> to brother (Miltiabe Vasil Pappasteris) asking that he communicate with mother & obtain her desires as to disposition of son's remains. CB.*

*Letter<sup>7-26-20</sup> noted on reverse side of this sheet Brother states mother dead and requests body remain in France. See 7-31-20 8/9/20 Let to brother, Miltiabe B. Pappasteris, states in accordance with wishes of relatives body will remain buried in France. E.S.*

*Form 100 - 8/ - Brother and nearest of kin, Miltiabe B. Pappasteris, confirms shipping instructions. L.D.*

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

AUG 3 1920

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*Rush Answer*

*02/1/20*

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Mr. Miltiabe Basil Pappasterie, 2330 Franklin Ave. St. Louis, Mo.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Tom Basil.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be left in France.

*no change*

mmm 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. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>None</i>		
Soldier's Children (Name oldest first)	1. <i>None</i> 2. <i>None</i> 3. <i>None</i>		
Father	<i>Dead</i>		
Mother	<i>Dead</i>		
Brothers (Name oldest first)	1. <i>None</i> 2. <i>None</i> 3. <i>Miltiady Pappasterie</i>	<i>2330</i>	<i>Franklin St. Mo.</i>
Sisters (Name oldest first)	1. <i>Sister</i> 2. <i>None</i> 3. <i>None</i>		

*noted on 11/5/20*

Date *Aug. 5-20* Signature *Miltiady Pappasterie*  
Address *2330 Franklin St. St. Louis, Mo.* Relationship *Brother*  
IMPORTANT: - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper. (OVER)

Aug 5 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Brother and nearest living relative of the within  
(Relationship)

named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired).

- 1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
- 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 No. National Cemetery.
- 4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. *Yes*

Signature Miltadi B. Babeski

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

- 1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within 2 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 enclosed envelope - pay no postage.



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August 9, 1920.

File No: 293.8 Reg.Sec.Gen.Div.  
(BASIL, Thom )

Mr. Miltiade Basil Pappasteris,  
2330 Franklin Avenue,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of your letter of July 26th, and in accordance with the wishes of the relatives of the late Private Tom Basil, the body will remain buried in France in custody of the American Graves Registration Service in Europe and will be cared for under the supervision of this Government.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By:

OSP-SS  
Gen.Stat.Dept.

C. D. ANNIS,  
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.

*Suspend Until  
Aug. 7, 1920.*

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July 7, 1920.

File No: 293.8 Reg. Sec. Com. Div.  
(BASIL, Tom )

Mr. Miltiabe Vasil Pappasterie,  
2330 Franklin Avenue,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the disposition of the remains of your late brother, Private Tom Basil, you are requested to communicate with the mother of the deceased soldier and obtain a signed statement indicating her wishes as to whether she desires the body to remain buried in France, or shipped to her in Greece, or that it be returned to the United States and reburied in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

You are also requested to inform her that should she desire the body removed to Greece for reburial such transfer will be subject to the health regulations and sanitation laws of France and Greece, and any intervening countries through which the body may have to pass en route, and should the operation of such instrumentalities prevent the removal of the body in the manner desired, it will remain in the care and custody of the American Graves Registration Service in Europe and will be cared for under the supervision of this Government. This Government bears all expense in connection with the transfer of the body.

Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

The Department wishes to convey to you, and other relatives, assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

**SUSPEND UNTIL**  
**AUG 7 1920**

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut. Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By:

C. D. ANNIS,  
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.

OSP-SS  
Cor. Stat. Unit.

*Noted on  
Form 115  
7-8-20  
CP*

*suspend 30 days.*

St. Louis. mo July 26<sup>th</sup> 1920

am

Leut. Colonel.

Charles C. Pierce

Q. M. C.

Washington D. C.

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293.8  
D. O. M. G.  
94944

Dear Sir.

In regard to your letter asking about a signed statement for the Reburial and Transfer of the remains of my brother, Private Tom Basil from our mother.

I am sorry to inform you that our mother died about 3 year ago. and after communicate with my other relatives in Greece we have decided to let the body of my brother remain in France, we are more than sure about the same Government will take the proper care

Thanking you for your interest in transferring the body.  
I Remaining Respectfully yours  
Miltiade Basil Papasterie.

Ans. of letter file 293.8  
Reg. Sec. Com. Div.  
Request am 15-20  
N.Y. 30-20

OVERSEAS PROTECTION SECTION  
JUL 29 1920  
RECEIVED

94044  
**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Basil 2068903 Tom,  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials)

Pvt. 18 Engineers Co. E.  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: 106 Base Hospital.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Tuberculosis Pulmonary

DATE OF BURIAL: February 4; 1919.

PLACE OF BURIAL: Am. E. F. Cemetery #27.  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map references must specify clearly what map is used.

Merignac Gironde

GRAVE NUMBER: 201

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs. Zoitaa Basil

ADDRESS: Krupista Castonia

RELATIONSHIP: Mother

REPORTED BY:

Red B. Churington  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).  
1st Lt. Chaplain.

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

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	Basil, Tom	BAS	3	219
BURIED	CEMETERY	34	1	6
	GRAVE	10	2	10
	ROW	11	2	11
	BLOCK	a	1	1
STATE	Mont		2	31
RANK	Priv		1	2
DIVISION	Engns		2	49
ORGANIZATION	18		3	018
ARM	Engn Regt		1	1
MARTIAL	(Bro.) No		1	2
NAME	Pappasterie		3	
RESIDENCE	Miltiadi Basil		2	
	4550 Emright Ave.		2	
	St. Louis, Mo.		3	
RELATION	Mother		1	1
OTHER			1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead		1	6
NATIVITY			1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH			1	
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH			1	
NO. OF SONS			1	
DATE OF	MO.		1	
TRIP	YR.		1	
ACCEPTANCE			1	

**AUDITED**

SEP 22 1932

RS

*MJ* *pm*

QM 293 A-M  
Basil, Tom (Sur)

October 7, 1932.

Mr. Miltiadi Basit Pappasterie,  
4550 Enright Avenue,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

It will therefore be appreciated if you will advise whether or not your brother, the late Private Tom Basil, is survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to his reaching the age of eighteen, and if so, her name and address. It is requested you also furnish the dates of death of your parents.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Basil, Tom 34-B

July 3, 1930.

Mr. Miltiadi Basit Pappasterie,  
4550 Enright Avenue,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:

Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Basil, Tom  
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August 9, 1929.

Mr. Miltiadi Basit Pappasterie,  
2330 Franklin Avenue,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **May 3, 1929** making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

*No*

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.

*No*

*Brother*

*4550 Enright Ave*

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

*No*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Dear Sir:

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 brother of the late Private Tom Basil, Company E, 18th Engineers, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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Basil, Tom (Sur)

October 7, 1932.

Mr. Miltiadi Basit Pappasterie,  
4550 Enright Avenue,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

It will therefore be appreciated if you will advise whether or not your brother, the late Private Tom Basil, is survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to his reaching the age of eighteen, and if so, her name and address. It is requested you also furnish the dates of death of your parents.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Basil, Tom 34-B

July 3, 1930.

Mr. Miltiadi Basit Pappasterie,  
4550 Enright Avenue,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the Cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
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A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
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