

~~LEAF~~ OF DEATH

*wounded*  
*in action*

FULL NAME... *OK* BECK, Cecil C.

RANK... *OK* Pvt.

SERIAL... 96210 *OK*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION... Co. C, 167th Infantry

*OK. 42nd LG*

DATE OF DEATH... 8/7/1918

*OK*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME...

*Alabama*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED...

*none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION...

Date	24	9	A
	Grave	Row	Block

Aisne-Marne American Cemetery # 1764  
Cemetery

A.G.O.  
MAY 9 1927  
WORLD WAR DIV.

*ajb*

Co. C. 167th. Inf.  
42nd. Division.

BECK, Cecil C.-Pvt. 96210  
Home: Valley Head, Ala.

Private Beck was wounded July 26th, 1918. At La Croix Rouge  
Farm and died in Field Hosp. 168 Aug. 7/18, place of burial not  
known.

No Informant given.

Not signed.

Emergency address:  
R.L. Beck (Father)  
Valley Head, Ala.

EB.

Address Reply To

WAR DEPARTMENT

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE

Munitions Building

WASHINGTON

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

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date May, 19, 1920

*Special*

*Beck, Cecil*

*ALPHABETICAL FILE*

File No. 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 Breck *Beck*
- b. Christian name Jack *Cecil*
- c. Serial number 75,432
- d. Organization Co.M.23rd Inf.
- e. Rank Pvt.

- f. Date of death *Disch. Aug. 18/18.*
- g. Cause of death *Disch. Hon. Disch per Telegram A.G.O. Nov. 16/18.*
- h. Authority (C.C.#)
- i. Emergency address *Mrs. Hattie E. Mitchell, Springdale, Wash.*
- j. Relationship *mother*

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age at Enlistment *22 yrs. 7 mo.*
- b. Color of Eyes *Blue*
- c. Color of Hair *Light*
- d. Height *5 feet 3 1/4 in.*
- e. Weight *not shown.*
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks) *none*

DENTAL CHART

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- none missing*
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- upper right upper left
- none missing*
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- lower right lower left

*Donnelly/mas - Enl. Pres. Sec 5-21-20 - W. 8-3 fl.*

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,  
Director of Purchase & Storage.

By:

*H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date.....5..21..20....

MAY 30 1920

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Beck,	BEC	3	2 5 3
Cecil C.	CEMETERY 1764	1	4
BURIED	GRAVE 24	2	24
Ent. 7/22/16 19 yrs.	ROW 9	2	09
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	Ala	2	01
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	42	2	42
ORGANIZATION	167	3	167
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	Ms	1	2
NAME Beck	Bec	3	253
Mrs Annie	STATE Ala	2	01
RESIDENCE Route #1, Fork Payne Ala.	COUNTY De Kalb	2	25
	CITY Fork Payne	3	xxx
RELATION	Stepmother	1	3
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
. TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE 29/514/	no age	1	51

AUDITED

FEB 24 1932

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CODE SLIP



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	ROW 9	2	09
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	Ala.	2	01
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	42	2	42
ORGANIZATION	167	3	167
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Head	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514			

AUDITED  
 FEB 24 1932  
*KW*

*me*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Beck, Cecil C. (AM)S

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Annie Beck,  
Rt. 1,  
Fort Payne, Ala.

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.

2 Encls.

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

No  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Annie Beck

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293-AM

Beck, Cecil C Pvt (AM) SM

July 9, 1931

Mrs. Annie Beck,  
Route 1,  
Fort Payne, Alabama.

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.

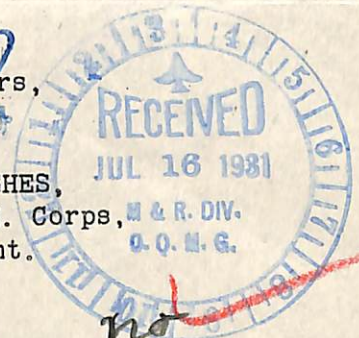
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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, M & R. DIV.  
Assistant.



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

Write answer here

*Annie Beck*

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Beck, Cecil C. 1764 SM

February 14, 1931

Mrs. Annie Beck,  
Route #1,  
Fort Payne, Alabama.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, please advise whether or not the late Private Cecil C. Beck is survived by his natural mother, and if so, her name and address.

It is requested that you complete the enclosed form and return it to this office, in order that your desires may be recorded and arrangements made accordingly.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
31 Form.  
Envelope.

*The natural mother of Cecil C. Beck  
is dead.*

*R. L. Beck*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-M

IN REPLY REFER TO Beck, Cecil C. Pvt. 1764 SM

Feb. 14, 1931

Mrs. Annie Beck,  
Rt. 1,  
Fort Payne, Ala.

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 stepmother 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?	No.
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	No.
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age 51 years. Condition of health Poor
4. Do you speak English?	Yes.
5. What other language do you speak?	None

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

Encls:  
Act  
Amendment  
Envelope

30/150

I would like to make the pilgrimage if  
My health was not so bad.  
(Mrs.) Annie Beck



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Beck, Cecil C. - 1764

March 3, 1930.

Mrs. Annie Beck,  
Rt. 1, Fort Payne,  
Alabama.

*elig*

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the stepmother of the late Private Cecil C. Beck and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Beck. - *Aug. 5, 1905;*
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Beck at the time his son entered the military service? *yes.*
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Beck at the time of his son's death? *yes.*
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him.
- (5) If Mr. Beck is deceased, give date of his death.

*Encl 7-22-16*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

*SM  
OK  
BB*

2 Incls.  
Act.  
Env.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE October 12, 1922

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 BECK, Cecil G.  
 2. No. 96210  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co. C, 167th Inf.  
 5. D.D. 8-7-1918  
 6. C.D. D.O.W.

10. Name BECK Cecil  
 11. No. 96210  
 12. Rank  
 13. Org. Co. C, 167th Inf.  
 14. (a) D.D.  
 (b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 78 Sec. 2  
 8. Plot 2 Row  
 9.

15. Grave No. Sec.  
 16. Plot no discrep. Row  
 17. NONE

18. Cemetery Aisne-Marne American Cty.  
 20. Dept. or County Aisne  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1764

19. Commune or town Belleau  
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) October 12, 1922

By C. P. Keating

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BECK, Cecil G.  
 Rank Pvt

Serial No. -  
 Organization Co. C. 167th. Inf.

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

W. D. Wall, Jr.  
 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).

Bottle record agrees.

27. Condition of body Body decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Burlap and wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? see items 10 and 11

30. Body prepared and placed in casket; Date October 12, 1922 By C. P. Keating

31. Casket sealed by C. P. Keating

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor C. P. Keating)  
C. P. Keating

10/11/26

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 31178

32. Designation of body:

Name BECK, Cecil C. Serial No.

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C, 167th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne American Cty. #1764, Belleau Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) October 12, 1922 By O. Keating

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 1st Lieut Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 12, 1922.

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 Aisne-Marne Amer. 1764 Belleau (Aisne).

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer O. E. Davis

1st Lieut Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Oct. 12, 1922, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 24 Section

43. Plot Block A Row 9

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary

W.D. Cleary  
Lt., Chaplain, USA.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Belleau (Aisne).

Date October 12, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BECK, Cecil G.

SERIAL NUMBER 96210

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION

Co. C. 167th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) :

October 12, 1922.

From (give complete location) :

Gr. 78 Sec T Plot 2 Cem. 1764

By : Group

2

Unit

Aisne Marne

3. Reburied (date) : Oct. 12, 1922

In (give complete location) : Gr. 24, Block A, Row 9, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

By : Group

re-burial group

Unit

Nature of Reburial

Lined casket

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

Burlap and wooden box. Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ?

yes

On grave marker ?

yes

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

Body disc read "Cecil---Beck 96210 Co C. 167th Inf"

Bottle record agrees

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color none visible.

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible.

Location

Quantity

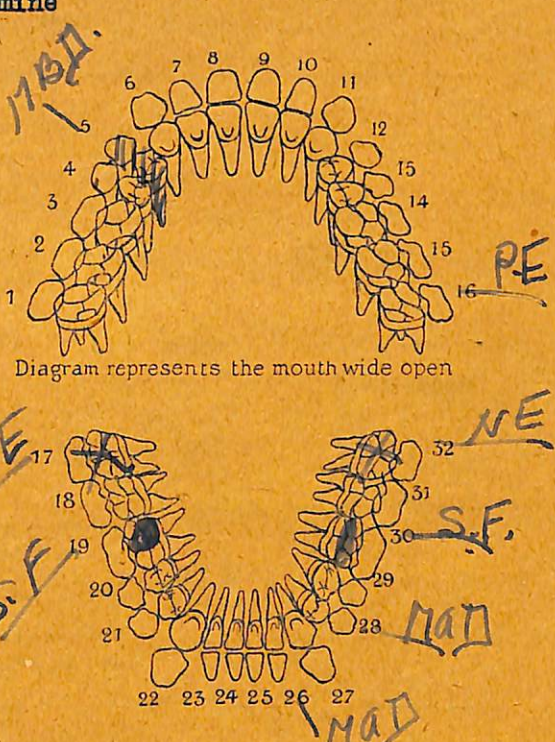
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities

or missing parts) none discernible.

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

fractures: right scapula. Missing parts: none visible

W D Wall Jr. checker



7. Disinterment supervised by

C P Keating SE

Approved :

O E Davis

1st Lieut Q.M.C.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by

L.D. Hays

Approved :

W.D. Cleary

Lt., Chaplain, USA.

(Title)

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6 Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart—Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

### MISSING TEETH

All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :



### CROWNED TEETH

Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :



### BRIDGE WORK

Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :



### FILLINGS

Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :



### CARIES (CAVITIES)

Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



### DENTURES (PLATES)

Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #15713

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BECK, Cecil G. Ser. No. 96210
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C, 167th Inf.
(c) Date of death 8-7-18 (d) Cause of death W/A
TYP. aew
CKR. B.J.

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

(a) Grave No. 78 Row Plot 2 Sec. T TYP. aew
(b) Emerg. Address R. L. Beck, Father, Ft. Payne, Ala.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name R. L. Beck (b) Relationship Father
(c) Address R #1 Ft Payne Ala
(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 Date 2-19, 1920

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

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials Date 2-19, 1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials Date 2-19, 1920

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1764 SHEET No. 125

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

CHECKED PF 3-10-21

Rev. 5-28-21



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #15713

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

*a.g.o Card - R. L. Beck, father, R #1, Ft. Payne, Ala., desires body be not returned.*  
*aBR 3/17/21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on MAR - FEB 10 1921, 192

*Par. # 2 Not To Be Returned*

*mch*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., MAR 22 1921, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. APR 28 1921, 192

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

France

1764

125

*H.S. 3-18-21*

Place Belleau Aisne.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date June 28/21

1. REMAINS OF BECK, CECIL SERIAL NUMBER 96210

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co., C. 167th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : June 28/21 From (give complete location) :

Amer. Cty., #1764, Belleau Aisne, Gr. 78-T-2,

By : Group Kierce Unit Sec. 6

3. Reburied (date) : June 28/21 In (give complete location) :

Amer. Cty., #1764, Belleau Aisne, Gr. 78-T-2,

By : Group Kierce Unit Sec. 6 Nature of Reburial Box hurlap

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

5ft. earthen grave, hospital shroud. No box.

decomposed unrecognizable

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

Tag found on body reads : " Cecil Beck, Pvt. 96210, Co., C. 167th Inf. "

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

Strip on cross shows no serial no. and initials C.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) undeterminable

(b) Weight (estimated) undeterminable

(c) Hair—Color undeterminable

Quantity undeterminable

Characteristics undeterminable

(d) Hair on face—Color undeterminable

Location undeterminable

Quantity undeterminable

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

missing parts) Teeth Nos. 5-28-

missing before death,

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

Left shoulder blade fractured.

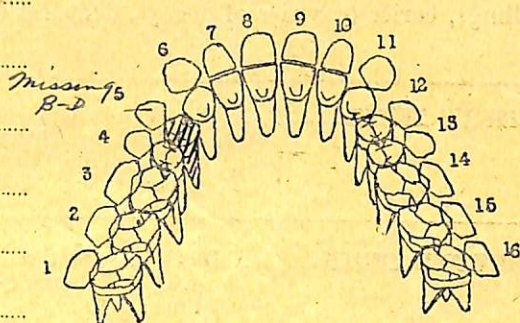
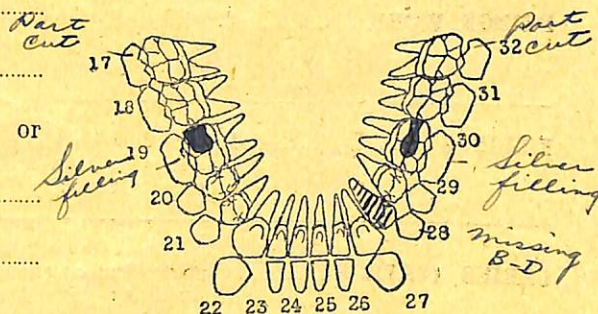


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



10-51068

7. Disinterment supervised by P. P. Kierce  
P. P. Kierce S. E.

Approved : James W. Younger, Capt. QMC.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by P. P. Kierce  
P. P. Kierce, S. E.

Approved : James W. Younger, Capt. QMC.  
(Title)






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Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 144, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial, and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

<p><b>MISSING TEETH</b>.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :</p>	
<p><b>CROWNED TEETH</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	
<p><b>BRIDGE WORK</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	
<p><b>FILLINGS</b>.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	
<p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	
<p><b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>.....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."</p>	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.



96210



Beck Cecil C. 96210  
 (Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)  
 Pvt Co C 167 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) R. L. Beck.

P.O. 1 St Payne Ala.  
 (Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

P.F.

John W. ...  
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2/19/21  
drawn HW.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 2/21/21.

File No.                      Requisition.

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 Beck *OK*

f. Date of death 8/7/18. *OK*

b. Christian name Cecil C. *OK*

g. Cause of death *W/A. OK*

*PK*  
~~c. Serial Number 96210 *OK*~~

h. Authority (C.O.#)

d. Organization Co. C, 167th Inf. *OK*

i. Emergency address  
*Mr. R. L. Beck*

e. Rank Pvt. *OK*

j. Relationship *Father*  
*Ala.*

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

a. Age of enlistment

b. Color of eyes

c. Color of hair

d. Height

e. Weight

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

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

ADJUSTMENT MADE  
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Enl Pers Sect  
2-24-21 W.P.*

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

G.W.

BY:

*H. J. CONNER*  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 1764

SHEET NO: 125

TYPED BY: I.W.

*none*  
S/713/LML

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

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Name..... Beck, 96210, Cecil *C* .....

Rank,..... Pvt..... Co..... C..... {Corps} 167th Inf.  
{Regt} .....

Date of Death.....

Place.....

Cause,.....

Date of Burial.....

Grave No. 24.....

Cemetery 79- I. G. MYERS.....

Identified by { Tag  
Papers } tag.....  
{ Clothing }

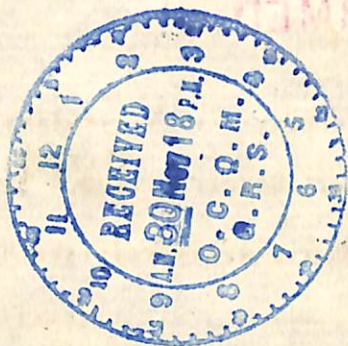
List of Effects.....

..... 362

Field Record Made by..... GROUP N° 1

Unit 303. G. R. S.  
Company.... Graves Registration Service

For additional data use reverse side OCT 30 1918



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Classification \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
 GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
 REGISTRATION SECTION

Date JUN 16 1920

MEMORANDUM:

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.

	CORR.	ADD. DATA		CORR.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			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		
Casualty Cablegram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files N. E. S. 6-17-20

~~O.K. Organization Files~~

~~O.K. State Files.~~

*Card Dept*  
 Cemetery Audit Department  
 Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By A. Soffer.

2 Cards attached.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Beck, Cecil

Number: 96210

Rank: Pvt.

Organization: Co. C, 167th Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit "B"

Disinterred (Date)  
June 12, 1919

From: (Give complete location)  
Plot-79 Myers at Villiers-sur-Marne, Aisne

Coord. 253.5N - - 173.1E

Grave 24.

Reburied (Date)  
June 12, 1919

in: (Give complete location) 1764  
National Cemetery at Belleau Woods, Aisne

Coord. 262.60N - - 176.04E

Plot-2, Sec. T, Grave 78

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Body in poor condition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? yes

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

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Note:

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

Supervised by: J. L. Turner

H. C. McCarver  
C.O. Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 5, 1930.

Beck, Cecil C. - 1764 SM

Mrs. Annie Beck,  
Route 1,  
Fort Payne, Ala.

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**  
**WASHINGTON**

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**March 10, 1930**

**Beck, Cecil C. 1764 SM**

**Mrs. Annie Beck,  
 Co #1,  
 Ft. Payne, Ala.**

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. 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.

QM 293 A-M

March 16, 1932.

Beck, Cecil C. (A-M) SM

Mrs. Annie Beck,  
Route #1,  
Fort Payne, Ala.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson the late Private Cecil C. Beck.

It is noted you stated your health was poor. In this connection you are advised that personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the pilgrims will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to visit your stepson's grave this coming summer, it is requested that you so notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

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

June 12, 1929.

**Beak, Cecil G.**

Mr. R. L. Beak,  
Rt. 1,  
Ft. Payne, Ala.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the **father of the late Private Cecil G. Beak, Co. C, 107th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.**

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

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

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

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-M

Beck, Cecil C. (AM)S

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Annie Beck,  
Rt. 1,  
Fort Payne, Ala.

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) \_\_\_\_\_

QM 293 A-M

March 16, 1932.

Beck, Cecil C. (A-M) SM

Mrs. Annie Beck,  
Route #1,  
Fort Payne, Ala.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson the late Private Cecil C. Beck.

It is noted you stated your health was poor. In this connection you are advised that personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the pilgrims will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to visit your stepson's grave this coming summer, it is requested that you so notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

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-295-AM

Beck, Cecil C Pvt (AM) SM

July 9, 1931

Mrs. Annie Beck,  
Route 1,  
Fort Payne, Alabama.

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Beck, Cecil C. 1764 SM

February 14, 1931

Mrs. Annie Beck,  
Route #1,  
Fort Payne, Alabama.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, please advise whether or not the late Private Cecil C. Beck is survived by his natural mother, and if so, her name and address.

It is requested that you complete the enclosed form and return it to this office, in order that your desires may be recorded and arrangements made accordingly.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 5, 1930.

Beck, Cecil C. - 1764 SM

Mrs. Annie Beck,  
Route 1,  
Fort Payne, Ala.

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  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 10, 1930

Beck, Cecil C. 1764 SM

Mrs. Annie Beck,  
R. #1,  
Ft. Payne, Ala.

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. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Beck, Cecil C. - 1764

March 3, 1930.

Mrs. Annie Beck,  
Rt. 1, Fort Payne,  
Alabama.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the stepmother of the late Private Cecil C. Beck and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Beck.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Beck at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Beck at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him.
- (5) If Mr. Beck is deceased, give date of his death.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Beck, Cecil G.  
1764

Aug. 22, 1929.

Mr. R. L. Beck,  
R #1,  
Ft. Payne, Ala.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 12, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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June 12, 1929.

Beck, Cecil G.

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Mr. R. L. Beck,  
R#1,  
Ft. Payne, Ala.

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Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Cecil G. Beck, Co. C, 167th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
(Beck, Cecil G.)

November 21, 1928.

Mr. R. L. Beck,  
Route # 1,  
Ft. Payne, Ala.

Dear Sir:

The inclosed card gives the permanent cemetery and grave location of the late Cecil G. Beck.

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that all American military cemeteries, both in Europe and in our own country, will be maintained by the Government forever, the graves permanently marked by headstones showing the decedent's name, rank, organization, State, and date of death, all of which will be done without the necessity of requests emanating from relatives.

Please understand that in effecting the final disposition of our heroic dead the utmost care and reverence is exercised.

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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