

FULL NAME *BECKER, Fred A.*

RANK *Cpl.* SERIAL *2410252*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *Co. A, 310th Infantry*

DATE OF DEATH *9/22/1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *New Jersey*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *no record*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.	<i>8/26/22</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>B</i>
	Date	Grave	Row	Block

Sgt. Mihiel American Cemetery # 1233.

Cemetery

APPROVED BY

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 OCT 26 1925
 WAR DEPT

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 OCT 27 1925
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Becker, Fred A.

Party "N" - Itinerary - St. Mihiel Group

Sailed July 26, 1930 on REPUBLIC. Maj. Carlock in Charge. Arrived Cherbourg at day break August 5th. Special tender arrived 5:35 am, bearing Maj. Dailey; Capts. Conway, Stark, Haley, Earnest and Lambert; Lts. Freeman, Morin and Zwicker; Maj. Kinderman; Miss Blanche Rulon, Capt. A.N.C; six nurses and three civilian employees. Train left 8:16 am; arrived Gare des Invalides 2:40 pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken in bus to hotel.

- August 6th: Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe, Wreath laid by Mrs. Crane for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- August 7th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Left 2:15 pm for Versailles. Left Versailles 4:55 pm. Arrived 5:30 pm for refreshments Belle Cycliste - Suresnes. Dinner at hotel.
- August 8th: Left 8:30 am for Rozoy-en-Brie via Porte de Vincennes (rest stop Hotel du Sauvage). Left 10:50 for Sezanne. Lunch Hotel de France. Left 2:30 pm for Vitry-le-Francois via R.N. 34 (rest stop Cafe Moderne). Left 5:00 for Bar-le-Duc. Quarters Hotel de Metz.
- August 9th: Left 9:30 am for Thiaucourt. Lunch Hotel de Metz. Visit St. Mihiel Cemetery. Leave cemetery 4:30 pm via St-Pierre Auberge, Pont-a-Mousson and arrive Nancy 6:15 pm. Quarters Grand Hotel.
- August 10th & 11th: Visited St. Mihiel Cemetery.
- August 12th: Left Nancy 8:00 am via Toul and arrived Neufchateau 10:00. (Rest stop Hotel Modern.) Left 10:30 am for Bar-sur-Aube via Chaumont. Lunch Hotel du Commerce. Left 5:00 pm for Troyes. Quarters Grand Hotel.
- August 13th: Left 8:30 am for Sens. (Rest stop Hotel de Paris). Left 12:30 pm for Fontainebleau. Lunch Hotel Legris. Visited Chateau. Left 4:00 pm for Paris. Dinner at hotel.
- August 14th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris - Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- August 15th: Holiday. Trip on Seine River.
- August 16th: Visited Sacre Coeur in morning. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris - Notre Dame. Dinner at hotel.
- August 17th: Free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Louvre. Dinner at hotel. Night sightseeing trip.
- August 18th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- August 19th: Boat train for Cherbourg. Left 2:12 pm. Arrived 8:23 pm. PRESIDENT HARDING sailed about 10:30 pm. Arrived New York August 27th.

Mrs Anna Becker

WAR DEPARTMENT
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
ROOM 901
225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

BECKER, FRED A. ST.M.

Party N
Number 2675

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. ANNA BECKER Actual cost of through Pullman.
Name of Traveler

GRANTWOOD, BERGEN COUNTY, New York, to
Home Address

NEW JERSEY. \$

New York, to
Destination

Via
.....

..... AUGUST 27, 1930
Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
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from train

TOTAL

Remarks :
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Name BECKER, Mrs Anna

Paris Hôtel HOTEL CARLTON

Home address AV. DES CHAMPS-ELYSEES

Home address 227 Lawton Ave., Grantwood, Bergeh Co., New Jersey

Party N Group 3 Unit SS. REPUBLIC

Date of arrival Aug-5-1930 Date of departure SS. HARDING-Aug-19-1930

Relationship Stepmother

Name of deceased BECKER, Fred A.

Rank Cpl Organization Co. A, 310th Inf.

Cemetery SAINT MIHIEL Grave 31, Row 25, Block B.

REMARKS



BECKER, FRED A.

MRS. ANNA BECKER

Arr. N.Y. July 25, 1930. Occupied Room 671 at
Commodore Hotel - alone.

Two pieces luggage.

Left from pier. Home with son.

Cabin # 201-B

July 18, 1930

Mrs. Anna Becker
227 Lawton Avenue
Grantwood, N. J.

Dear Madam:

In reply to letter from this office dated July 10th asking whether or not you desired transportation from your home to the Hotel Commodore on July 25th, the day prior to your sailing on the S.S. Republic, July 26th, you replied that it would not be necessary to furnish transportation.

Please be advised that it is the wish of the War Department at Washington, D.C., that all pilgrims check-in at the hotel the day previous to sailing, in order that proper record can be made and full instructions issued.

It is therefore requested that you arrange to report with your baggage to the United States Army Officer who will be in uniform on duty in the lobby of the Hotel Commodore, Lexington Avenue and 42nd Street, New York City, the afternoon of July 25th between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 P.M., prepared to spend the night at the hotel. This is necessary so that pilgrims can all start out together the next morning.

Yours very truly

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL.)
Assistant

JFM:GER

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2675
NAME BECKER, MRS. ANNA

S.S. HARDING

AUG 27 1930

HOME GRANTWOOD, BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.

R.R.

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

no Enc.

WAR DEPARTMENT
PILGRIMAGE
WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS
-- Room 901 --
225 West 34th Street
New York, N.Y.

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

* * * * *

DATE JULY 26, 1930

Received from Mrs. BECKER, ANNA
Grantwood, Bergen County, N. J.

Her Railroad return ticket, which will be delivered to her on arrival from Europe

Signed ~~Jos. F. Cottrell~~

Officer-in-charge

JOS. F. COTTRELL,
MAJOR, C. A. C. (DOL)

COMMODORE

Hotel

MOTHERS AND WIDOWS PILGRIMAGE

NAME BECKER, MRS. ANNA

DESTINATION GRANTWOOD, NEW JERSEY

STATION RR

TRAIN NO. DATE

CAR NUMBER BERTH or SEAT

MOTHERS AND WIDOWS PILGRIMAGE

NAME BECKER, MRS. ANNA

DESTINATION GRANTWOOD, NEW JERSEY

STATION RR

TRAIN NO. DATE

CAR NUMBER BERTH or SEAT

Mrs. . Anna Becker N-2675

City Grantwood State N. J.

Your Berth Is Car Train

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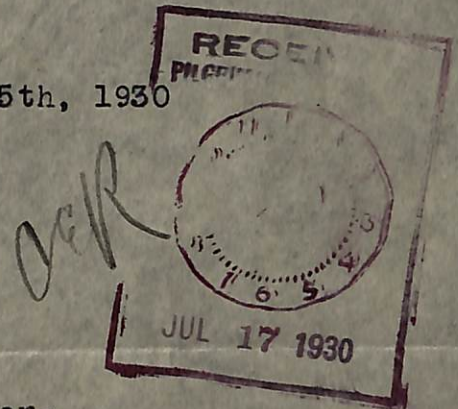
left from pier

WAR DEPARTMENT
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"

----- ROOM 901 -----
225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N.Y.

July 15th, 1930

Mrs. Anna Becker,
227 Lawton Avenue,
Grantwood, N. J.



Dear Madam:

From advice received from the Quarter-
master General's Office, Washington, D. C.,
your name shows as a passenger scheduled to
sail for Europe on the S. S. "REPUBLIC"
sailing July 26th, 1930.

Enclosed herewith please find two baggage
tags which should be attached to your baggage
for identification.

Reservations have been made for you to stop
at the Hotel "COMMODORE" , the night of July 25th.
Necessary transportation will be provided for
you from your home to the hotel, unless you
desire to travel by your own transportation.

Please advise what your desires are in this
respect, using the lower portion of this
letter for your reply.

There is enclosed a self-addressed envelope
which requires no postage.

For the Officer in Charge.

George F. R. Taylor
George F. R. Taylor
1st Lieut. Q. M. C.
Assistant

~~I will require transportation from my home to hotel.~~
will not " " " " " " " " " "

Mrs. Anna Becker

Will use my own transportation.

July 12th, 1930

Mrs. Anna Becker,
227 Lawton Avenue,
Grantwood, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor,
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags.

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Q1523.091 A-C
Pilgrimage, Gold Star.

June 20, 1930.

SUBJECT: Routing of Pilgrim, sailing SS REPUBLIC
July 26, 1930.

TO: Col. A. E. Williams, Officer in Charge,
Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation, 901 Pennsylvania Bldg.,
225 West 34th Street, New York City, N. Y.

1. Please arrange for transportation of Mrs.
Anna Becker to and from New York in accordance with
the attached routing sheet.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

Encl.
Routing Sheet.



201 Becker Mrs Anna

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	Becker	BEC	3	253
	Fred A			
BURIED	CEMETERY	1233	1	3
	GRAVE	31	2	31
	ROW	25	2	25
	BLOCK	B	1	2
STATE	Mo		2	35
RANK	Chl		1	2
DIVISION	78		2	78
ORGANIZATION	310		3	310
ARM	Inf		1	1
MARITAL	Remarried	1930	1	3
NAME	Becker	Bec	3	253
	Mrs Anna			
RESIDENCE	STATE	Mo	2	35
	COUNTY	Burgess	2	02
	CITY	Wentworth	3	48A
RELATION	Stepmother		1	3
OTHER	Father		1	1
ELIGIBILITY	Yes		1	1
NATIVITY			1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH	Yes		1	1
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH	Good		1	
NO. OF SONS			1	
DATE OF	MO.		1	
TRIP	YR.	1930	1	
ACCEPTANCE	yes		1	
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	Age 56			

AUDITED
 OCT 5 1934
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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Becker,		
	Fred A.		
	Bec	3	253
BURIED	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
	GRAVE 31	2	31
	ROW 25	2	25
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	nj.	2	35
RANK	Cpl	1	2
DIVISION	78	2	78
ORGANIZATION	310	3	310
ARM	Inf-	1	1
MARITAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME	West, Mrs.		
	Viola		
		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Widow	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	no	1	2
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
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MARITAL	<i>Remarried</i>	1	3
NAME		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead</i>	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
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 OCT 5 1931
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STATE

NEW JERSEY.....

Becker, Fred A.
II

SM
 NAME Becker, Mrs. Anna..... HOME ADDRESS 227 Lawton Ave., Grantwood, Bergen County
 NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Adam Becker same.....

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE July 25..... HOTEL Commodore..... ROOM NO. 671.....

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE JUL 26 1930..... VESSEL S/S REPUBLIC..... CABIN NO. 201B.....

DESTINATION CHERBOURG..... CEMETERY ST. M......

RETURN NEW YORK

AUG 27 1930

DATE

SM.

227 LAWTON AVE.,

NAME BECKER, MRS. ANNA HOME ADDRESS ... GRANTWOOD, BERGEN CO

NEW JERSEY

RETURN ON S. S. **S/S HARDING**

NEW YORKER HOTEL ROOM NO. *No room*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *8/27*

ROAD TRAIN CAR BERTH or SEAT

REMARKS

Local - Releases at Pier

NAME Becker, Mrs. Anna N

ADDRESS 227 Lawton Ave., Grantwood, N. J.

DATE Sept. 6, 1930

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

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

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Mrs. Anna Becker

DEPARTMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

QUALITY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



ADDRESS
YOUR MAIL
TO
STREET AND
NUMBER

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

2763-C

1233

RETURN RECEIPT

Republic 7-20-30

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

Anna B. Becker

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery,

7/17/30

, 192

2763

1233

RETURN RECEIPT

Murphy 7-26-30

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

A. Becker

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, *July 16, 1930*, 192

1930

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

REGISTERED ARTICLE

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INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

GRANTWOOD
JUL 7 3 30 PM
AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to _____

GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____

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WASHINGTON,

D. C.

Post Office Department

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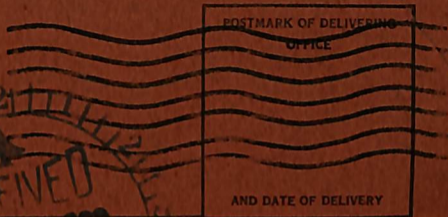
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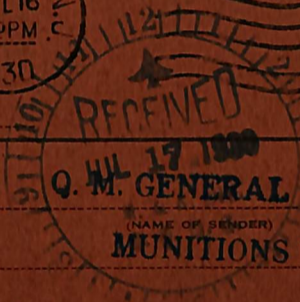


INSURED PARCEL 1930

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Return to



Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at

Washington, D. C.

State

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 15, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Becker, Fred A. -1233 SM
Republic 7-26

Mrs. Anna Becker,
227 Lawton Avenue,
Grantwood, N. J.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Adam Becker
Name

227 Lawton Avenue, Grantwood, N. J.
Address *noted*

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

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,
A. D. Hughes
A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl.
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 14, 1930.

Becker, Fred A. 12335M

Mrs. Anna Becker,
227 Lawton Ave.,
Grantwood, N. J.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Republic

~~7/26/30~~

1233

Becker, Fred A

I accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Anna Becker

(Name)

227 Lawton Ave., Grantwood, Bergen Co.

(Town or City)

N. J.

(State)

BECKER, Fred A

C. 52156

Cpl 2410252 Co A 310 Inf

9-22-18

Widow remarried 4-26-20

Step mother

Date of marriage
not of record.

Mrs. Anna Becker

However, soldier
named her
beneficiary of
his insurance

227 Lawton Ave

Grantwood

N.J.

July 1925-

V. B. - state 3-19-30

no rec. of mother

Mrs Anna Becker is
the father's 3rd wife -

Father

Mr Adam Becker

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Becker, Fred A. 1233-SM

March 27, 1930

Mrs. Anna Becker,
227 Lawton Ave.,
Grantwood, N. J.

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input type="checkbox"/>
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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No) <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) 56	Health (Good) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Poor) <input type="checkbox"/>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) <input type="checkbox"/>	Other language (Specify language spoken) German

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

Grantwood, N. J., March 25, 1930

War Department,
Office of The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

In response to your letter of March 21, 1930
bearing the reference

QM 293 A-C

Becker Fred A.

I give below the desired information.

- 1 I was married to Mrs. Anna Becker
on November 26, 1910.
- 2 we were married at the time my
son entered the military service.
- 3 we were married at the time of
my son's death.
- 4 My son's natural mother is not
living.

Any further inquiries will be gladly
answered.

Very truly yours

Adam Becker,

227 Lawton Avenue,
Grantwood,
N.J.

QM 293 A-C
Becker, Fred A.

March 21, 1930.

Mr. Adam Becker,
227 Lawton Avenue,
Grantwood, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a 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".

It has been ascertained from the United States Veterans Bureau that your wife, Mrs. Anna Becker, stepmother of the late Corporal Fred A. Becker, is living and should be considered in determining those eligible to the benefits of the above mentioned law. In order to determine her eligibility it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to Mrs. Anna Becker.
- (2) Were you married to her at the time your son entered the military services?
- (3) Were you married to her at the time of your son's death?
- (4) Is the natural mother of your son still living?
- (5) If so, her present name and address are desired.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
C/Act
VB:MB

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Becker, Fred A. 1233

Mrs. Adam Becker,
Town of Union, New Jersey

epf. 2410252
Co. A. 3109 Inf.
9-22-18

Sailed
JUL 26 1930

March 7, 1930

Mrs. Anna Becker
227 - Lawton Ave
Grantwood, N.J.

Dear Madam:

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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)	

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MAR 11 1930

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE February 8, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Becker Fred A	Cpl	2410252	Co A 310th Inf	Sept 22 1918

STATE	New Jersey	CTY. NO.	1233	GRAVE	31	ROW	25	BLOCK	B
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	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
	MOTHER	: ✓ :	C 5-2 15-6
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	Mother: Mrs. Adam Becker. Town of Union N. J.
NAME AND ADDRESS	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	N. Remarried - Mrs. Viola West Gen. Delv.
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	Bloomfield N. J.
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	: : :	
	<i>Married Man</i>	: : :	

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Becker, Fred A.

May 27, 1929.

Mrs. Viola Becker West,
Box 143,
Bloomfield, N. J.

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 widow of the late Corporal Fred A. Becker, Co. A, 310th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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-C

Becker, Fred A. 1233-SM

June 12, 1930.

Mrs Anna Becker,
227 Lawton Ave.,
Grantwood, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 15, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Becker, Fred A. -1233 SM
Republic 7-26

Mrs. Anna Becker,
237 Lawton Avenue,
Grantwood, N. J.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 14, 1930.

Becker, Fred A. 1233SM

Mrs. Anna Becker,
227 Lawton Ave.,
Grantwood, N. J.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Becker, Fred A. -1233 M
Republic 7-26

May 8, 1930

Mrs. Anna Becker,
227 Lawton Avenue,
Grantwood, N. J.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

May 7, 1930.

Becker, Fred A. 1233 SM

Mrs. Anna Becker,
227 Lawton Ave.,
Dear Madam,
Grantwood, N.J.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Becker, Fred A. 1233-SM

March 27, 1930

Mrs. Anna Becker,
227 Lawton Ave.,
Grantwood, N. J.

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
Becker, Fred A.

March 21, 1930.

Mr. Adam Becker,
227 Lawton Avenue,
Grantwood, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a 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".

It has been ascertained from the United States Veterans Bureau that your wife, Mrs. Anna Becker, stepmother of the late Corporal Fred A. Becker, is living and should be considered in determining those eligible to the benefits of the above mentioned law. In order to determine her eligibility it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to Mrs. Anna Becker.
- (2) Were you married to her at the time your son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to her at the time of your son's death?
- (4) Is the natural mother of your son still living?
- (5) If so, her present name and address are desired.

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

Becker, Fred A. 1233

March 7, 1930

Mrs. Adam Becker,
Town of Union, New Jersey

Dear Madam:

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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

August 28, 1929.

Becker, Fred A.
1233

Mrs. Viola Becker West,
Box 143,
Bloomfield, N.J.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 27, 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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Becker, Fred A.

May 27 1929.

Mrs. Viola Becker West,
Box 143,
Bloomfield, N. J.

Dear Madam:

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The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Corporal Fred A. Becker, Co. A, 310th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Becker, Fred, A.

March 10, 1925.

SUBJECT: Identification and disposition.

TO: Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Unknown U. S. Soldier, U-3201, in Grave 31, Row 25, Block B, reburied from Grave 3, Section 3, Plot 1, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France, has been identified as the late Corporal Fred A. Becker, 2410252, Co. A, 310th Inf.

2. The body is to remain buried in Europe.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

R. F. Harbold
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30 MARS 1925
H. F. HARBOLD,
H.Q. AGRS. O. Major, Q.M.C.,
in Europe Assistant.

✓293 Becker, Fred A.

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Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, April 17, 1925. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Bldg., Washington, D.C.

1. Inscription on cross and all records have been changed in accordance with foregoing instructions.

W. C. Smith
W. C. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

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295 Becker, Fred A.

1st Inf.

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Wm. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief.



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295 Becker Fred A

Becker,

Fred A

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(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army number.)

Corp

Co.A, 310th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Wife

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?

No

(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)

Mr Fred A Becker

(over)

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Letter sent to:

Mrs Viola Becker
83 Highwood Terrace
Weehawken, N.J.

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CM 293 A-C
Becker, Fred, A.

March 10, 1925.

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By order of The Quartermaster General:

Noted by Statistical Clerk
Date 3/10/25

R. P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C

Becker, Fred, A.

March 10, 1925.

Mrs. Viola Becker West,
Bloomfield,
N. J.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General is pleased to inform you that the investigation which has been conducted with a view towards locating the grave of the late Corporal Fred A. Becker, Company A, 310th Infantry, has proved successful. The body has been identified in Grave 31, Row 25, Block B, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. You may be assured that the grave of your late husband will be appropriately marked and maintained by the Government, for all time, in a most careful and reverent manner.

Inclosed herewith is a card, giving the permanent grave location, which you no doubt will be pleased to possess.

Very truly yours,

R. P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

LN
WPR

1 incl.
Record card.



✓ X 293 West, Viola Becker Mrs

3-5-25

Miss Nicholson

Advise Europe that U 3201, gr 3 sec 3 pl 1,
1233 has been identified as Cpl. Fred A. Becker, Co. A 310
inf. and disposition of body.

also send notification letter

CS

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE April 18th 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT jw

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name UNKNOWN U-3201 *Becker, Fred A* 10. Name _____
 2. No. -- Cpl 2410252 11. No. _____
 3. Rank -- 12. Rank _____
 4. Org. Co A 310th Infantry 13. Org. _____
 5. D.D. 9/22/18 14. (a) D.D. _____
 6. C.D. -- K/A (b) D.B. no discrepancy

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 5 Sec. 5 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 8. Plot 1 Row _____ 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____ 17. no discrepancy
 18. Cemetery St. Mihiel American 19. Commune or town Thiaucourt
 20. Dept. or County M-et-M. 21. Country France
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. # 1233
 23. Disinterred (Date) 4/18/21 By C.O. Handy
 24. Inscription on grave marker:
 Name Earle R. Siner Serial No. none
 Rank Pvt. 1/cl. Organization Co. G, 310th Inf.
 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? No

(Sgd) M.M. Plotkin
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

Body identified by regularity of row and correct cross over grave.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed
 28. Nature of burial Uniform in wooden box,
 29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none
 30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 4/18/21 By C.O. Handy
 31. Casket sealed by C.O. Handy

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) (Sgd) C.O. Handy

SHIPMENT... (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-32220**

32. Designation of body:

Name **UNKNOWN U-3201** Serial No. **--**

Rnk **--** Organization **--**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **St. Mihiel American Cty #1233, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **4/18/21** By **C.O. Handy**

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 **(Sgd) F.L. Herron, Capt., Q.M.C.**

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **4/19/21**

To point of Concentration **Thiaucourt**

Convoyer **James Flynn** Signature Shipping Officer **(Sgd) F.L. Herron, Capt., Q.M.C.**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **4/19/21**

By G.R.S. Representative **(Sgd) I.H. Joffe, 1st Lieut., Q.M.C.**

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **5/4/21**

To Permanent Cemetery **Port: Antwerp, Belgium**

RECEIVED FROM P.O. ANTWERP, BELGIUM, AT THE PARIS MORGUE, APRIL 28TH 1922. BY RECEIVING OFFICER:

SHIPPED FROM THE PARIS MORGUE TO **ST. MIHIEL CTY. NO 1233, THIAUCOURT, M-et-M., AUGUST 22ND 1922.**

CONVOYED BY **Theodore N. Hames** SHIPPING OFFICER:

A. E. Dewey
A. E. DEWEY
1st Lieut. Q. M. C.

E. P. Doyle
E. P. DOYLE,
Capt. Q.M.C.
E. P. Doyle
E. P. DOYLE,
Capt. Q.M.C.

G.R.S. Representative **A. E. DEWEY**

Certified a true copy of exhumation data taken from G.R.S. Form #114, Par. 23 to Par. 39 inclusive, except Par. 32 & 33, in the case of Pvt. 1/cl. Earl R. SINGER, #1756635, Co. G, 310th Inf.

FRAZIER McINTOSH,
1st Lt., Q.M.C.

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-32220

32. Designation of body:

Name UNKNOWN U-3201 Serial No. --

R nk -- Organization --

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel American Cty #1233, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 4/18/21 By C.O. Handy

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 (Sgd) F.L. Herron, Capt., Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) 4/19/21

To point of Concentration Thiaucourt (Name)

Convoyer James Flynn Signature Shipping Officer (Sgd) F.L. Herron, Capt., Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 4/19/21

By G.R.S. Representative (Sgd) I.H. Joffe, 1st Lieut., Q.M.C.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 5/4/21

To Permanent Cemetery Port: Antwerp, Belgium (Name)

Convoyer C.W. Barber Signature Shipping Officer (Sgd) I.H. Joffe 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred AUG. 26 - 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 31 Section

~~PLOT~~ BK. B Row 25

G.R.S. Representative

A. E. DEWEY

Certified a true copy of exhumation data taken from G.R.S. Form #114, Par. 23 to Par. 39 inclusive, except Par. 32 & 33, in the case of Pvt. 1/cl. Earl R. SINGER, #1756635, Co. G, 310th Inf.

FRAZIER McINTOSH,
1st Lt., Q.M.C.

Place Thiaucourt, (Met M)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date April 18th, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN U-5201 SERIAL NUMBER 241025 2
 RANK Becker Fred A ORGANIZATION Co. A, 310th Infantry

2. Disinterred (date): April 18th, 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 3 Row. 1. Plot 1. Sec. 3 Cem. 1233.

By: Group 2 Unit Section 9.

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 26 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 31 Bk. B Row 25
Cty. 1233

By: Group Reburial Unit asket & shipping case Nature of reburial Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Uniform and wooden box. Badly decomposed.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No On grave marker? No.
 (b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Features unrecognizable. Body identified by regularity of row and
correct cross over grave.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? 1, 2, 3, 14 Silver filling

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to determine
 (b) Weight (estimated) do
 (c) Hair—Color do
 Quantity do
 Characteristics do
 (d) Hair on face—Color do
 Location do
 Quantity do
 (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) do

4, 13—gold crown 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 gold bridge

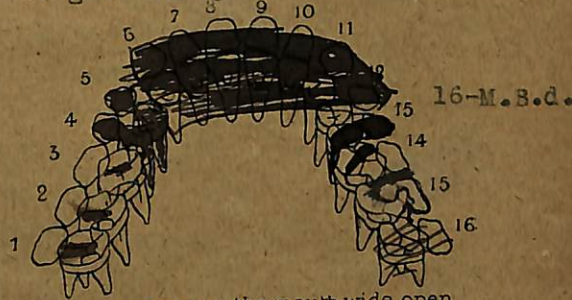
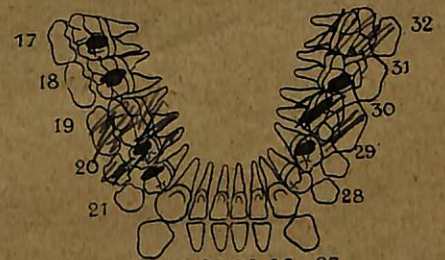


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



17, 18, 21, 29, 31 Silver filling
19, 20, 30, 32 M.B.D.

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) skull shattered in action.

7. Disinterment supervised by Sgd; C.O. HARDY Approved: Sgd; F.L. Herron

8. Reburial supervised by H L Kramer Approved: A E Dewey
 (Title) Capt. Q.M.C. gbt.
 (Title) 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

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Place Thiaucourt, (M-et-M).

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date April 18, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN (Im 11-1-21) SERIAL NUMBER 1756635
RANK Cpl. Pvt. 1/c ORGANIZATION Co. G. 310th Inf. Co. A 310th Inf

2. Disinterred (date): April 18, 1921, -- From (give complete location):
Grave 3, Row 1. Plot 1. Sec 3. Cem. 1233.

By: Group 2 Unit Section 9.

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

By: Group Unit Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Uniform and wooden box. Badly decomposed.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Features unrecognizable, Body identified by regularity of row and correct cross over grave.

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

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

(b) Weight (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) 17-18-21-29-31 Silver filling
19-20-30-32 M.B.D.

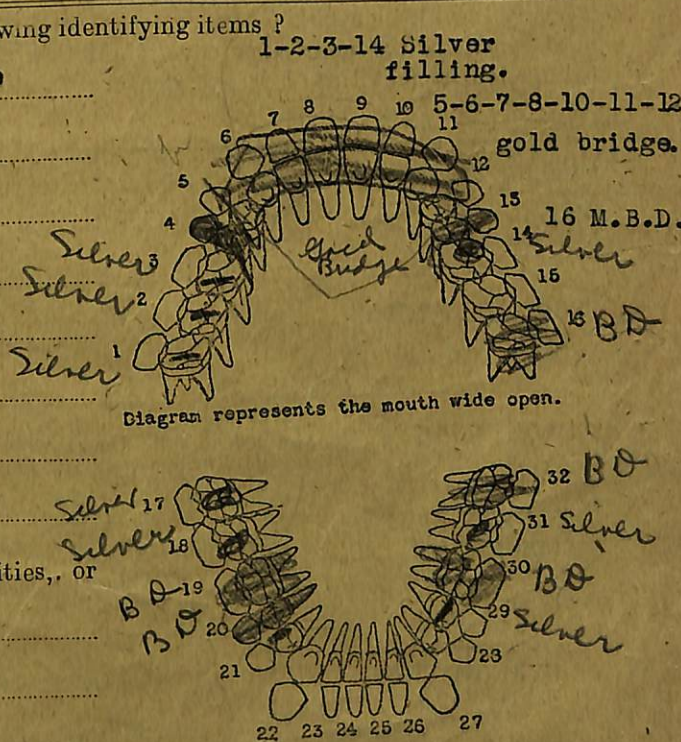
Skull shattered in action.

7. Disinterment supervised by C.O. Handy Approved: F.L. Herron.

(Title) Capt. C.M.C. gbt

8. Reburial supervised by Approved:

(Title)



Handwritten notes in red ink: '10949' and a large red 'D'.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 21859

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

UNKNOWN SOLDIER

(a) Name Becker, Fred a. Ser. No. 2410252
~~UNKNOWN SOLDIER~~
 Prev. rept. STNER, Earl R., Pvt. 1cl., Co. G, 310th Inf. TYP. hs
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. G - 310 Inf. CKR. MEH
 (c) Date of death 9/22/18 (d) Cause of death K/9

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

(a) Grave No. 3 Row --- Plot 1 Sec. 3 TYP. hs
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Viola Becker (wife) 83 Highwood Terrace, Weehawken, N.J. CKR. MEH

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name Mrs. Fred A. Becker (b) Relationship Wife
 (c) Address No address given on card
 (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 _____, 192

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

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

Examiner's Initials PD Date 2/6/25, 192

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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 192

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1233 SHEET No. 4198

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter on _____, 192

IX.

REMARKS

ADJUSTMENT RECORD- 2/18/21-Letter of Transmittal-Europe advised that body of Earl R. Siner recorded as buried in Gr.3, Plot 1, Sec.3, is to be returned. 2/18/21 Record shows A.G.O. did not confirm the name of D--iner, Earl, Record as buried in Gr. 27, Plot 1, Sec.3, Europe was requested to furnish more complete identification information on the case. 11/12/21 Audit Dept. amended records to show that Gr.3, Plot 1, Sec. 3, ~~PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS D--INER~~ contains the body of an Unknown Soldier while the body of Earl P. Siner was found in Gr. 27, Plot 1, Sec.3, previously reported as D--iner, Earl. 12/5/21-Form 115 on D--iner, Earl was cancelled and filed. The case of the Unknown Soldier takes the cable reference number of the cancelled case of D--iner, Earl. DB. 12/7/21.

DB 12/7/21.

Under date of Nov. 15, 1921 H.A. advised Europe that body in gr. 3 Plot 1 Sec. 3 is that of an Unknown Soldier no further advice to Europe by O. S. P. is necessary.

DB 12/7/21.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 21859

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD: UNKNOWN SOLDIER

(a) Name Becker, Fred A. Ser. No. 2410252
 Prevr. rept. SINER, Earl R., Pvt. 1cl. Co. G, 310th Inf. } TYP. hs
 (b) Rank 6 fl. Organization Co. A - 310 Inf } SMEX
 (c) Date of death 9/22/18 (d) Cause of death x/a

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

(a) Grave No. 3 Row --- Plot 1 Sec. 3 TYP. hs
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Viola Becker (wife) 83 Highwood Terras,

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases W. Schauben, N. J. CKR. SMEX

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

ADJUSTMENT RECORD- 2/18/21-Letter of Transmittal-Europe advised that body of Earl R. Siner recorded as buried in Gr. 3, Plot 1, Sec. 3, is to be returned. 2/18/21 Record shows A.G.O. did not confirm the name of D--iner, Earl, Record as buried in Gr. 27, Plot 1, Sec. 3, Europe was requested to furnish more complete identification information on the case. 11/12/21 Audit Dept. amended records to show that Gr. 3, Plot 1, Sec. 3, ~~DEFINITELY~~ ~~CONTAINS~~ contains the body of an Unknown Soldier while the body of Earl P. Siner was found in Gr. 27, Plot 1, Sec. 3, previously reported as D--iner, Earl. 12/5/21-Form 115 on D--iner, Earl was cancelled and filed. The case of the Unknown Soldier takes the cable reference number of the cancelled case of D--iner, Earl. DB. 12/7/21.

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on RB 12/7/21, 192

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., _____, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
			<u>Under date of 11/10/21</u>
			<u>IOA advised Europe</u>
			<u>that an Unknown</u>
			<u>Soldier is buried in</u>
			<u>gr. 3 Plot 1 Sec. 3. No</u>
			<u>further advice to Europe</u>
			<u>by O.S.P. is necessary.</u>
			<u>RB 12/6/21</u>

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. _____, 192

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1233 SHEET No. 4198

December 6, 1921.

MEMORANDUM To the Registration Section.
Attention, Audit Dept.

Subject- Cty. 1233, Sheet No. 4198.

1. Under date of November 15, 1921, Investigation and Adjustment advised Europe that body in Gr.3, Plot 1, Sec. 3, is that of an Unknown Soldier and not that of Earl R. Siner as previously reported.

2. The case of the Unknown Soldier takes the same cable reference number(4198) as that of the cancelled case of D--iner.

F.E. Boland,
Clerk in Charge, O.S.P.

aes
DB

OPINION

CASE OF Op Fred A Becker 2410252 Co A 310 Inf
GRAVE 3 Sec 3 pl 1 City 1732 26 3201
DECISION is Becker

DENTAL CHART

Date of Enlistment		Report on Disinterment			
A.G.O.		Emergency Address		Miss A.D.	
Missing	Dental Work	Dental Work	Missing B.D.	Dental Work	Miss A.D.
U.R.		gold upper front left		1-2-3-14-17-18 27-31-4-5	
U.L.		gold only jaw upper	16	5 to 12 gold bridge	
L.R.	19 ✓ 20 ✓		14 ✓ 20 ✓		
L.L.	30 ✓		30 ✓ 32		

Above discrepancies can be accounted for as follows:

BODY DESCRIPTION

A.G.O. Report	E/A Report	Report on Disinterment
Height: <u>5-8</u>		
Weight: <u>154</u>		
Hair		
Fractures		

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body

Found on Cross

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on Body

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from 23 grave Thian court
This man reported buried originally
Organizations of other men buried around original location

over

Scott
Investigator

Concur:

APPROVED:

RRH

no record of place of original burial. Reported killed near Thiescourt, Bois de la Montagne. Sept 22, '18, direct hit while on outpost. Head blown off & mutilated.

Form 16a shows skull shattered in action. Other members of his organization killed on same day and on the same outpost duty were buried in nearby graves within this Cty. The dental chart is a perfect check.

This unknown was formerly carried as Siner. Siner was found in another grave.

Place NEUFCHATEAU

Date May 27th, 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of: Unknown

(Im 11-7-21)
241025
1756635
Co A 310
2-320

Name: ~~SINER, Earl B.~~

Number: 1756635

Rank: ~~Unter~~ Ope

Organization:

Co A 310 Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

April 18th, 1919.

Grave #23, A.E.F. CEMETERY THIAUCOURT M et U.

Map 52 NE E 362.9 N. 241.6

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

1233

April 18th, 1919

Grave #3, Sec. 3, Plot 1.

ST MIHIEL AMERICAN CEMETERY No. 1233

THIAUCOURT M et U. Map 52 NE E 362.03 N 241.44

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

Body buried in uniform Body badly decomposed

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No

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

Note:

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CONFIRMED N° D

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: Lt. Davis.

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.

C.O. Group Unit

H. O'K

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QM 293 A-C
Becker, Fred, A.

1st Ind.

War Dept. OQMG, Washington, D.C., June 2, 1924--To the Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. The notation "see correspondence" does not refer to any information that would aid in the investigation in the case of Corporal Fred A. Becker. See letter from this office of April 21, 1924, QM 293 AC-Europe, explaining the notation "see correspondence".

By order of The Quartermaster General:

R. P. HARBOLD,
Assistant.

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WPR
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ea. gold in top mouth left side
ag. o. 19-2004-305

JUN 8 1924

Place NEUFCHATEAU

Date May 27th, 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of: Unknown

Name: ~~SINER, Earl B.~~

Rank: ~~Unter~~

Becker, Fred A
Ope

Organization:

Number: 1756635

Co A 310
Co A. 310 Inf.

Unit

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

April 18th, 1919.

Grave #23, A.E.F. CEMETERY THIAUCOURT M et N.

Map 52 NE E 362.9 N. 241.6

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

April 18th, 1919

Grave #3, Sec. 3, Plot 1.

ST MIHIEL AMERICAN CEMETERY No. 1233

THIAUCOURT M et N. Map 52 NE E 362.05 N 241.44

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

Body buried in uniform Body badly decomposed

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No

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

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: Lt. Davis.

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2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.

C.O. Group Unit

H. O'K

(Im 11-7-21)
241025
2-3201

1233

10949

CONFIRMED No D

SDC/HHR/lrk

May 9, 1924.

File No.

SUBJECT: Unlocated Dead.

TO : The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Grave Location Blank furnished by your office for Corporal Fred A. Becker, 2410252, Company A, 310th Infantry, contains notation "see correspondence - O'Connor, Edward F."

2. It is requested that copy of the correspondence referred to be furnished this office in order that investigation for the grave of Corporal Becker may be pursued.



ROBT. STERRETT,
Chief.

293
Becker
Fred O.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

FILE

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BECKER 2410252 Fred A.

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

Cpl. Co. A. 310th Infantry

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Bois de la Montagne

Near Thiaucourt

CAUSE OF DEATH: Direct hit by H.E. shell

DATE OF BURIAL:

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

See correspondance -- O'CONNOR, Edward F

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

Remembercourt-sur-Mad

NEAREST RELATIVE: 160 52 NE COOK

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Communal List No. 160-2445
Daily Report No. _____



CM 293 A-C

Becker, Fred A.

Dec. 6, 1923.

Mrs. Viola West,
Box 143,
Bloomfield, N. J.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires to thank you for your kind letter of November 14th, 1923, with reference to dental information of your husband, the late Corporal Fred A. Becker, Company A, 310th Infantry.

Please be assured that no effort will be spared to bring this case to a successful conclusion, and you will be immediately informed of any favorable developments.

Very truly yours,

R. L. FOSTER,
Assistant.

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O. Q. M. G.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM



DEC 6, 1923
B. O. G.

Bloomfield, N.J.

Nov. 14th 1923

Dear Sir:—

I'm answering your letter of Oct 29th. you say the grave of my husband cannot be located in the place given, well this is the information I got my husband was killed during the attack of 78 Division at St. Mihiel sector.

203 Barker Truck

What I heard from Major General James H. McRae.

And from the Captain says at the time of his death was near Thiaucourt killed by shell fire, I heard from

Capt L. E. Bretz of Co. A.-310 Inf. as far as dental chart I should think it be on record in Washington.

think

Fred Becker had gold up on
front left side. I can not find
out any else where ~~the~~ work
was done they ^{the} moved.
That's why I speak of Washington
His first entry into service
they ought to have a record.
I trust this is some information
you desire.

There was only gold teeth in the top
of his mouth.

I hope may hear from you in the
near future, explaining the right
burial location

Insurance Number 1644279
Army " — 2410252
File " — C-52156
Fred A. Becker " — Co. A. - 310 Inf.

Coyl 78 division
Most sincerely yours
Mrs. Viola West.

Bloomfield, N.J.
Oct. 19th 1923.

War. Dept

H. H. Cheal.

Dear Sir:-

I can't not give
you the information
just what you want
to know.

unless you explain
what is for them I go
to bother finding out.
all about dental work
your asking.
and I don't know just
over

OCT 22 1923



Name
Corporal Fred A. Becker.
Co. A. 310th Inf -
#78 Division

what you want this for.
His army serial number
is (2410252.)

Insurance Number
1644279

file - : C-52156

I trust I may hear from
you soon letting me
know the reason for
all this.

Most Sincerely
Yours
Mrs. Viola West.

In reply refer to:
QM 293 A-C
Becker, Fred A. Cpl.

October 29, 1923.

Mrs. Viola West,
Bloomfield,
N. J.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that receipt be acknowledged of your kind letter of October 19th, 1923, requesting an explanation of letter from this office of October 9th.

Please be informed that the burial officer reported the grave of your husband, the late Corporal Fred A. Becker, Company A, 310th Infantry, in the Commune of Rembercourt-sur-Mad, France, but when searching parties of the Graves Registration Service in Europe, tried to locate the grave, it could not be found in the location given.

The case is under investigation and there is reason to believe that the remains of this soldier are buried among the unknowns in one of the permanent American cemeteries in Europe. Dental chart of your husband was requested of you in order that it may be checked with dental description of unknowns found in the locality where Private Becker was reported killed and buried. No great encouragement can, however, be extended that the remains will be identified, but please be assured that everything possible will be done by the Department to bring this case to a successful conclusion.

Kindly advise this office as soon as possible regarding dental information. For reply, you may use the inclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM

R. L. FOSTER,
Assistant.

OCT 30 1923
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Miss Nicholson
Tell her Capt Becker
has no ground etc

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*The American Red Cross
National Headquarters
Washington, D. C.*

*With deep sympathy in your loss
The American Red Cross
sends you the photograph of the grave of
who gave his life for his country*

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Becker, Fred A. Cpl.

Oct. 9, 1923.

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Mrs. Viola Becker,
83 Highwood Terrace,
Weehawken, N.J.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be advised that an investigation is being conducted with a view towards locating the grave containing the remains of your late husband, Corporal Fred A. Becker, Company A, 310th Infantry, and to assist in this investigation, the Department will appreciate your securing from your local dentist, who may have performed dental work for the deceased prior to his entry into the Service - a chart showing all such treatment performed, the same to include crowns, fillings, extractions, etc.

It is especially desired that information be furnished whether the deceased had a gold bridge across upper front teeth.

For reply, please use the inclosed envelope, which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CHEAL,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date

File No.

Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, Graves Registration Service.

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.

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|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| a. Surname Becker | f. Date of death |
| b. Christian name Fred A | g. Cause of death |
| c. Serial Number 2410252 | h. Authority (C.O.#) |
| d. Organization A. 310 | i. Emergency address |
| e. Rank Epl | j. Relationship |

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment **28-4**
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair **dk Br**
- d. Height **5-8**
- e. Weight **154**

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

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

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

CEMETERY NO:

SHEET NO:

TYPED BY:

S/3310/LML



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

BY:

Charles J. Wynne,
Captain, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

4800 WORLD WAR DIV
4 SEP 24 1923

COMPANY "A" - 310th INFANTRY.
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

19 March, 1919

From; C.O. Company "A", 310th Infantry.
To; C.O. Graves Registration Service.
Subject; Grave Location Blanks.

File 21859

1. Herewith Grave Location Blanks with all possible information for certain officer and men formerly of this company.
2. Herewith Grave Location Blanks for officer and man of 310th Engineers, mailed to this Company in error.
3. Herewith Grave Location Blank for Pvt. Dangelo, 1762360, Antonio who was formerly of this company. This soldier was evacuated to hospital and no official news of his death has ever been received by this Company.

sgt. L.E. Breitz
Captain 310th Infantry .

O'CONNOR		EDWARD F.
ZOOK	2066384	Samuel A.
MECCHIARELLI	1767470	Bernardo
RAY	1756608	Philip J.
HUGHES	2410252	Fred A.
BECHTOLD	1746891	Elmer G.
ALLEN	1761627	Carl W.
HILL		Claude B.
LYTLE	2081460	Alfred E.
DANGELO	1762360	Antonio
YANN	2754280	Fred C.

Becker

copy skv..... original on file of Edward F. O'CONNOR file 55908

1st Ind.

Chief, G.R.S., Hq. S.O.S., A.P.O. 717 A.E.F.
To: Central Records Office, A.P.O. #902, A.E.F.

May 20, 1919.

1. Returned. There records of this office show the following:-

Sgt. Carl W. Allen, 1761627, Co. A. 310th Inf. No burial information.

Pvt. William Gossoo, 2450134, Co. A., 310th Inf. Buried 9/18/18 in Grave #106. American Cemetery, Justice Hospital Group, Toul (Meurthe-et-Mosell). Grave is marked by a cross to which is attached one identification tag, one tag is buried with body. Grave location was furnished by 1st Lieut. B.R. Wellington, Q.M.C., and has been confirmed by the Graves Registration Service.

Cpl. Fred A. Becker, 410252, Co. A. 310th Inf. No burial information.

Pvt. Elmer G. Bechtold, 1746891, Co. A. 310th Inf. No burial information.

Pvt. 1cl. Bernardo Mecchiarelli, 1747470, Co. A. 310th Inf. No burial information.

Pvt. 1cl. Philip J. Fay, 1756608, Co. A., 310th Inf. No burial information.

2. There is no record in this Office of 1st Lt. Edward O'Connor.

CHARLES C. PIERCE.
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C. U.S.A.

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704. (314th Entry)
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GENERAL RECORDS OFFICE.
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.
A.P.O. 902. FRANCE.

May 26, 1919

From : Officer-in-Charge.
To : Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. 717.
Subject : Delayed correspondence relative to burial information.

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It is requested that reply be expedited to Memorandum from this office dated May 1, 1919, relative to the burial location of the following officer and enlisted men:-

1st Lieut. Edward F. O'Connor, Killed in action on October 17, 1918.

Sgt. Carl W. Allen #1761627, killed in action on October 18, 1918.

Cpl. Fred A. Backer, killed in action on September 22, 1918.

Pvt. William S. Goscoe, #2450134, died of wounds September 17, 1918.

Pvt. Elmer, G. Bechtold, #1764891, killed in action Oct. 18, 1918.

Pvt. 1/cl. Philip J. Fay, #1756608, killed in action Sept. 22, 1918.

Pvt. 1/cl. Bernardo Mecchiarelli, #1747470, killed in action on October 18, 1918.

The prompt return of papers to this office is requested.

H.M. HELLY
Adjutant General.

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1st Ind.

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American E.F. Hdqrs. S.O.S., O.C.Q.M., Chief, G.R.S., France, July 1, 1919.
To: Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O., #902, American E.F.

1. Returned. Your memorandum, dated May, 1, 1919 was answered by this office May 20, 1919 as per first indorsement attached.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel Q.M.G., U.S.A.
Chief, G.R.S.

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CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
A.P.O. 902. FRANCE.

May 1, 1919.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. 717.

It is requested that the burial location of the following officer and enlisted men be supplied this office:-

Ist. Lieut, Edward F. O'Connor, killed in action on Oct. 17th, 1918.
Sgt. Carl W. Allen, 1761627, killed in action Oct. 18th 1918.
Cpl. Fred A. Becker, killed in action on Sept. 22nd. 1918.
Pvt. William S. Gossoo, 2450134, died of wounds Sept 17th 1918.
Pvt. Elmer G. Bechtold, 1764891, killed in action Oct. 18th 1918.
Pvt. Icl. Philip J. Fay, 1756608, killed in action Sept. 22nd. 1918.
Pvt. Icl. Bernardo Mecchiarelli, 1747470, killed in action Oct. 18th, 1918.

H.M. NELLY,
Adjutant General.

M.D.

Ist. Ind.

Chief, G.R.S., Hq, S.O.S., A.P.O. 717, A.E.F. May 20, 1919
To: Central Records Office, A.P.O. #902, A.E.F.

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

M.D.

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American Expeditionary Forces
Headquarters Service of Supplies
Office of the Chief Quartermaster - American E. F.
Graves Registration Service
France.

January 25, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E. F.
TO: Sergeant 1st Class Charles A. Becker, Medical Department, Field
Hospital #310, 303rd Sanitary Train. American E.F.
SUBJECT: Corporal Fred A. Becker, Co. A., 310th Inf., 78th Division.

(1) In reply to your letter of October 20th, 1918, I am very sorry to have to inform you that the Graves Registration Service has not as yet succeeded in obtaining any definite burial information regarding your brother, the above named soldier. You may rest assured that every possible effort will be made to locate the grave, and, if necessary, a special search will be made of the area where he died and is, no doubt, buried. Careful note is being made of your name and address, and immediately the burial information is received, you will be notified.

(2) As this office obtains and forwards only burial information, I regret that I will not be able to give you any information regarding the place and cause of your brother's death, and would suggest that you communicate with the Central Records Office, at Bourges, France, regarding these details.

By direction CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., A.E.F.

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

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

File Number

From:-

A.R.C.

Date:

12/14/18

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:-

NAME **BECKER, FRED. A.**

NUMBER

RANK

Cpl.

ORGANIZATION

Co. A 310th INF. 78th div.

No.	Question	Reply
1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS
✓ 2	Date of Death	(1) BECKER, 2410252 FRED.
✓ 3	Cause and place of death	CPL. Co. A. 310. Inf.
4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(2) 9/22/18
✓ 5	Date buried	(3) N/A
✓ 6	Grave location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required	(4) CC 269
7	Who reported burial?	(5) } no Burial Inf.
✓ 8	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	(6) }
9	Report as to grave marker	
10	Report as to identification tags	
11	Who is nearest relative?	no
✓ 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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DATE 22 OCT 1918
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Field Hospital No. 310
303rd Sanitary Train
American E.F.

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October 20th, 1918.

From : Sergeant 1st Class Charles A. Becker, Medical Department
To : Chief of Graves Registration Service, American E.F., A.P.O. #755
Subject : Death of Corporal Fred A. Becker, Company A, 310th Infantry, 78th Division.

1. The following information regarding the death of the above named soldier, number unknown, reported killed in action on September 22nd, 1918, is requested by the undersigned, his brother :-

- (a) Place of Death
- (b) Cause of Death
- (c) Date of Burial
- (d) Place of Burial
- (e) Were relatives notified. } Washington
- (f) If so, kindly give date. }

Charles A. Becker

1st Ind. CT/GD.
Am.E.F., O.G.R.S., A.P.O # 702, France, 23rd Oct., 1918. To
Chief of G.R.S., Hq., SO.S.,

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J.E. Takken.
J.E. Takken, Capt., 12th F.A.
Graves Registration Service.

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Am.B.F., O.G.R.S., A.P.O # 702, France, 23rd Oct., 1918. To
Chief of G.R.S., Hq., S.O.S.,

1st Ind.

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J.E. Takken, Capt., 12th F.A.
Graves Registration Service.

25 OCT 1918