

To The U. S. C.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

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JAN 21 1926

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DATE

1. NAME BASOM, Ransford B.

SERIAL No. 279503

RANK Pvt. 1/c

ORGANIZATION Co. D. 126th Inf.

& DIVISION 32nd.

GRAVE LOCATION American Cty., Juvigny, Aisne

598.

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

100

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Exhumed fr W of RR. JUVIGNY (Aisne)

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO Dec. 5, 1918

100

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

American

#598

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Information in paragraph 2 taken from Form 1.

DATE OF DEATH Aug. 29, '18

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Mich

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Stuart D. Campbell

Stuart D. Campbell, Capt. Q.M.C., Supervisor, Area No. 2.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Aug. 5, 1922.

26

16

Block D

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Oise-Aisne Amer. #608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne).

CEMETERY

KAT
213

1926

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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Basom LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF
Basom 229003 P. B.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Co. H. 126 Inf.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Sept. 1. 1918

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

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross?
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:

REPORTED BY:
G. C. F. Acree, Chaplain 126 Inf.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

*Basom, Ransford B.
P.F.C.*

CENTRAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
HARRISON AND DEARBORN STREETS

CHICAGO, ILL.

C. A. FOX, CHAIRMAN
R. E. PEPPER, SECRETARY

FILE NO.

SAILING FROM NEW YORK JUNE 14, 1930

S. S. HARDING

No. 289

Name Mrs Flora A Basom
Address R. #3, Conklin, Mich.
From Conklin, Mich, To New York and return

Going Route

Penna RR to Grand Rapids
MC to Buffalo
NYC to New York

Return same route

Train Schedule to New York

Lv. Conklin 10:30 AM CT No.82 June 12 (Spl Stop)
Ar. Grand Rapids 11:05 AM No.82 June 12
Lv. Grand Rapids 11:25 AM No. 108 June 12
Ar. New York 7:30 AM No. 44 June 13

Coach from Conklin to Grand Rapids

Change trains at Grand Rapids

Sleeping car from Grand Rapids to New York

Elapsed time 21 Hrs

*1-
8-12*

MEMORANDUM
WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE

OCT 19 1918

No report showing the death
of Mansford B. Basom, has
been received in this office.
C. D. 126 Inf. 327 ins.

Report from the Graves
Registration Service, Am. Exp-
Forces, showing deaths in
France as late as August 29,
1918, has not yet been received.

A. C.

W. H. F.

Oct 7 - 1918

Grave Registration Service
Washington D. C.

We the Parents of
Randolph B. Bascom of
Co D. 126 Inf 32 Div (Michigan)
have been officially informed
that he was killed in
action Aug 29th If this
sad news be true, will you
kindly inform us as to the
location of his last resting
place? From one of the
many heart broken mothers,
Mrs. F. A. Bascom Leemon Cove
California

In answer refer to file No. 293.3-A-Cemeterial.
No. 293.3-A

October 21, 1918.

From: The Quartermaster General of the Army.
To: Mrs. F. A. Basom, Lemon Cove, California.

Subject: Shipment home of remains of Mansford B. Basom, Pvt., Co. D, 126th Inf.

1. This office is in receipt of your letter of the 7th instant requesting shipment, ~~to~~ ~~and place of burial~~ ~~of the remains of~~ ~~your son, Mansford B. Basom, Pvt., Co. D, 126th Inf.,~~ ~~August 29, 1918, in France.~~ who died

2. In reply I regret to inform you that it will be impracticable to comply with your request as the Secretary of War has decided, on the recommendation of the Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces, that bodies of deceased officers and soldiers will not be shipped from France to the United States during the continuance of the War. This policy has been adopted in view of the difficulties in shipping the remains home, and the Department is unable to deviate from the policy which has been adopted.

3. You are advised, however, that if in the future it is found to be practicable to ship the remains home in accordance with your request, it will be done. If your address as indicated above is not correct, or you should desire that your request for shipment home of the remains be canceled, this office should be advised accordingly.

4. Under existing regulations the necessary steps will be taken by the military authorities in France to mark the grave of each soldier who dies or is killed in battle, and to register the number and location of the grave and to establish beyond a doubt their identity should it become desirable subsequently to disinter the remains for removal to the United States. ~~A report of the place of burial of your son has been received to date.~~

R. E. WOOD,
Acting Quartermaster General.

COPY to the
Depot Q.M.,
Army Bldg.,
N. Y. City, N. Y.
NY.

By: H. R. Lemly,
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

*Mailed 11/18
Oct 21/18
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293.3 Basom, Mansford B.

Porterville, Calif. Dec 13 18
572 Mill St

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

PERSONNEL DIVISION
Central Mail Control Desk



yours of Dec 6th received
Subject: Shipment home of
remains of our son
Ramsford B. Basorn Co dl 126 Inf
and in reply will say
that our home is not in
Calif. that we are here only
for the winter, and will return
to our home in Mich in
the Spring, and if we conclude
to have our son's remains brought
back will want it sent to
Spartan, Kent Co Michigan.

Kindly make note of this as
it would be a grave mistake
to ship the remains here, as we
will probably be gone from here, ^{and St} ^M
will probably be some time before the Government
can do anything in regard to this, Mrs J. A. Basorn

December 20, 1918.

In answer refer to file No. 293.3-Cemeterial.

Office, Quartermaster General

Mrs. E. A. Basom, Porterville, California.

Shipment home of the remains of Pvt. Hansford B. Basom, Co. D,
126th Inf.

1. This office is in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, relative to the disposition of the remains of Pvt. Hansford B. Basom, Co. D, 126th Infantry.

2. In reply will say that when you arrive at a conclusion whether you desire the remains of your son brought back to the United States, if you will advise this office and give the proper address to which you wish the remains shipped, the necessary instruction will be given accordingly.

By Authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

H. R. Lemly,
Majr, Quartermaster Corps.

FNL.

MAILED
DEC 20 1925

Porterville Calif

Jan 2 - 1918

Quartermaster General
Washington D. C.

PERSONNEL DIVISION
Central Mail Control Desk



Dear sir have just see
a letter from you stating that
when I arrive at a conclusion
whether I desire the remains of
our own Ranford, B. Bascom Co 1st
126 Inf brought back to the
United States you will give me
necessary instructions accordingly, and
in reply will say, or get me
can get no information or
particulars concerning his death
and burial place. It is supposed
to be on record. I have written
to the Home Registration, Washington, D. C.
to the Red Cross, also to the
Effects Quartermaster Hoboken, N. J.
and to some of the officers of his Co.
with the same result. Until we can
get particulars in regard to his death
and burial place, we will let the
matter rest. Very truly yours
Mrs. F. A. Bascom 572 Mill St Porterville

Calif.

P. S.

We feel that we have a right to know something about his burial place, and to know for a certainty that when these remains are shipped ~~to~~ should we conclude to have it done ~~by~~ that it is our sons body, and not some one else, and if we can get nothing definite, better let the remains rest where they are, it has now been over four months and no particulars as yet, you wrote me that you had no record of his F. A. Barrow place of burial



RECEIVED TO O. M. A.

G. W. Campbell.

MEDICAL RECORD

Basom, ^{Basom} ^{Harford B.}
Part 1 of Co D, 126 7^{inf}.
Party G. Group 2.

Station: Hotel de Paris. Paris

Date: 23/6/30.

Name BASOM, Mrs Flora

Home address Couklin. R.R. 3. Michigan.

Address of Nearest friend or relative John Basom - husband - same address

Religion Christian Age 72

History of Present complaint: Fatigue, Cold in head.

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Rhinitis acuta catarrhal
moder.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

22/6/30. Brandy 2 teasp. ?? - Rhinitis one of rh. Brandy. Rest.
Vicks applied to nose. Aspirin gargle. 23/6/30
25/6/30 Cough troublesome. 28/6/30 Vicks applied to chest.

Disposition: (include dates)

Recovered June 30

Remarks:

7/5/30

To Sherbourg
MED. K

Arrived New York 7:30 am June 12th.
Escorted to Hotel Roosevelt

BASOM, RAYSFORD B.
Met by Pt England

ITINERARY FOR OISE-AISNE GROUP

Sailed on the PRESIDENT HARDING from Pier #4, Hoboken, New Jersey, June 14th. Captain Funk in charge of party.

Arrived Cherbourg some time during the night of June 21st-22nd. Met by Major Bailey, Captains Saulnier, Ochs, Mallett and Reynolds, Lieutenants Paquet, Freeman, Morin, Captain Kinderman (Medical Corps) Miss Rulon, 5 other nurses and 2 civilian employees. Left Cherbourg at 8:25 a. m. arriving at Gare des Invalides Station in Paris at 2:30 P.M. Met by Colonel Ellis and members of his staff- also interpreters and nurses. Taken to hotel.

June 23rd - Transaction of personal affairs. Left hotel by motor bus at 3 p.m. and proceeded to the Arc de Triomphe where a wreath was laid on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Mrs. E. R. Pannill of Virginia who had been selected for the honor by members of the party. Then conducted to the Restaurant Laurent where the usual tea and reception tendered by the U. S. Government was held. Prominent persons, including Ambassador Edge, were present and spoke to the pilgrims. To hotel for dinner and to pack for the trip to the cemetery.

June 24th - a. m. free. Departed at 1:40 p.m. for La Ferte -SOISSONS

June 25th-26th-27th- 28th- Visited the cemetery daily.

June 29th - Sightseeing -Reims Cathedral - lunch at Reims -Chemin-des-Dames Compiegne.

June 30th - Back to Paris via Carrefour de l'Armistice and Compiegne

July 1st - A. M. free or shopping. Visited Napoleon's tomb in P.M.

July 2nd - Fontainebleau and night trip.

July 3rd - Sacre Coeur -Versailles - tea at Belle Cycl.

July 4th - Notre Dame and Louvre.

~~July 5th - Left Paris at 10:15 a.m. for Cherbourg to sail on the PRESIDENT~~

July 5th - Left Paris at 10:15 a.m. for Cherbourg to sail on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT at 11:30 P.M. Captain R. H. Darrell in charge of party.

July 13th - arrived New York at 9:15 a.m. taken to McAlpin Hotel -those who desired went on a sightseeing trip to Coney Island that evening.

with Mrs. M.C. Burness

Mrs. Flora A. Basom

WAR DEPARTMENT
 PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS WIDOWS
 -- ROOM 901 --

225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

BASOM, RANSFORD B. O.A.

Party 1
 Number 1112

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Flora A. Basom

Name of Traveler

Conklin, Ottawa County

Home Address

Mich.

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

New York, to Conklin, Mich.

\$ 8.25

New York, to Conklin, Mich.

Destination.

Via NYC to Grand Rapids - PENN to dest.

July 14th, 1930

Date of Departure

Ticket expires - Aug. 11, 1930

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV	Grand Central	NYC 17	7/14	5:00 P.	Lo 5	7	WD-1021-766	8.25
AR	Grand Rapids	WRK	7/15	11:30 A.				
LV	"	WRK 83		11:00 A.				
AR	Conklin				Special stop			
LV								
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LV								
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TOTAL

Remarks: :

Name..... BASON, Mrs. Flora A.,

Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL DE PARIS

BOULEVARD DE LA MADELEINE

Home address..... Route 3, Conklin, Ottawa County, Michigan

Party..... G..... Group..... 2..... Unit S/S HARDING

Date of arrival..... JUNE 22, 1930..... Date of departure JULY 5, 1930 S/S ROOSEVELT

Relationship..... Mother

Name of deceased..... BASON, Ransford B.

Rank..... Pvt. 1 cl. Organization Co.D, 126th Inf

Cemetery..... Oise-Aisne

REMARKS



Bus # 1

458

G
1112

NAME BASOM, MRS. FLORA A.

S.S. ROOSEVELT JUL 13 1930

HOME Conklin, Mich. Ottawa County

R.R. NYC to Grand Rapids -

STATION Penn to dest.

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Aug 11 - 1930

101F

Floyd Basom

522 W Alley

Jansing

Mich

May 27, 1930

Mrs. Flora A. Basom
R. #3, Conklin
Mich.

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., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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rs.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	Basom	BAS	3	219 ⁰
BURIED	CEMETERY	608	1	2
	GRAVE	26	2	26
	ROW	16	2	16
	BLCK	12	1	4
STATE	Mich		2	26
RANK	Pvt 1c		1	2
DIVISION	32		2	32
ORGANIZATION	126		3	126
ARM	Unf		1	1
MARTIAL	no		1	2
NAME	Basom	BAS	3	219
RESIDENCE	STATE	Mich	2	26
	COUNTY	Ottawa	2	70
	CITY	Conklin	3	XXX
RELATION	Mother		1	1
OTHER	Father		1	1
ELIGIBILITY	yes		1	1
NATIVITY			1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH	yes		1	1
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH	Fair		1	
NO. OF SONS			1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.		1	
	YR.	1930	1	1
ACCEPTANCE	yes		1	1

Basom June 14 1930

Audited OCT 6 - 1931 a L

NAME Bosom Mrs Flora A.

ADDRESS Rt. #3 Ottawa Co. Conklin, Michigan

DATE July 12-1930

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,

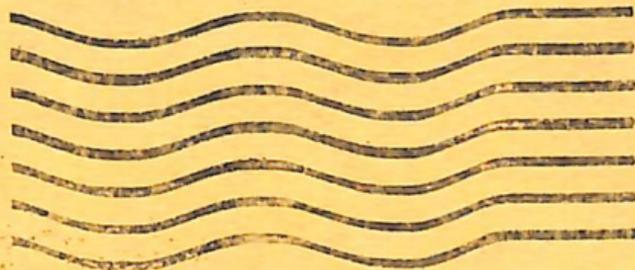
(SIGNED) Mrs Flora A. Bosom

WAR DEPARTMENT



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

MICHIGAN

BASOM, RANSFORD B.

Mother

R, #3,
Conklin

NAME BASOM, MRS. FLORA A. HOME ADDRESS Ottawa County..

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mr. Floyd Basom 522 W Allegan St.
Lansing Mich.ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE June 13 HOTEL Roosevelt ROOM NO. 458

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE June 14 VESSEL Harding CABIN NO. 101-F

DESTINATION CHERBOURG, FRANCE CEMETERY OISE-AISNE

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE JUL 13 1930

NAME *Bason Mrs. Flora A.* HOME ADDRESS *R # 3
Coulter, Mich.*

RETURN ON S. S. *S/S ROOSEVELT* HOTEL *MCALPIN* ROOM NO. *571*

DEPARTURE NEW YORKDATE *7/14*

ROAD *ny c* TRAIN *17* CAR *57* BERTH or SEAT *L5*

REMARKS

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E. Campbell,
PARTY G

MEDICAL RECORD

Station: de Paris
Date: June 22, 1930

Name Bason, Mrs. Flora

Home address Conklin, RR 3, Mich.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Husband John

Religion Christian Age 72

History of Present complaint: Fatigue, cold in head

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) ? MOD.

Rhinitis, acute catarrhal, mod. A.W.K.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

Rhinitis one q 2 h, Brandy, rest, A.W.K.

June 22nd, brandy 2 tsp. Vicks to nose, aspirin gargle

June 25th, cough troublesome,

28th, vicks to chest.

Disposition: (include dates)

June 30th, recovered, A.W.K.

Remarks: 7/5/30 to Cherbourg, HWK

1286 - - *Harding* 6/14/30 608
RETURN RECEIPT

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

Mrs. Julia A. Casone

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, *5-28-*, 192*0*

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

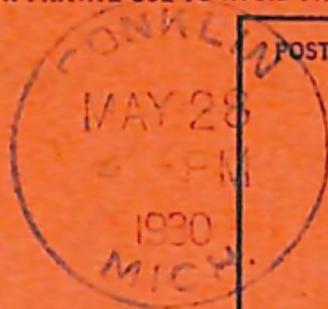
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No. 926312

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

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



POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

(NAME OF SENDER)
MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at _____

Rev. 3-24

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State Washington, D. C.

1286

RETURN RECEIPT

608

Harding 6/14/30

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

Gilman Bascom

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, _____, 192

Form 3811

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927986

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to _____

*Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,* _____

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)
MUNTTIONS BUILDING

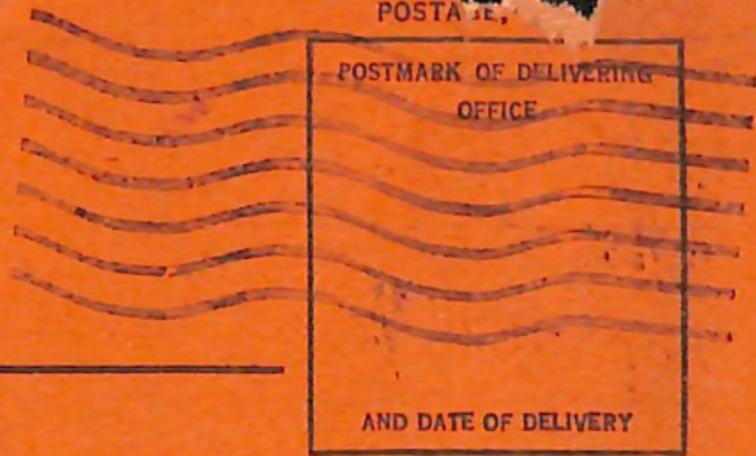
WASHINGTON,

D. C.

PENALTY FOR
TO AVOID
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OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY



Basom, Ransford B. 608 M

May 26, 1930

Mrs. Flora A. Basom
R. #3
Conklin, Michigan

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. Conklin	Penna	No. 82	10:30 AM	June 12
				(Spl. Stop)
Ar. Grand Rapids	"	"	11:05 AM	June 12
Lv. " "	MC	" 108	11:25 AM	" "
Ar. New York	NYC	" 44	7:30 AM	" 13

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bason, Ransford B. 608-M

May 26, 1930.

Mrs. Flora A. Bason,
Route #3,
Conklin, Mich.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ^{317,519} in the amount of \$10.00, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Basom, Ransford B. 608M
Harding 6-14

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Flora A. Bascom,
RR #3,
Conklin, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

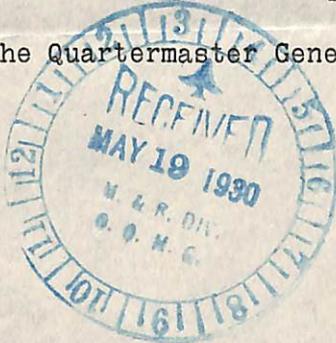
Mr Floyd ~~Basom~~ Basom *noted*

Address

*522 W Allegan St Lansing
Michigan*

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

Encl.
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 8, 1930.

Basom, Ransford B. 608 M

Mrs. Flora A. Basom,
R.F. #3,
Conklin, Mich.

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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Basom, Ransford B

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. Flora A. Basom

(Name)

R. #3, Conklin, Ottawa County, Michigan

(Town or City)

(State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, 1929

Mrs. Flora A. Basom R. #3 Conklin
Michigan

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Basom, Ransford B. 608 M

October 7, 1929.

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Mrs. Flora A. Basom,
RR #3,
Conklin, Mich.

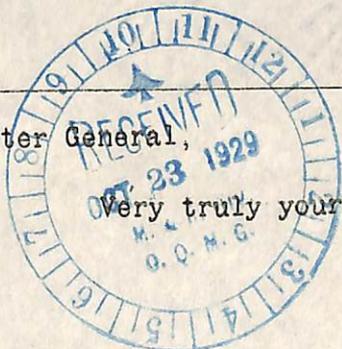
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>71</u> (Years)	Health <u>Fairly</u> (Good) (Poor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. What language do you speak?	English <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

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O. M. 293 A-B

John F. Harris
Major & M. Corps,
Assistant

Dear sir, am at
this place for only
a short time please
direct all communications
to R. R. #3 Conklin

Mich,
the same as before

Yours truly
Mrs. Flora A. Bacon

L.M. #3 A.C.
Baron. Ranford B
Baron

June 26 - 1929

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6-20-29

Quartermaster General
Washington D. C.

Dear sir

In regard to
my son, Ranford B. Baron
Co. D. 126 Inf. He is
not survived by a
widow. Was never married.
I would like to make
the Pilgrimage during
the year 1930. Would
I be allowed to have
my husband go with
me? Am 70 yrs old
and need someone to
assist me. Please advise

Very truly yours

R.B.#3

Mrs. Flora A. Baron, Conklin, Mich

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Co. D. 126th Infantry.
32nd Division.

BASOM Ransford B. Pvt. 279403.
Home: not known.

Co. D. 126th Infantry.
32nd Division.

Bason R.B. Pvt. 279803.

Killed instantly by machine gun bullet in attack with tanks on the rail-
road East of Juvigny in the vicinity of Val Prez Farm on August 29th
1918, Buried about 500 yards South of this railroad.

Informant: STEVENS Fred E. Pvt. 2305630. member 1st, 1918
Co. C. 126th Infantry. Juvigny.
Home : R.F.D. No. 2. Ionia, Mich.

Signed: Sam B. DUDLEY,
1st Lieut. U.S.A.

2/22/19.

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8/25/18

Signed: Sam B. DUDLEY
Infantry U.S.A.

Home: B.E.D. No. 8. Ionia, Mich.
Co. C. 126th Infantry.
Informant: SEVERAL REG. E. PAF. 279503.

1918 Buried about 200 yards south of this railroad
road east of Juvigny in the vicinity of Val-Prez Farm on August 28th
Killed in action by machine gun bullet in attack with tanks on the left.

32nd Division.
Co. D. 126th Infantry.

Home: Not known.
Basom Rensford B. PAF. 279503.

Co. D. 126th Infantry.
32nd Division.

Basom R.B. Pvt. 279503.

Killed in action in advance on Juvigny. Buried about September 1st, 1918
near roadside half way between Val-Prez Farm and Juvigny.

Informant: non e.

Signed: Claude F. AERIE,
March 24th 1919.

I.C.

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Basom, Ransford B. 608 M

May 26, 1930

Mrs. Flora A. Basom
R. #3
Conklin, Michigan
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. Conklin	Penna	No. 82	10:30 AM	June 12
				(Spl. Stop)
Ar. Grand Rapids	"	"	11:05 AM	June 12
Lv. " "	MC	" 106	11:25 AM	" "
Ar. New York	NYC	" 44	7:30 AM	" 13

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
Basom, Hansford B. 608M
Harding 6-14

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Flora A. Bascom,
RR #3,
Conklin, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

April 8, 1930.

Basom, Ransford B. 608 M

Mrs. Flora A. Basom,
R.R. #3,
Conklin, Mich.

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:

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Assistant.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bason, Hansford B.-608 M
Harding 6-14

May 5, 1930

Mrs. Flora A. Bason,
RR #3,
Conklin, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Basom, Mansford B. 608-M

March 25, 1930.

Mrs. Flora A. Basom,
RR #3,
Conklin, Mich.

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Basom, Ransford B. 608 H

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RR #3,
Conklin, Mich.

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2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Basom, Ransford B.

July 10, 1929.

Mrs. Flora A. Basom,
Rural Route #3,
Conklin, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 26, 1929,
making inquiry in connection with the Gold Star Mothers' pilgrimage
to Europe.

It is regretted to advise that it will not be possible to
permit other members of the family to accompany you at private expense,
when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son. It is necessary
that the groups be limited to the mothers and widows for whom the pil-
grimage is authorized, due to the fact that the American cemeteries in
Europe are located near small towns having limited facilities for the
accommodation of tourists.

Personnel will be furnished by the War Department for the
purpose of looking after the care and comfort of the mothers and widows
who make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Basom, Ransford B.

June 20, 1929.

Mrs. Flora A. Basom,
Sparta, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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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 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.

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

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place *Jurigny, Aisne*

Date *Dec 13/1920*

1. REMAINS OF *BASOM, HANSFORD B.* SERIAL NUMBER *279503*

RANK *Pvt 1/4.* ORGANIZATION *Co D. 126th INF.*

2. Disinterred (date): *Dec 13/1920* From (give complete location): *Grave #100*

Amer. B/A. Cem. Jurigny, Aisne. Cem. 598

By: Group *Bowes (4)* Unit _____

3. Reburied (date): *Dec 13/1920* In (give complete location): *Grave #100*

Same Cemetery

By: Group *Bowes (4)* Unit _____ Nature of reburial *Blanket & Coffin*

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

U. S. uniform & raincoat, 5 ft. earthen grave. Not in box or blanket. Badly disintegrated, features not capable of recognition

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Two letters addressed to Pvt. Hansford B. Basom, Co D. 126th Inf. other the same name etc. Co D. 126th Inf. Camp Mc Arthur Waco, Texas. Two souvenir match boxes, 1st letter is from Sparta Red Cross, Sparta, Mich.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) *5' 10"*

(b) Weight (estimated) *Impossible to determine*

(c) Hair—Color *No hair on skull*

Quantity *Impossible to determine*

Characteristics *do*

(d) Hair on face—Color *do*

Location *do*

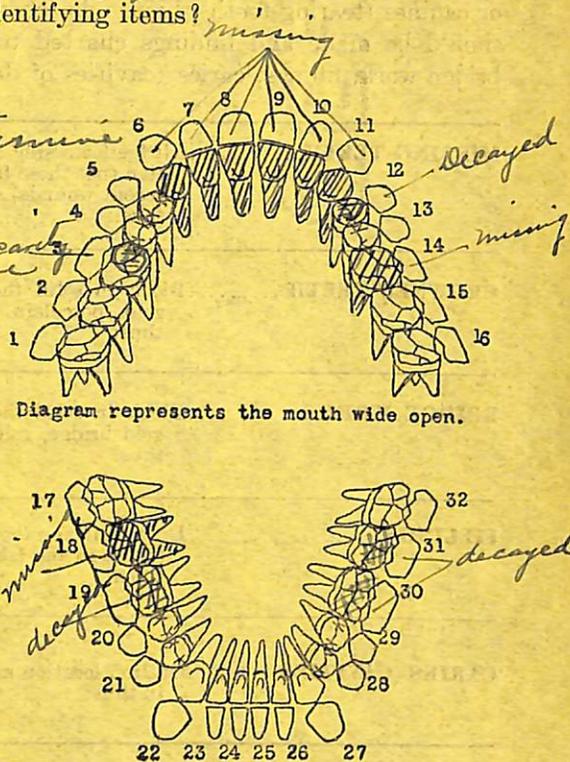
Quantity *do*

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

Impossible to determine

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

Impossible to determine



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7. Disinterment supervised by _____

Approved: _____

(Title) _____

8. Reburial supervised by _____

Approved: _____

(Title) _____

File *ent*
1/4/31

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 19, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

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COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

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1. Name BASOM, Ransford B.

10. Name _____

2. No. 279503

11. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt. 1/c

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. D. 126th Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. 8-29-18

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 100 Sec. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot _____ Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. No discp

18. Cemetery American Cty.,

19. Commune or town Juvigny,

20. Dept. or County Aisne,

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 598.

23. Disinterred (Date) 12-19-21

By C. J. Osgood

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Ransford B. Basom

Serial No. 279503

Rank Pvt. 1/c1

Organization Co. D 126th Inf.

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

[Signature]
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).

Formerly reburied by field section Tag on blanket which checked. Form 16-A found with body attached.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Uniform, blanket and pine box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 12-19-21 By C. J. Osgood

31. Casket sealed by C. J. Osgood

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor [Signature])

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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-25974.

32. Designation of body: _____

Name Ransford B. BASOM. Serial No. 279503

Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. D. 126th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty., 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 12-19-21 By C. J. Osgood

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 _____

O. E. Davis
O. E. Davis, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) _____

To point of Concentration _____

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Am. Cty. 608 Seringes et Nesles, Aisne.

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer *R. S. Humphrey*

40. Received: Date 21 DECEMBER

G.R.S. Representative G. F. WAUGH

41. Reinterred Aug. 5, 1922. Oise-Aisne Cty. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 26 Section ----

43. BLOCK D Row 16

G.R.S. Representative _____

C. J. Blake
C. J. Blake

Capt., G.M.C.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Jungny, Cem. 598

Date Dec. 19th, 1921

1. REMAINS OF 13303 BASCH, Ransford B. SERIAL NUMBER 279503
RANK Pvt. 1/cl. ORGANIZATION Co. D. 126th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec. 19th, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 100, Cem. 598
By: Group 3 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 5, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 26, Block D, Row 16, Oise-Aisne Cty. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)
By: Group Reburial group Unit ---- Nature of Reburial Lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Badly decomposed, features not recognizable. Wooden box, uniform and blanket.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Formerly reburied by Field Section. Tag on blanket which checked.
Form 16-A found with body attached.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Indiscernable due to

(b) Weight (estimated) decomposition.

(c) Hair—Color None

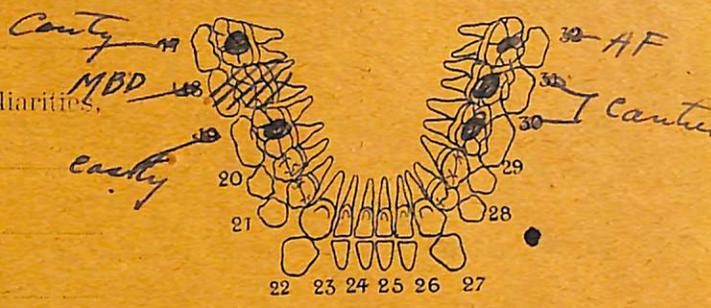
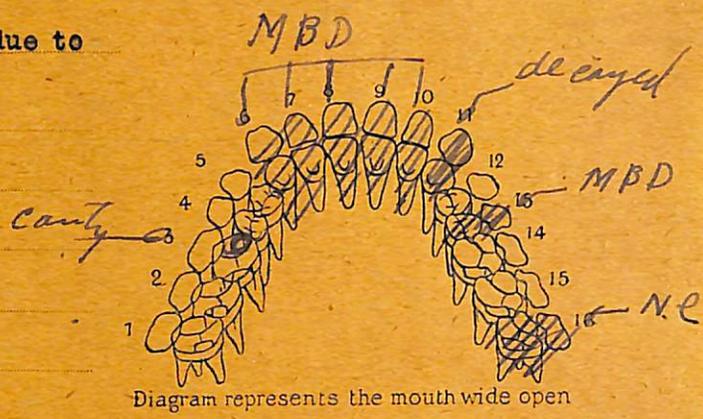
Quantity
Characteristics

(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



F. C. Stark, checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by C. J. Osgood, Sup. Emb.

Approved: O. E. Davis
O. E. Davis, 1st Lt., QMC.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by L. D. Hays

Approved: C. J. Blake
(Title) Capt., QMC.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #17216

*Exhumed
#14/22
for Concentration
Paris - Aisne 608
att 5/2/28*

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BASOM, Ransford S. Ser. No. 279503
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. D. 126th Inf.
(c) Date of death 8/29/18 of death K/A
(d) Cause K/A

TYP. JDB
CKR.

B (10-6)

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

(a) Grave No. 100 Row -- Plot -- Sect. --) TYP. JDB
(b) Emerg. Address Edward A. Basom (Father) Sparta, Mich.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; NO CARD) CKR.

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name E. A. Basom (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address Sparta, 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. -

Examiner's Initials BER Date 8-23-1920

V. A.G.O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from Mrs F.A. Basom/mother

Sparta, Mich., dated 9-26-19
confirmed request in Par. IV. item yes, above, or requesting that

Examiner's Initials A.E.S. Date 8-23-1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows:

*can request info as
to burial place*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials JPR Date 8-24-1920

ck ma c 12/14

*OK
att*

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made 8-24, 1920

Typed by W.E.B. Checked by _____ 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- (cable on _____ 1920
(letter on 8/27 1920

Par. # 2. Not to be returned. (med.)

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE	ACTION TAKEN
Desires body be	
Body to be shipped to	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Form 120 - 9/ - Father and nearest of kin, C. A. Pascom confirms previous shipping instructions that the body remain in frame and Mrs. Cairns (10-6) to advise Europe of change in initial #
Let. 9/25/21 - Mother - Mrs. T. A. Pascom, Coukline Mich. R.R.#1. Ask what disposal will be made of body not to be returned.
Let. 10/5/21 - Mother advised body will be transferred to the Dis. - Cairns Amer. City. 10/11/21

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

Push Answer

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

To: Mr. E. A. Basom, Sparta, Michigan.

*no change
err*

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. l/c Ransford S. Basom,
Co. D, 126th Inf. Ser. No. 279503

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

These instructions are correct

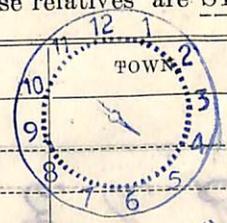
If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

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.
Soldier's widow	<i>never married</i>		<i>Noted on file</i>
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		<i>Form</i>
	2		
	3		
Father	<i>E. A. Basom</i>	<i>Sparta Mich</i>	<i>Mich</i>
Mother	<i>E. A. Basom</i>	<i>Sparta Mich</i>	
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2	<i>Frederic Basom</i>	<i>Owosso Mich</i>
	3	<i>Rufus Basom</i>	<i>Fresno Calif.</i>
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		



Date: *Sept. 3rd*

Signature: *E. A. Basom*

Address: *Sparta, Mich.*

Relationship: *Father*

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

H

Address

1920

I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living relative of the within-named (Relationship.)

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

National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature

Mr. E. A. Bacon

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.



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

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

To: Mr. E. A. Basom, Sparta, Michigan.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. 1/c Ransford S. Basom,
Co. D, 126th Inf., Ser. No. 279503

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

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By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

Date

Signature

Address

Relationship

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

Address _____, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the _____ and nearest living relative of the within-named
(Relationship.)

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 _____ National Cemetery.
 - 4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.
- Signature _____

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- 9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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

G. B. & JOHN Z. CO. 1919

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In reply refer to:
QM - 293 C-R

Sept. 5, 1923.

*In reply letter
Aug 30/23*

Mrs. F. A. Basom,
Sparta,
Michigan.

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

Private, 1st class, Ransford B. Basom, Company D,
126th Infantry, is Grave 26, Row 16, Block D, Oise-Aisne American
Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

H. H. CHEAL,
H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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son
WPK*

In

SEP 6 1923
M. H. W.

25/400/CTV

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Basom

Ransford B

279,503

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Pvt. 1st cl.

Co. D. 126th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

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)

E. A. Basom

Spartan, Michigan

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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Drawn by Rm
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REVIEWED
OSP SS.
made 12/14

Sparta Mich.
Aug. 30 - 1923



Don't forget to write

General U.S. Army
Cemetery Division

In reply to a letter
I wrote you in 1921,
you informed me that
our son ^{to go} ~~was~~ ^{was} transferred B. Bowen
Co. 20, 126 Infantry,
was interred in the
American Cemetery at
Furigny Department of
Aisne, and that the
body would be removed
in the near future to
the Aise-Aisne American
Cemetery, a permanent
American Cemetery. Kindly inform

me if this has been done, Mrs. J. A.

290 Pearson - Rankin - 1923 - Bowen

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Basam 299503 *P. B.*
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private *Co. 126 Inf*
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Sept. 1, 1918.*

PLACE OF BURIAL *U.S. Side of Highway leading from Valprieux to Jurigny about half way*
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Highway leading from Valprieux to Jurigny about half way

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? *Peg* Cross?
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:

CMME Jurigny (Hisne)
(C-87) SHT. 33 NE COORD { E 180
{ N 303

RECEIVED
USP SS.
FPP

REPORTED BY:
Lt. C. J. Acree, Chaplain 126 Inf
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service

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Company List No. _____
Daily Report No. _____

File No:.....

Bassen, 27950, R. B.

Corp. Co. K. 126th, Inf.

Date of Death: 9-7-18

90/23

File No: _____

Date Buried: _____

Cemetery: _____

Grave No: _____

Sect: _____

Commune (No:.....)

Dep't: _____

Sheet: _____

Coordinates: _____

Remarks: On N. side of road leading fr
Valpriez farm to Muvigny about
half way.

Sheet No: _____

NP _____

CROSS _____

HD _____

ED _____

BTTL _____

Ident. Tag on Gr. Mer _____

b.w.b. _____

Authority: _____

OMME.

(C-)SHT.

7 SEP 1918

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Annual List No. _____

July 8, 1922.

293.8 C-R #17216-(Basom, Ransford B. Pvt. 1st cl.)Cty. 598, Sht. 25.

XXXXX

Mrs. Flora A. Basom, Sparta, Michigan.

Permanent burial in France.

1. In reply to your letter of June 3rd 1922, you are advised that the records of this office indicate that the body of your late son, Private 1st class Ransford B. Basom, Company D, 126th Infantry, has been exhumed for concentration into the permanent American Cemetery of the Oise-Aisne. This office is unable to state definitely at this time as to when the reburial will be effected; however, upon receipt of this information from Europe, you will be promptly advised.

2. You may rest assured that the most reverent care will be exacted in transferring the body to its final resting place and the grave will be tenderly and fittingly cared for by this Government for all time.

For the Quartermaster General:

E. E. DAVIS
E. E. DAVIS,
Executive Assistant, G.R.S.

LN
RC X

MAILED

JUL 8 1922

G.R.S.

June 3-1922
Spartan Mich.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. No. 1
File # 2928-1-17216

Sometime ago I wrote you asking about the burial of our son Ramford S. Basorn Co. 10, 126, Inf.

In reply you informed me that his remains at that time was interred in the American Cemetery at Juvigny Department of Aisne, but would be removed to the Aise-Aisne American Cemetery in the near future, will you kindly inform me as to whether his remains has been moved to the Aise-Aisne or not. Yours truly
Mrs Flora A. Basorn

Basorn
Ramford S.



JUL 5 1922



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Bassem, R. B. - 279,503
Cpl. Co F, 126 Inf.

Case - DD 8/29/18 *OK*

Bassem, Randolph B.
filed
B.C.

Name appears on

This soldier, having been reported as missing in action or prisoner in Germany in C. C. ——— is now reported

1ST BURIAL CEM

Comm. 87

(Aisne)

77 road. head

Madagascar

Jubigny

May C.C.

Germany
On N. side

Jarvis to
Jubigny

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Comm. C.C.

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For further data see Casualty Files

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File

MtH 10/14/21

October 5, 1921.

293.8 Cem. #17216 (Basom, Ransford B., Private First-class)

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

Mrs. F. A. Basom, Route #1, Conklin, Mich.

Permanent burial in France.

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1. In reply to your letter of September 25th, you are advised that the remains of our soldier dead, whose legal next of kin do not desire the return to this country but wish their bodies permanently interred in France in the care and custody of the Government, will be buried in permanent American cemeteries which have been established in that country.

2. The remains of the late Private First-class Ransford B. Basom, Company "D", 126th Infantry, are now interred in the American Cemetery at Juvigny, Department of Aisne. This body will be removed to the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in the near future as this is a permanent American cemetery. You are assured that the grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by the Government in the most careful and reverent manner.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

DS

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
Captain, C. M. C.

MtH
HW

Noted on Form No. 115

Date *MtH 10/14/21*

Copy filed in OSF.

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Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
File # 293.8 #172-16

War Department

Adjutant-General's office
Washington, D. C.

Will you kindly
inform me as to the
disposal of the bodies
of the American Soldiers
that are not shipped
back here for burial.

our son Ramford B. Bascom
is buried in the Greyhound
Cemetery. Is this cemetery
an American Cemetery?
if not will his body be
moved to an American
Cemetery? in France?

Bascom, Ramford B. #21

Noted on Form No. 15

Date 11/11/21

Respectfully,
O. O. M. G.

Truly yours,

Mrs. J. A. Bascom, Franklin Mich. P.

SEP 28 1921

FROM. O.Q.M.G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1109

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

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INVESTIGATION AND ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

Date March 1, 1921

File No. 90123 Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

- a. Surname. ~~BASSEN or BASOM~~ *OK* *Ransford B.*
- b. Christian name. ~~R. B. or Raymond B.~~ *OK*
- c. Serial number. *279503* *OK*
- d. Organization. ~~Co. K.~~ *Co. D* *126th Inf.* *OK*
- e. Rank. ~~Cpl.~~ *1st Lt.* *OK*
- f. Date of death. ~~9-7-18~~ *Aug. 29, 1918*
- g. Cause of death. *K. I. A.*
- h. Authority (C. C. No.) *254*
- i. Emergency address. *Edward A. Basom,*
Sparta, Michigan.
- j. Relationship. *Father*

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

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

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

- a. Strike out teeth missing:
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| Lower right. | | | | | | | | Lower left. | | | | | | | |

FILE

Donnelly - app - e.p.s. Wy 8-3-21

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

By

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

ISCI & DAM

Mr. Wilson
DTD *rec'd World War Div.*
Date. *MA-R. 8m. 1921-2*

Rec'd S & S Div., A.G.O.

MAR 2 1921 5 1

FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1131

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date August 24, 1920.

File No. 17216 Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- ✓ a. Surname **BASOM**
- ✓ b. Christian name **RANSFORD S. OR RANSFORD**
Ransford B.
- ✓ c. Serial number **279503** *OK*
- ✓ d. Organization **Co. D, 126th Inf.** *OK*
- ✓ e. Rank **Pvt. 1/cl.** *OK*
- ✓ f. Date of death **8/29/18**
- ✓ g. Cause of death **K/A** *OK*
- ✓ h. Authority (C.C.#) **254** *OK*
- ✓ i. Emergency address **Edward A. Basom, Sparta, Mich.** *OK*
- ✓ j. Relationship **(Father)** *OK*

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| upper right | upper left |
| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| lower right | lower left |

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H. L. ROGERS,
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BY:
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H. J. CONNER,
Captain, Q.M.C.

Return to Mr. Wilson.

World War Div.
Date 8.26.20

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CEMETRIAL DIVISION
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
REGISTRATION SECTION

File # 17216

Classification _____

Adjustment _____

MEMORANDUM:

Date 9-17-20

To: Registration Files Sub-Section

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORP.	ADD. DATA		CORP.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name <u>5 x 8</u>		✓	Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		
Rank			Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up <u>3 x 5</u>		✓
Casualty Cablgram Number					
Remarks <u>5 x 8</u>		✓			

O.K. Alphabetical Files K. E. S. 9-20-20.

O.K. Organization Files _____

O.K. State Files _____

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✓ Cemetery Audit Department
✓ Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

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Cards attached.

By Helen Myers

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

June 7th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Mrs T.A. Basom, 512, Mill Street, Porterville, California.
SUBJECT : Private Ransford S. Basom, Co. D., 126th Infantry, American E.F.
Serial # 279503.

With an assurance of very deep sympathy, and in reply to your letter of enquiry, you are advised that information has been filed in this office by the burial officer concerned, to the effect that the above named soldier is buried in grave number 100, American Battle Area Cemetery at JUVIGNY, department of the AISNE.

The grave is marked with the regulation cross with identification tags attached.

(Enclosures - G.R.S.:)
(10 - B, .004.5.)

CCP/gvc.

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

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TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER 17216.

FROM:- A. K. E.

DATE: 3/8/19.

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BASOM, RANSFORD. B NUMBER

RANK PVT. ORGANIZATION

Co. D, 126th INF.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	1. BASOM. 279503. Ransford S. Co. D, 126th Inf. Pvt. 1/cl.
2.	Date of Death.	2. 8-29-18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. K/A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4. 254.
5.	Date buried.	5. Reburied 11-20-18.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) <u>Name of Cemetery or Commune</u> only required.	6. Grave #100, Amer. B/A Cty., Juvigny, Aisne. <u>Cty. #595</u>
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	9. Cross.
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	10. One buried with body. One attached to grave marker.
11.	Who is nearest relative?	11. Edward A. Basom, (Father) Sparta, Mich.
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	12. Yes. 5-20-19.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	

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N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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Porterville, Calif. Feb. 17-1919

Graves Registration

Headquarters, S. O. S. France.

Dear sir: Can you give me particulars in regard to the last resting place of our son, Ransford, B. Basom who was killed in action in France, Aug. 29-1918?

I understand that all graves are carefully marked, and the resources turned to you.

Thanking you in advance, I am very truly, yours, Mrs. J. A. Basom

512, Mill St. Porterville, Calif.

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Co A-126 4th
BA 50M
32nd Div

Ed. Basom

P. S,

Our son belonged to
Co D, 126 Inf, 32 div,

Michigan and Wisconsin.



St. A. Mason,
512 Mill St.
Porterville, Cal.

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Goover Registration
Headquarters.

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Adjutant General of the
Army, Washington D. C.

FILE

Dear sir in view
of the fact that there
is no certainty when
the bodies of the
American Soldiers can
be brought back, maybe
two, three, or more years,
we have concluded
let the body of our
dear boy rest in France
we signed a cord to
the effect that we wished
the body brought back to USA
but we don't think it
advisable under the

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permitted in company
an anxious mother's
request, Mrs. J. A. Bacon
Sparta Mich

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Circumstances, as I
am writing you to
kindly change this
on your books, and
send an notice to
that effect, please let
me know as soon
as possible, as this
is always first and
foremost in any
contribution of appreciation
that you are very busy
and that there are others
equally as anxious as I. I
hope that you won't
forget to comply with
an anxious mother's
request, Mrs. J. A. Basom
Sparta Mich

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P. S.

Our son Stanford B.
Boson, was killed
in action in France
Aug-29-1918, and
according to the report
sent in, he is buried
in grave 100 American
Battle Area Cemetery
at Juigny department
of the Aisne.

J. A. Boson

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September 26, 1919.

FROM: The Adjutant General of the Army.

TO: Mrs. B. A. Basom, Sparta, Mich.

SUBJECT: Final disposition of the body of Ransford B. Basom.

1. In view of your wishes as set forth in your letter of recent date, relative to the final disposition of the body of your son, Ransford B. Basom, the card previously filed by you, is herewith returned, together with a new one. It is requested that you carefully complete the new card, stating your present wishes, and return it to this office in the inclosed envelope which requires no postage.

2. Permit me to express the sincere sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you have sustained in the death of your son, and to commend you for the contribution made to the cause for which this soldier gave his life.

Per



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