

G.R.S. Form #114-B

Apr 27 1926

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FULL NAME BAUM, William T. ✓

RANK Pvt. ✓ SERIAL 1451727 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. C, 138th Inf. ✓ 35th Div.

DATE OF DEATH Oct 11, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Mo.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. none of record

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 32 35 C
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

3 A. G. O.
APR 30 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Baum 1451727 William
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private Co. "C" 138th Infantry
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH Base Hospital No. 36

CAUSE OF DEATH G. S. W. post Peritonitis

DATE OF BURIAL October 11th 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL A. E. F. Cemetery No. 258

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

Vittel, Vosges

France

GRAVE NUMBER: 106

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:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: Arthur L. Washburn Chaplain

Chaplain A. L. Washburn B.H. 36
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Co. C 138th Infantry
35th Div

BAUM, William I. - Pvt 1451727
Home: 3658 Page Ave.
St. Louis Mo.

He was wounded in the leg by shrapnel on Sept 27 1918 He later died in the hospital from the result of his wounds. He had the satisfaction of bringing down a German sniper who was using a machine gun effectually from a tree.

Informant: WILLIAMS, Edgar J. - Sgt 1451666
Co. C 138th Infantry
Home: St. Louis Mo. 1425 Plectuhare St.

Emergency address:
Mrs. J.H.BAUM
(Mother)
3658 Page Ave.
St Louis Mo.

Searcher: Chap Edwin A. Shraver - 138th Inf

CODE SLIP



HEADING	S U E- HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Baum,</i>	<i>BAU</i>	3	<i>2112</i>
<i>Wm. J.</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>32</i>	2	<i>32</i>
	ROW <i>35</i>	2	<i>35</i>
	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	<i>3</i>
STATE	<i>Missouri</i>	2	<i>29</i>
RANK	<i>Priv.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>35</i>	2	<i>35</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>138</i>	3	<i>138</i>
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Baum,</i>	<i>BAU</i>	3	<i>2112</i>
<i>Mrs. Charlotte</i>	STATE <i>Missouri</i>	2	<i>29</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>St. Louis City</i>	2	<i>97</i>
<i>4810 Easton Ave.</i>	CITY <i>St. Louis</i>	3	<i>052</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
29/514/PJ	<i>Age</i>		<i>72</i>

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Baum, Wm. T. (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

Mrs. Charlotte Baum,
4810 Easton Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	No
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: 72 years Health: Very poor
3. Do you speak English?	Yes
4. What other language do you speak?	None

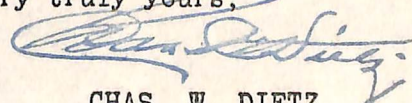
Mrs. Charlotte Baum

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE
PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

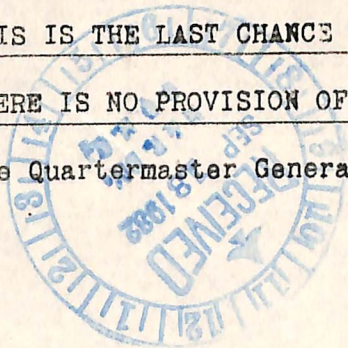
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

Encl:
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Baum Wm T (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Charlotte Baum
4810 Easton Ave
St. Louis Mo

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Baum, Wm. T. (M-A) M

August 7, 1931

Mrs. Charlotte Baum,
4810 Easton Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Baum, Wm. T. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Charlotte Baum,
4810 Easton Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

No
Write answer here

I am in poor health

Mrs) Charlotte Baum

Sign here

*4810 Easton Ave
St Louis Mo*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Baum, Wm. T. Pvt 1232 M

October 10, 1930

Mrs. Charlotte Baum,
4810 Easton Avenue,
St Louis, Missouri

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<i>No</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>No</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>71 1/2</i> Condition of health <i>Very poor</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>Yes</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>None</i>

For The Quartermaster General:



Very truly yours,

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

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*I have answered these questions in a previous letter
Charlotte Baum*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Baum, Wm. T. 1282-M

June 3, 1930

Mrs. Charlotte Baum,
4810 Easton Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

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

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Q.M. 293. A. L.
Baum, Wm

St Louis Mo
July 30th - 1929

Mr. John T. Harris,
Dear Sir,

My son Wm T. Baum, Co. C. 138 Inf
was never married,

Sincerely yours
Charlotte Baum, 4810 ^{East} St Louis Mo

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Baum, Wm. T.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Charlotte Baum,
4810 Easton Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Wm. T. Baum, Co. C, 138th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 6, 1932.

Baum, Wm. T. (MA)

Mrs. Charlotte Baum,
4810 Easton Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Baum Wm T (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Charlotte Baum
4810 Easton Ave
St. Louis Mo

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

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IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Baum, Wm. T. (M-A) M

August 7, 1931

Mrs. Charlotte Baum,
4810 Easton Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~AM 208~~ 1-M
Baum, Wm. T. Pvt. (M-A) 11

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Charlotte Baum,
4810 Easton Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

QM 293 A-M

October 10, 1930

Baum, Wm. T. Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. Charlotte Baum,
4810 Easton Avenue,
St Louis, Missouri

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	Age

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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

Baum, Wm. T. 1282-M

June 8, 1930

Mrs. Charlotte, Baum,
4810 Easton Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

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

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

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

October 7, 1929.

Baum, William T. 1232 M

Mrs. Charlotte Baum,
4810 Easton Ave.,
St. Louis, Missouri.
Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Baum, Wm. T.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Charlotte Baum,
4810 Easton Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Wm. T. Baum, Co. C, 158th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Baum,

William T.

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Dup.

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt. Co. C, 138th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you
desire 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)

Mrs. Charlotte Baum

3658 Page Blvd.

St. Louis, Mo.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

drawn by ~~MMH~~

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February 23, 1923.

Mrs. Charlotte Baum,
4810 Easton Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Pvt. William T. Baum, Co. C, 138th Infantry is No. 32, Row 35, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse) France.

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

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

MAILED

Very truly yours,

FEB 23 1923

H. J. Connor,
Assistant.

G.R.S.

22/1423/ANK

DATE 12/3/21

1. NAME BAUM, William T. SERIAL No. 1451727

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.C, 138th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer.Cty. Vittel (Vosges) # 258

CTY. NAME NUMBER

mg

162

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 106 Vittel Vosges

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES E.367.79 N.157.35 Map Mirecourt N.E. 84

CONCENTRATED TO Feb.2, 1921 162

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

American E.F.Cty., Vittel, 258

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Nothing of record

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Stanley J. Grogan

STANLEY J. GROGAN, Capt. Inf. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/3/21 52 35 C

DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT



AUDITED BY M.M. 6
1-3-23

Meuse Argonne American Cty 1232 Romagne sous Montfaucon
CEMETERY

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BAUM, William T. SERIAL NUMBER 1451727
RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. C, 138th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Oct. 17, 1921. From (give complete location) Gr. No. 162.
Amer. Mil. Cem. # 256. Wittel (Vosges)
By : Group 1. Unit Section No. 4.

3. Reburied (date) : Dec. 3rd, 1921. In (give complete location) :
Grave 32, Row 35, Block C, Cemetery 1232.
By : Group Reburial S Unit _____ Nature of reburial Lined Casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Buried in wooden box in blanket. Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? Yes. On grave marker ? Yes.
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
No effects found.

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

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

(b) Weigh, (estimated) _____

(c) Hair—Color _____

Quantity _____

Characteristics _____

(d) Hair on face—Color _____

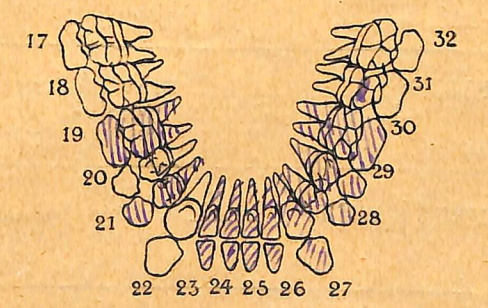
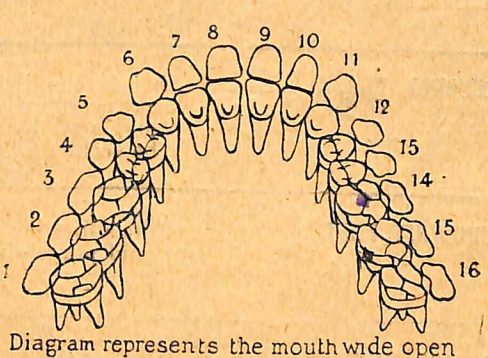
Location _____

Quantity _____

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

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

None visible.



No. 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29,
M.A.D. No. 19, 30, S.F. No. 14, 31, S.F. No. 8, 9, 12,
Cavity. 60465

7. Disinterment supervised by [Signature] Approved ; [Signature]
tap. (Title) 1st. Lt., Q.M.C. bjm

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature] Approved [Signature]
A.U. Dufault, (Title) James W. Younger,
Captain, Q.M.C.



Original

Place Vittel - Vosges

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb. 2 - 1921

1. REMAINS OF William T. Baum SERIAL NUMBER 1451727

RANK Priv. ORGANIZATION Co. C - 138th - Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb - 2 - 1921 From (give complete location):

grave 106 Amer Cem 258 - Vittel - Vosges

By: Group one Unit see one

3. Reburied (date): Feb. 2 - 1921 In (give complete location):

grave 162 Amer Cem 258 Vittel - Vosges

By: Group one Unit see one Nature of reburial in blanket and in pine box

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

Cross at feet
In. U. S. Uniform - and in pine box
Body decomposed and unrecognizable

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

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

Tags on body & cross - William Baum 1451727
Priv. Co. C. 138th Inf. U. S. A.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 68 inches

(b) Weight (estimated) 145 lbs

(c) Hair—Color no hair on skull

Quantity none

Characteristics none

(d) Hair on face—Color none on face

Location none

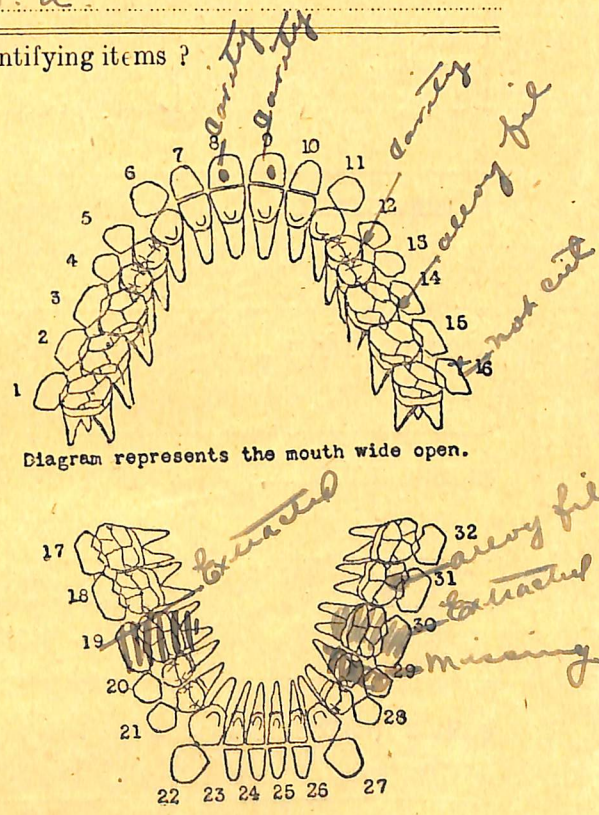
Quantity none

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

Impossible to determine

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

none



7. Disinterment supervised by (A.B. Proctor)

1st Lt. QMC. Inspector

Approved (Val E. Miltenberger)
Major, MC Mas. of Sec. #1

8. Reburial supervised by (A.B. Proctor)

1st Lt. QMC. Inspector

Approved: (Val E. Miltenberger)
Major, MC Mas. of Sec. #1

D-30218

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 17, 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 BAUM, William T.
 2. No. 1451727
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. C. 138th Inf.
 5. D.D. Oct. 11th. 1918
 6. C.D. DOM

10. Name William Baum.
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 162 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. None.

18. Cemetery Amer. Cty.
 20. Dept. or County Vosges
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 258

19. Commune or town Vittel
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 17, 1921.

By W. R. Tomlinson.

24. Inscription on grave marker:
 Name William T. Baum.
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Co. C, 138th. Inf. Gr. 162

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

PREPARATION

THOS A PACE.

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).

No effects found. Form 16a accomplished. Reburial record on body checked.
Disc on body reads (William Baum, Pvt. Co. C, 138th. Inf. U.S.A.)
 27. Condition of body Body decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Buried in wooden box in blanket.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See No. 10.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 17, 1921. By W. R. Tomlinson.

31. Casket sealed by W. R. Tomlinson.
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) W. R. Tomlinson.
W. R. TOMLINSON.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-11146

32. Designation of body:

Name BAUM, William T. Serial No. 1451727

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C. 138th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 17, 1921. By W. B. Tomlinson.

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 *D. E. Lowry*
D. E. LOWRY, 1st. Lt., Q.M.C. bjm.

36. Remarks



37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 17, 1921.

To point of Concentration Nonchateau (Voages)

(Name)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer

Capt Q.M.C.

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

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 30 OCT 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

(Name)

Convoyer C. BUCKLEY Signature Shipping Officer *W. B. Buckley*

W. B. BUCKLEY, Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred _____

Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232 (Date) Dec. 3rd, 1921.

42. Grave No. 32 Section _____

43. Plot xxxx Block C Row 35

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*
James W. Younger,
Captain Q.M.C.

JBL

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

WASHINGTON Hoboken, N. J.

DEC 7 1920

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

To: Mrs. Charlotte Baum, 4th & Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. William T. Baum, Ser. No. 1451727,
Co. C, 138th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be returned to the United States and delivered to you at St. Louis, Mo.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Was soldier married? <i>No.</i>			
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1. <i>none</i>		
	2. <i>none</i>		
	3. <i>none</i>		
Father <i>Dead</i>			
Mother <i>Mrs Charlotte Baum</i>	<i>4810 Easton Ave</i>	<i>St Louis</i>	<i>Mo</i>
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1. <i>none</i>		
	2. <i>none</i>		
	3. <i>none</i>		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1. <i>none</i>		
	2. <i>none</i>		
	3. <i>none</i>		

NOTED ON FORM #115
12-18-20

Date *Dec 15 - 1920*

Signature *Mrs Charlotte Baum*

Address *4810 Easton Ave*

Relationship *Mother*

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

I, the undersigned, am the Mother and nearest living relative of the within-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~~ National Cemetery.

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

Signature Mrs Charlotte Baum
4810 Eastern Ave
St Louis, Mo

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.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 35943

(a) Name BAUM, William T. Ser. No. 1451727
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.C, 138th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10/11/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. EK
CKR.

EXHUMED FOR
CONCENTRATION
11-15-21

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

(a) Grave No. 106 Row -- Plot -- Sec. -- TYP. EK
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Charlotte Baum(mother) St. Louis, Mo.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --

CKR.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

July 22, 1920

(a) Name Mrs. Charlotte Baum (b) Relationship Mother
(c) Address 3658 - Page Blvd., 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.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials

JEB

Date

9/23/

, 1920.

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

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

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials

Pm

Date

9-23

, 1920.

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

Mother Mrs. Charlotte Baum
49 Locust St. St. Louis Mo. 12-10-19. Requested
him to return to Mrs. Baum's remains brought

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials

JEB

Date

9-24

, 1920.

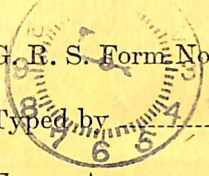
COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 258

SHEET No. 10

11-16-20

Checked by
9mm. 10/22/20



VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

NOV 26 20

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on **NOV 12 1920**, 1920

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED *yes*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *back and any information*

about his death and burial.

12/15/20 - Letter ^{Form 120} from mother, Mrs. Charlotte Baum, 4810 Easter Ave. St. Louis, Mo. (nearest of kin) requests body remain in Europe. 58

2-25-21 Letter from Charlotte Baum, mother; requests body remain in France. H-3-12-21 PW

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

April 13, 1921.

File No. 295.8 Cem.Div.Corr.Br.
(BAUM, William T.)

Mrs. Charlotte Baum,
4810 Easton Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt of your communication dated February 25, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Private William T. Baum, serial number 1451727, Company C, 138th Infantry, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your desire, the remains will be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

Upon transfer of the remains to a permanent American Cemetery you will be advised of the grave location.

The Department wishes to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. D. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M.G.,
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

MAILED
APR 19 1921
COR. DEPT. OF ARMY

ff/cm

258-10

St Louis Mo.

Dec 15th - 20th #115

NOTED ON FORM #115
12-18-20 - \$

Graves Reg. Service
Hoboken

New Jersey

Gentlemen, Your letter
received, several weeks ago
I sent in the card and I
told them it was my wish
that my Con's remains be
left in France because
he is buried in Grave 106
"American Cemetery, Vittel,
Department of Vosges"
only I would like to know

if he will. he left in that
Cemetery and if not, will
they let me know where
they have moved my
darling to. Please let
me know this if at all

Possible as come time
I might be able to visit
his grave. I am sorry
I made such a mistake
in filling out the card.

I wish his remains to
remain in Europe where
he fell.

Resp.

Mrs. Charlotte Baum
#4810 Gaston Ave
St Louis, Mo

48 Locust is where I am em-
ployed. I will register this letter
so I will be sure you have
received it.

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

April 15, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor./Br.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G.,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Record - Cemetery #258.
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 2190.


1. The records pertaining to the following case are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe.

REFERENCE NO:

10 Baum, William T., Private, Serial Number
1451727, Company C, 138th Infantry.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

BY:


F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

1 Incl.

I will request you
to return this safely

St Louis, Mo
Dec 15/19

Adjutant General,
War Department
Washington
D.C.

William T. Baum - Co. B.
138 Inf. Arty. 1st Division

Dear Sir,

I trust you will pardon the liberty I take in writing of on this letter I have received two cards at different intervals requesting to know what disposal I wanted made of the remains of my beloved son, William T. Baum, Pvt. Co. B. 138 Inf. Army Serial Number 1.451.727. an explanation here is necessary. I adopted him when he was an infant only 8 months old the papers were made out about I supposed they were all right but when I went to Chicago for a certified copy there was no record could be found in any court after a long search I was so fearful that William would ever find the papers that

I destroyed them when he was about twelve years old, but to angreress I am informed we will soon make an amendment which will put me in the permitted class, I have the certificate where he made me the beneficiary for the full amount of Insurance (Ten thousand) which my darling brought back to me but as I am a poor widow I cannot arrange for a lot in the cemetery until the Ins is settled which I think will not be long, I wish to be buried beside him and that is the reason I have not assumed hoping from time to time that I could send by an my decision, now I am worried about this, it may be too late when I get a settlement from the Government, will you kindly let me know this? I know this is the sum of \$100.00 allowed for the burial but that would not cover the other expenses There is another favor which I want to

ask of you. I have all information
as to where he is buried, but cannot
find out any thing after he was
carried off the field. I am enclosing
some reports brought back here by
Col. Dwight Davis in hopes that
as a last resort you may have
some Hospital reports that may
give me the information I so
much desire, as you will see
he was hit on the evening of Sept.
27th & the Official telegram from
Washington read that he died
from wounds received in action
Oct 11, 1918. It seems he lived
nearly 2 weeks surely he must be
conscious ^{transmit} some message
for me. Base Hospitals 23 & 36
are mentioned in the Red Cross
report as to where he is buried but
only saying that they are located
in the village of Vitte in the Vosges
Mountains, & if you can give me

any information as to his last
days on earth whether he was
conscious, what caused his death,
where he was from Sept 27th
until his death on Oct 11,
if you will have the undying
gratitude & prayers of a
lonely heart broken Mother.
every other resource has been tried
and I was advised to write you.
I prize these reports very much
& will you please kindly return them
to me when you answer.
In all my correspondence with the
Government they have promised
they would protect me in not
mentioning that he was an ad-
opted child as he was all ways
looked on as our own son.
loved & treated as such. Thanking
you in advance for any information
you can give I am yours
gratefully
Yours
Charlotte Baum. Security Bldg of
(Mrs) 4 + Locust St. St. Louis Mo
where I am employed

35942

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Baum 1451727 William
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private Co. "C" 138th Infantry
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Base Hospital No. 36

CAUSE OF DEATH: G. S. W. ~~post~~ Peritonitis

DATE OF BURIAL: October 11th 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: A.E.F. Cemetery No. 258

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

Vittel, Vosges

France

GRAVE NUMBER: 106 ✓

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

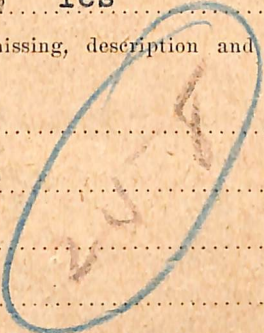
If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

NEAREST RELATIVE: ?

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: Arthur L. Washburn
Chaplain A.L. Washburn B.H. 36
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)



20001 Regd

1. G. R. S. Form No. 1

Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 1451727

3. *Baum* *William*
Surname (in block letters), First Name and Initials

4. *Pvt.* *6* *138 Inf.*
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. *Oct 10, 1918.*
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. *Oct 11, 1918* *258*
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. *Vittel*
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. *106*
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? *yes* Cross? *yes* Headboard? Bottle?
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker?
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

.....
.....
.....
12. *258*
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

.....
.....
13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed. *Private Harry H Jones*

Group Unit G. R. S.

cause of death
G.S.W. R. hip multiple wounds
causing Peritonitis.



Registration Card File
Section # "B"
File #35943

35943

MEMO FOR : G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

SUBJECT : Information required for G R S.

I. Items checked are to be completed :

- () Surname : Baum
- () Number : 1451727
- () First name : William T.
- () Rank : Pvt.
- () Company : C.
- () Organization : 138th Inf.
- () Date of death : 10/11/18
- () Cause : W/A
- () Place :

Location of hospital :

Number » »

Class » »

- (✓) Relative : Mrs. Charlotte Baum
- (✓) Relationship : Mother
- (✓) Address : St. Louis, Mo.

- () Authority :
- Cablegram No :
- Telegram from :

dated : 11/9/18

- () Reported to Washington :
- C.C. Nos : CC 290

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

- () Remarks :

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

Initials of reporter :

REG

File
gjp

March 11, 1921.

FILE

293.8-Cem. #35943 (Baum, William T. Pvt.)

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).
To: Mrs. Charlotte Baum, 4810 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Subject: Permanent burial in France.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 25, 1921 confirming your previous request that the remains of your son, the late Private William T. Baum, Company C, 158th Infantry, be permanently interred in France and instructions to this effect have been noted and will be issued that your wishes be complied with, provided there is no relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over yours.

2. According to the present schedule of concentration, the remains of our soldier dead now temporarily interred in the American Cemetery, Vittel, Department of Vosges, will at some future date be removed to the Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse. However, when this transfer has been effected, the legal next of kin will be duly advised of the new grave location.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MVB

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
2nd Lieut., Q. M. C.

HW

*Yellow Copy sent to
Hoboken
2/14/21
msa*

MAILED

MAR 12 1921

G.R.S.

vmc
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

MAR 15 1921

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File Number 35943

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date March 8, 1921.

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME: BAUM, William T.

Serial Number

RANK: Private.

ORGANIZATION: Co. C. 138th Infantry.

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	1. Yes. #1451727.
2.	Date of death.	2. 10/11/18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. DWRIA.
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	4. 290.
5.	Date buried.	5. 10/11/18.
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Grave #106, American Cemetery #258, Vittel, Vosges. ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	7.
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	8.
9.	Report as to grave marker.	9. Cross.
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10. (a) Yes. (b) Yes.
11.	Complete emergency address?	11. Mrs. Charlotte Baum, (Mother) 4810 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	12. Yes.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	13.
14.	What is the photograph number?	14. D-30195.
15.	Inquiry made by.	

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4810 Easton Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.,

February 25, 1921.

File No. File #35943 (Baum, William T., Pvt.)

From : Mrs. Charlotte Baum, 4810 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

To: The Quartermaster General, U.S.A. Army (Cemeterial Div.)

Subject Permanent Burial in France.

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1. In reply to yours of January 15, 1921, advising that the remains of my son, Private William T. Baum, Company C, 138th Infantry, are now interred in grave #106, in the American Cemetery at Vittel, Department of Vosges, which cemetery will not be permanently maintained by the Government

2. I, being the Mother of William T. Baum, and the legal next of kin, beg to advise that it is my wish and desire, that inasmuch as the Government will not permanently maintain the cemetery at Vittel, Department of Vosges, where his body is now interred, that his body be interred in one of the permanent American cemeteries in France, as referred to in paragraph No. 9 of Cemeterial Division Bulletin No. 10-F-W. I do not wish his remains returned to this country, neither do I want him buried in a French Cemetery.

3. Trusting this answers yours of January 15, 1921, in a satisfactory manner, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Charlotte Baum

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Feb. 8, 1921.

293.8-Cem. File #35943 (Baum, William T., Pvt.)

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cometarial Division)
To: Mrs. Charlotte Baum, 4810 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Subject: Private William T. Baum.

1. You are advised that a reply to your letter of December 15, 1920, was prepared on January 15, 1921. The carbon file copy of this office does not bear the proper notation to the effect that the original was mailed. Therefore, copy of this letter is being forwarded to you herewith.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
2nd Lieut., Q. M. C. JTG

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

January 15, 1921.

File #35943 (Baum, William T., Pvt.)

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)
To: Mrs. Charlotte Baum, 4810 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Subject: Permanent Burial in France.

1. In reply to your letter of December 15, 1920, you are advised that the remains of your son, the late Private William T. Baum, Company C, 138th Infantry, are now interred in grave #106 in the American Cemetery at Vittel, Department of Vosges, which cemetery will not be permanently maintained by the Government.

2. In the event the legal next of kin desires the remains of the deceased permanently interred in France, it will be necessary for the Government at some future date to transfer his body to one of the permanent American Cemeteries in France referred to in paragraph No. 9 of the enclosed Cemeterial Division Bulletin, No. 10-P-W, or for the Government to transfer his body to the nearest permanent French Cemetery. If it is the desire that burial in the nearest permanent French Cemetery be made, it will be necessary for the legal next of kin to execute and return to this office the enclosed Graves Registration Service Form #123 which relieves the Government of the future care and maintenance of the grave site. In the latter event the nearest relative assumes this responsibility.

3. In view of this information, cancellation has not as yet been made of your request that the remains of the deceased be returned to this country and it is desired that you advise this office immediately whether you wish the body of the deceased interred in a permanent American Cemetery in France or in a nearby permanent French Cemetery, or returned to this country either for private burial or burial in a National Cemetery. Upon receipt of this advice from you, instructions will be issued that your wishes be complied with provided there is no relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over yours.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,
2nd Lieut., Q.M.C.

MR

JF

HW

File Number 35949

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 1-10-21

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME: Baum, ———

Serial Number

RANK:

ORGANIZATION:

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	No. Baum, William J., Pvt. # 1451727, Co. C. - 188th Inf.
2.	Date of death.	(2) 10-11-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) DWRDA.
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	(4) 290
5.	Date buried.	(5) 10-11-18
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave 106, Amer. Cty. #258, Vittel, Vosges
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) a. yes b. yes
11.	Complete emergency address?	(11) Mrs. Charlotte Baum (mother) St. Louis, Mo.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	(12) 4-15-19.
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 number?	(14) D-80195
15.	Inquiry made by.	

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CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N.J.

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January 4, 1920.

FILE NO. 293.8 Cem.Div.,Cor.Branch.
(BAUM, William T.)

MEMORANDUM TO:

Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G.,
Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Correspondence referred for reply.

1. The attached copy of communication relative to the grave location of the late William T. Baum, Private, Serial No. 1451727, Company C, 138th Infantry, is referred for reply.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

By: *F. C. Fallas*
F. C. FALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. Q. M. G.
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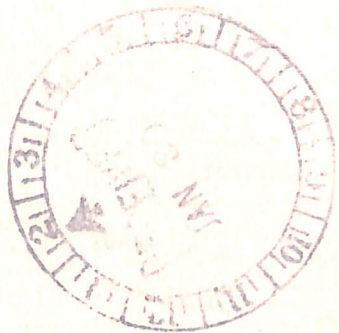
Baum, Wm. T.

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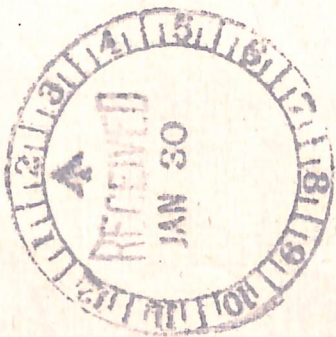
St Louis Mo
Jan 28/20th



Graves Registration Service
Washington
D. C.

Gentlemen,

Your kind letter
received this morning giving
me in for mail to the location
of my beloved ones grave. For
which I am most grateful.
Will you kindly send a bulletin
in regard to the return of the
body which you mention
but did not enclose in your
letter as I would like to know



come thing definite about it.

gratefully yours

(Mrs)

Charlotte Baum

4810 Gaston Ave

St. Louis, Mo.

P.S. Please send bulletin at your
earliest convenience.

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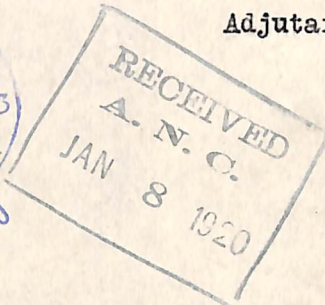
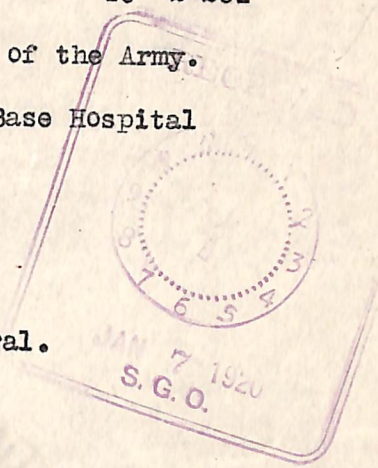
War Dept., A.G.O., January 5, 1920.--To the Surgeon General of the Army.

For name and present address of nurse in attendance at Base Hospital #36, A.E.F. from September 28th, 1918 to October 11, 1918.

By order of the Secretary of War:

J. Quinn

Adjutant General.



Synopsis made.

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War Dept., S.G.O., January 8, 1920 - To the Adjutant General, U.S. Army.

1. The records of this office indicate that Mrs. Betsey L. Harris, of 255 Main Street, Nashua, New Hampshire, was on duty as a nurse at Base Hospital No. 36, from September 28, 1918, to October 11, 1918.

For the Surgeon General:

W. H. ...

E. A. Noyes

E. A. Noyes,
Major, Medical Corps, U.S.A.



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Quarters, Company C, 138th U. S. Inf.,
American E.F.,

April 2, 1919.

STATEMENT OF 2ND LIEUT. AUGUST B. BLUM, COMPANY C,
138TH U. S. INFANTRY, IN REGARD TO WILLIAM T. BAUM.

Private William T. Baum enlisted in the 1st Mo. Inf., N.G., in April 1917 at St. Louis, Mo., and was drafted into federal service on Aug. 5th, 1917, becoming a member of the 138th Infantry upon the consolidation of the 1st and 5th Mo. Inf., N. G.

This soldier to my knowledge has a good record throughout. I have known him since the formation of the 138th Infantry. He was a hard, conscientious worker during our training in camp in the United States and France, and showed unflinching courage during our occupation of front line trenches and during our participation in the Argonne-Meuse Offensive. He was present with the company during their occupation of Collet and Pairis Sectors, St. Mihiel and Argonne Offensives. In summary he was without doubt one of the best soldiers in Company C.

August B. Blum
2nd Lieut., 138th U. S. Infantry

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quarters, Co. C, 128th U. S. Inf.,
American E.F.,

April 2, 1919.

STATEMENT OF SGT. JOHN C. GEATLEY, COMPANY C,
HOLDING PRIVATE WILLIAM T. BAUM, COMPANY C,
IN ARGONNE ON SEPT. 26th and 27th, 1918.

From the time of going over the top William T. Baum showed the greatest of courage. He was in the rifle grenade squad of which I was corporal. When Major Sauerwein fell with a bullet through the head, all men, who saw the Major fall, tried hard to locate the machine gun nest from which the fatal shot was fired. It was not yet located when Lieut. Kober of B Co. came up and ordered us to cross the orchard in a line of skirmishers. We had advanced but a few yards when Wm. Baum put his rifle to his shoulder and fired, saying, "I got him". This Boche had been climbing a tree from his trench to locate our men, and then telling the machine gunner where we were. When we arrived in the trench we found this Boche, that had been shot by Wm. Baum, lying on the ground with a bullet through his head.

Afterwards he helped capture many prisoners in CHEPPY. After leaving CHEPPY, we were shelled heavily and Baum was hit by shrapnel in "Death Valley" on the evening of September 27th. He was carried back to the first aid station by the litter bearers, and I did not see him any more.

John C. Geatley
Sergeant, Company C.



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St. Louis Mo
February 20, 1919

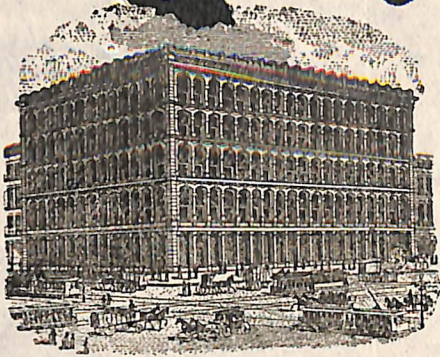
Registrar,
Graves of American Expeditionary
Forces in France.

Dear Sir:-

About the sixth of Nov
I received official notice from
Washington D. C. of the death of my
son, William T. Baum, who was
a member of Co. "B." 138 Infantry
35th Division, American Expeditionary
Forces. I would like to have you
advise me if possible of the
location of my son's grave,
giving me all particulars you may
have in reference to same. If you
are not able to give me this information
and are in a position to know
from whom I may be able to obtain it,
I will be most grateful to you if
you will so advise me.
Thanking you in advance for your
courtesy and attention to the above request
I am, very gratefully yours,
(Mrs) Charlotte Baum, 3658 Page Ave
St. Louis, Mo.

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SAM'L C. DAVIS & CO.

St. Louis, Feb 19th -

Dear Sirs;

Any information that you
can give Mrs Baum will be
thankfully appreciated.

Yours truly
John T. Davis

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

FILE NUMBER 35943

FROM:- A. R. C.

DATE: 3/8/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BAUM, WILLIAM - T.

NUMBER

RANK PVT.

ORGANIZATION

Co.C. 138th INF.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	1. BAUM, 1451727, William T. Pvt Co.C. 138th Inf.
2.	Date of Death.	2. 10/11/18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. DWRIA
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4. 290
5.	Date buried.	5. 10/11/18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	6. Grave No.106, Amer.Cty, Vittel, Vosges. Cty 258.
7.	Who reported burial?	7 Chap A.L. WASHBURN BH 3
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.?	8 yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	9. Name Peg & Cross.
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	10. One buried with body. One attached to Grave Marker.
11.	Who is nearest relative?	11.
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	
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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