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G.R.S. Form #114 B
MMB

To The A. G. O.

FEB 10 1926

DATE _____

1. NAME BECKER, Victor E. SERIAL No. 1944413

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I 119th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION British Mil. Cty. Tincourt-Boucly, Somme #51-A

CTY. NAME NUMBER

1 B 8

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Gr. 36, Row E, Plot 6, Tincourt (Somme)
(Form 1-A dated Mar. 3, 1919)

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 13 S.W. E.163.1 N.359.4

CONCENTRATED TO Jan. 6, 1921 1 B 8

(Form 16-A dated Jan. 6, 1921, signed E.W. Austin, Major, FA) DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Tincourt-Boucly 51-A

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Form 16-A, dated Jan. 6, 1921, shows disinterred from Gr. 36, Row E, Plot 6, Tincourt, 51-A, concentrated as above; tag buried with body; bronze button embossed with U.S.N.G.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None of record.
DATE OF DEATH Sept. 28, '18 GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ohio

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W. R. BUCKLEY, Captain, QMC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Sept. 16, 1922 7 2 Block C
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Somme American Cemetery #636, Bony Aisne
A. G. O.
CEMETERY

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WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY

Rec'd World War Div.
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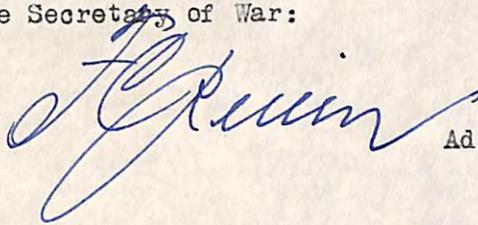
1st Ind.

WW AI/1-206

War Department, A.G.O., March 30, 1928. To: The Quartermaster General.

The records of this office show that Victor S. Becker, A.S.#1944413, held the rank of private at time of death.

By order of the Secretary of War:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. C. Green". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Adjutant General.



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BECKER-1944413-VICTOR E
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

1st Lt - Co - I - 119th Inf.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 9/28-18.

PLACE OF BURIAL TINCOURT B.C.

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

Sheet 62 J. 23 C 48

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 :

REPORTED BY :

Wm Roberson - S. Chaplain 3rd Div
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co. "I", 119th Infantry.

BECKER, Victor, Pvt. #1944413.

Killed.

I was an eye witness to the death of the above man. Death was instantaneous. Ground was held. Death was caused by shrapnel penetrating body near Hargicourt, France. Was buried in Cemetery near Hargicourt. No other man in Company with same name. Description: Height 68 inches, red hair, freckles on face, ruddy complexion, blue eyes. Officer's opinion of informant's accuracy and statement- Excellent.

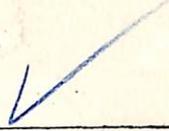
Informant: Williams, Comer, Sgt. #1316441.
Co. "I", 119th Infantry.

Home Address: Salem, N. Y.

Searcher: David M. Prince, 2nd Lt. 119th Inf.
Jan. 31, 1919.

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CODE SLIP



| HEADING | SUB-HEADING | NO. OF COLS | CODE |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| NAME | Becker | 3 | 253 |
| BURIED | CEMETERY | 1 | 5 |
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| | ROW | 2 | 02 |
| | BLOCK | 1 | 3 |
| STATE | Ohio | 2 | 41 |
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| MARTIAL | No | 1 | 2 |
| NAME | Keller | 5 | 952 |
| RESIDENCE | STATE | 2 | 44 |
| | COUNTY | 2 | 09 |
| | CITY | 3 | 235 |
| RELATION | Mother | 1 | 1 |
| OTHER | | 1 | |
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| NATIVITY | | 1 | |
| RACE | | 1 | |
| ENGLISH | Yes | 1 | 1 |
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Becker, Victor S Som

September 7, 1932.

Mrs. Katie Keller,
135 S. Main St.,
Quakertown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

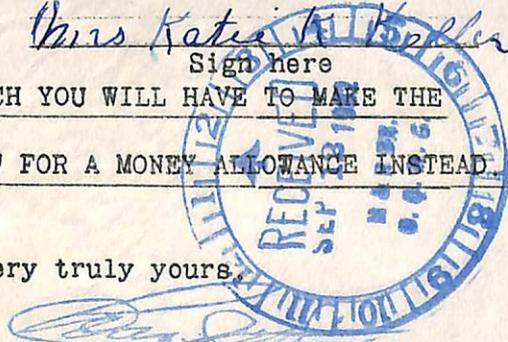
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|---|--|
| 1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No") | <i>No</i> |
| 2. Please state your age and condition of health: | Age: <i>62</i> Health: <i>Good.</i> |
| 3. Do you speak English? | <i>Yes</i> |
| 4. What other language do you speak? | <i>German</i> |

Mrs. Katie Keller
Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Becker, Victor S. (Son)

Mrs. Katie Keller,
135 S. Main St.,
Quakertown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M S.
Becker, Victor E. (SOM) M

September 29, 1931 ed

Mrs. Katie Keller,
136 S. Main St.,
Quakertown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

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

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| 1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932? | |
| 2. Please state your age and condition of health: | Age: Health: |
| 3. Do you speak English? | |
| 4. What other language do you speak? | |

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Becker, Victor N, Pvt. (Son) M-

S,

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Katie Keller,
135 S. Main St.,
Quakertown, Pa.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Becker, Victor 636 M
S.

Mrs. Katie Keller,
135 S. Main St.,
Quakertown, Pa.

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)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Becker, Victor ~~M~~ ^S,
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Sept. 13, 1929.

Mrs. Katie Keller,
135 S. Main St.,
Quakertown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated July 31, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

No Single

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.

Mother

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

No

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C **S**
Becker, Victor H.

July 31, 1929.

Mrs. Katie Keller,
155 S. Main St.,
Quakertown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Victor H. Becker, Co. I, 119th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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|---|--|
| 1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? | |
| 2. If so, give her complete address. | |
| 3. Will you make the pilgrimage? | |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress
Envelope

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 **S**,
Becker, Victor **B**

May 15, 1929.

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Mrs. Katie Keller, M. Mrs. Katie Keller,
Almont, 135 S. Main St.,
Pa. Quakertown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Victor E. Becker, Company I, 119th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

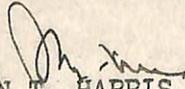
In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.


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



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Becker, Victor S Som

September 7, 1932.

Mrs. Katie Keller,
135 S. Main St.,
Quakertown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Becker, Victor S. (Son)

Mrs. Katie Keller,
135 S. Main St.,
Quakertown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Becker, Victor ^{S.} (SON) M

September 29, 1931 ed

Mrs. Katie Keller,
135 S. Main St.,
Quakertown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

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

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| 1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932? | |
| 2. Please state your age and condition of health: | Age: Health: |
| 3. Do you speak English? | |
| 4. What other language do you speak? | |

Sign here

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-AM

Becker, Victor ~~W.S.~~ Pvt. (Son) M-

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Katie Keller,
135 S. Main St.,
Quakertown, Pa.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Becker, Victor ^{S.} Pvt. 636-M

April 4, 1931.

Mrs. Katie Keller,
135 S. Main St.,
Quakertown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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October 10, 1930

Becker, Victor ^{S.} ~~A.~~ Pvt 636 M

Mrs. Katie Keller
 135 S. Main Street
 Duquesne, Pennsylvania

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

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

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

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

June 7, 1930.

Becker, Victor ^S 636 M

Mrs. Katie Keller,
135 S. Main St.,
Quakertown, Pa.

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

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Becker, Victor ^{S.} 636 -M

Mrs. Katie Keller,
135 S. Main Street,
Quakertown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Becker, Victor N. S.
636

Sept. 13, 1929.

Mrs. Katie Keller,
135 S. Main St.,
Quakertown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated July 31, 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,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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, Victor S.

July 31, 1929.

Mrs. Katie Keller,
135 S. Main St.,
Quakertown, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Victor E. Becker, Co. I, 119th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C S.
Becker, Victor H.

May 15, 1929.

Mrs. Katie Keller,
Almont,
Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Victor H. Becker, Company I, 119th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bazay, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

Becker,

(Surname.)

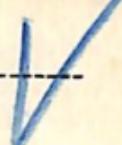
Victor E

(Christian name in full.)

51-A-10

1,944,413

(Army serial number.)



Pvt

Co. I, 119th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

Mrs Katie Keller
Almont

Pa

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

QM 293 A-C

January 4, 1927.

BECKER, Victor ^{S.} - Private

Mrs. Katie Keller,
Almont, Penna.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

1 Incl. ✓
Record card.

F.H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.G.
Assistant.



25/560/EYS

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 19, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name **BECKER, Victor E.**
 2. No. **1944413**
 3. Rank **Pvt.**
 4. Org. **Co. I 119th Inf.**
 5. D.D. **9-28-18**
 6. C.D. **K.I.A.**

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. **1** Sec. _____
 8. Plot **8** Row **B**
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. **no discrepancy**

18. Cemetery **British Amer. Cty.**
 20. Dept. or County **Somme**
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. **51-A**
 23. Disinterred (Date) **Oct. 19, 1921**

19. Commune or town **Tincourt-Boucly**
 21. Country **France**
 By **H.T. Geiler**

24. Inscription on grave marker:
 Name **Victor E. Becker**
 Rank **Pvt.**

Serial No. _____
 Organization **Co. I. 119th Inf.**

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? **no** On body **yes (partially corroded)**

Henry Hoffmann
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
~~Henry Hoffmann~~

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)
This body previously reburied by Field Section. Tag found attached to blanket. Strips found agree with form 114-A. Disc on body shows only: "Victo-----, 1944413, U.S."

27. Condition of body **Badly disarticulated. Features unrecognizable.**

28. Nature of burial **Wooden box. Blanket.**

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date **Oct. 19, 1921** By **H.T. Geiler**

31. Casket sealed by **H.T. Geiler**

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *H.T. Geiler*

AUDITED BY
252 12-25-21

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-12178

32. Designation of body:

Name BECKER, Victor E. Serial No. 1944415

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I 119th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Somme Amer. Cty. Bony, Aisne 636

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 19, 1921 By H.T. Ueller

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 J.J. Powers
J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 19, 1921

To point of Concentration Holsel, Somme (Name)
Convoyer Frank Atwell Signature Shipping Officer J.J. Powers
J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 19, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative Hubert W. Boyette
Hubert W. Boyette, Capt. QMC

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 19, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery No. 636, Bony, Aisne (Name)
Convoyer Frank Atwell Signature Shipping Officer Hubert W. Boyette
H.W. Boyette, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date Oct 19, 1921
G.R.S. Representative W.E. Moore

41. Reinterred Sept. 16, 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 8 Section

43. Plot Block C, Row 2

G.R.S. Representative D. E. Lowry
D. E. Lowry, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

Place Tincourt-Bouely (Somme)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 19, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BECKER, Victor ^{S.} SERIAL NUMBER 1944413

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I, 119 Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 19, 1921, Gr. 1, Pl. 8, Row B, Brit. Mil. Cem. 51-A, Tincourt-Bouely.
From (give complete location):

By: Group 3 Unit F.S.S

3. Reburied (date): Sept. 16, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 8, Block G, Row 2, Cem. 636

By: Group Reburial Unit Casket & shipping case.
Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Wooden box, blanket. Body badly disarticulated. Features unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Body previously reburied by Field Section; tag found attached to blanket. Strips found agree with form 114-A.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp. to estimate

(c) Hair—Color Imp. to determine

Quantity Very little

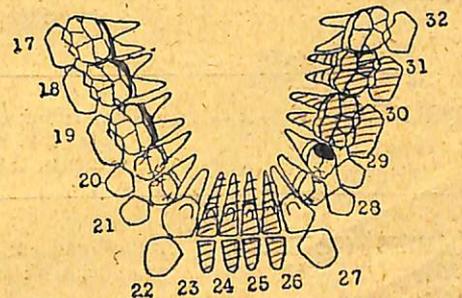
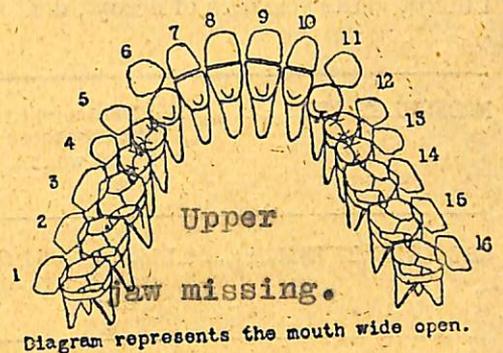
Characteristics Imp. to determine

(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) (17, 18, 19 broken off at roots, 23, 24, 25, 26 MAD, 29 SF, 30 & 31 MBD)

Skull fractured, face shattered, upper jaw missing. Lower jaw fractured. Left arm shattered, above elbow. Right scapula shattered.

Henry Hoffman,

7. Disinterment supervised by H.T. Geiler
H.T. Geiler, Sup. Emb.

Approved: J.J. Power
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by B.A. Bradford
B.A. Bradford

Approved: D.E. Lowry
D.E. Lowry, 1st Lt., C.M.C.
(Title)

Place Tincourt-Bouchly 51-A

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 6, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BECKER, Victor E. SERIAL NUMBER 1944413

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I 119th Infn

2. Disinterred (date): Jan. 6, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 36, Pl. 6, Row E

By: Group 3 Unit Sect. 7

3. Reburied (date): Jan. 6, 1921 In (give complete location): Gr. 1, Pl 8, Row B

By: Group 3 Unit Sect. 7 Nature of reburial Pine box Blanket

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

OD Uniform and blanket Badly decomposed

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

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

Bronze button embossed with U.S.N.G.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color None

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) Imp. to estimate

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

Imp. to estimate

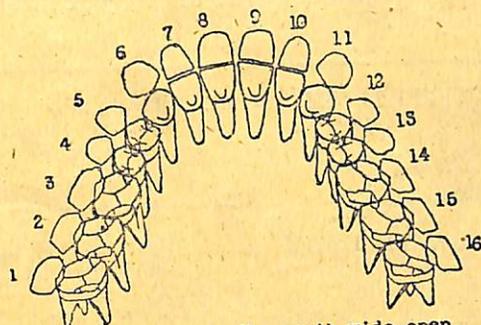
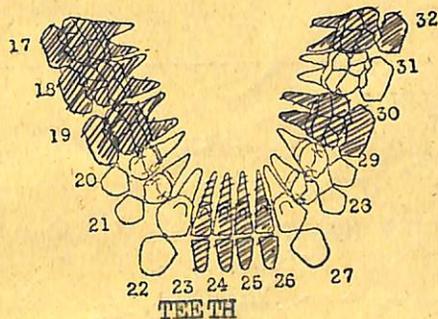


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



Upper jaw missing
17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 32
Missing

7. Disinterment supervised by R.S. WILLIAMS
1st Lt., Q.M.C.

Approved: E.W. AUSTIN
Maj., F.A.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by R.S. WILLIAMS
1st Lt., Q.M.C.

Approved: E.W. AUSTIN
Maj., F.A.
(Title)

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #30334

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BECKER, Victor E. S. Ser. No. 1944413 TYP. JDB
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I. 119th Inf. CKR. I.
(c) Date of death 9/28/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 36 Row E Plot 6 Sec. - TYP. HAB
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. John C. Keller (Mother) Almont, Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases No CARD CKR. P/S

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None
(a) Name Mrs. Katie Keller (b) Relationship Mother
(c) Address Almont, Pa.
(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 D.L. Date 8-25-1920.

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

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

In correspondence
Examiner's Initials D.L. Date 8-25-1920.

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

Mrs. John C. Keller, Almont, Pa. 3/2/20 requests inscription on grave corrected

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes M. O. M.
Examiner's Initials M. O. M. Date 8-25-1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 51-A SHEET No. 10

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

JUL 2 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on 8/30, 1920

Cemeterial Division

Project Sub-Section

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

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Form 120 - 9-7-20 Mother (nearest of kin) confirms previous instructions - Body to remain in France. K-9-13-20

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

FILE

December 14 192 1

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

.CASE OF:

Co. I. 119th Inf.

ORGANIZATION (Old)

BECKER 1944413 Victor E. S. Pvt.
(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

| | Date | Place | F-1A No. |
|-----------|--------|-------|----------|
| Orig. | | | D- |
| 1st. Reb. | 1/6/21 | 51-A | D30281 |
| 2nd Reb. | | | D- |
| 3rd Reb. | | | D- |

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

BY: Miss Lamon

Card.
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card;

By K.B.
S/3324/LML

FILE

WAR DEPARTMENT
Quartermaster Corps,
Graves Registration Service
Pier 2, Hoboken, N.J.

June 28th, 1921

FILE NO. 293.8 Com. Div. Cor. Br.

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

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery # 51-A
Transmittal Memorandum Number H- 510

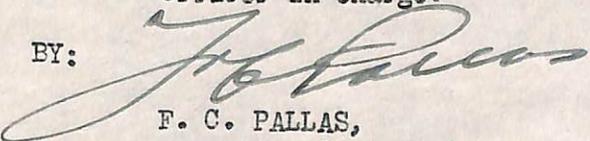
1. The records pertaining to the following cases are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the bodies are to remain in Europe.

REFERENCE NO:

10 Becker, Victor E, Pvt., Serial No.
1944413, Co. I, 119th Inf.

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

BY:


F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

B-7-11-21 NW

June 28th, 1921

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10 Becker, Victor E, Pvt., Serial No. 1944413, Co. A, 119th Inf.

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

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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Central Division

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SEP 1, 1920

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

51-A--10
O.J.B.

met
Rush Answer

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

To: Mrs. Katie Keller, Almont, Pa.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Victor E. Becker, Co. I, 119th Inf., Ser. No. 1944413.

no change
v.e.K.

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

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

noted
4-11-9-13-15
v.e.K.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

| NAME OF— | NO. AND STREET. | TOWNSHIP | STATE. |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Soldier's widow <u>none</u> | | | |
| Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.) | 1 <u>none</u> | | |
| | 2 | | |
| | 3 | | |
| Father <u>John Becker, deceased.</u> | | | |
| Mother <u>Mrs. Katie Keller, living.</u> | | <u>Almont, Pa.</u> | |
| Brothers. (Name oldest first.) | 1 | | |
| | 2 <u>none</u> | | |
| | 3 | | |
| Sisters. (Name oldest first.) | 1 <u>Eshella S. Becker, living,</u> | | <u>Almont, Pa.</u> |
| | 2 | | |
| | 3 | | |

CEMETERY OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION
SEP 8 1920
RECEIVED

Date September 7th, 1920

Signature Mrs. Katie Keller

Address Almont, Pa.

Relationship Mother.

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

September 7, 1920.

RECEIVED BY MAIL UNIT

SEP 8 1920

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Station

I, the undersigned, am the mother and nearest living relative of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to~~ _____
(Name.) _____
(R. R. station.) _____ (State.) _____

3. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and buried in~~ _____ National Cemetery.

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

Signature Mrs. Katie Keller



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.



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Investigation Unit. Audit Dept.

G.R.S. Form #8-W; A.G.O. Liaison.

Date 4/14/20

Memo. For: G.R.S. Representative, A.G.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed.

✓ Surname Becker

✓ Number 1944413 ✓

✓ First name Victor ✓

✓ Rank ~~Pvt.~~ Cpl.

✓ Company I. ✓

✓ Organization 119 Inf. ✓

✓ Date of death 9/28/18 ✓

✓ Cause K/A (over)

✓ Emergency address ^(Mrs.) John C. Keller,
Almont, Pa.

✓ Relationship. (mother)

✓ Authority (C.C.#) 278 ✓

Note: If this man is not dead show present status, and in case of discharge, show date and place. If case is under investigation, make notation to that effect.

Donnelly, L. H. Enlisted Personnel Sec
CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army, Apr. 8
Chief, Graves Registration Service. 4-16-20
NS-7133-NJH.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BECKER-1944413-VICTOR E
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

PVT. Co-I-119th INF U.S.A
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: NEAR BELLICOURT

CAUSE OF DEATH: SHELL FIRE

DATE OF BURIAL: 9/28-1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: VINCOURT

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

Sheet 62^c J23 2418

FILE.

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross? _____

Headboard? _____ Bottle? _____

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: yes

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

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NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

J.M. Robinson - Senior Chaplain 30th Div.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Investigation Section. Audit Dept.
3/13/20

G.R.S Form No. 8-W; Central Records
Liaison.

30334

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

✓ Surname: Becker ✓
✓ Number: 1944413 ✓
✓ First name: Victor ✓
✓ Rank: Pvt. ✓
✓ Company: I. ✓
✓ Organization: 119th Inf. ✓
✓ Date of death: 9/28/18 ✓
✓ Cause: Killed in action
Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "
Class " "

✓ Emergency address Mrs J.C. Kellar ✓
Almont, Pa. ✓
✓ Relationship: (mother) ✓

Authority:

✓ Cablegram No: CC#278 ✓ CC#278
Telegram from: _____

dated:

Reported to Washington:
C.C.Nos.

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

Remarks:

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

NS-3404/MB

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Date: 3/16/20

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Hq. G. P. S. File

1. R. S. Form No. 1.

2. Soldier's No. 1944413

3. Beckey B
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt I 119Inf
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known
9/28/18 K.I.A

6. Tincourt Mil
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Tincourt
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 6 e 6
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

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12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed

Group Unit G. P. S.

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BEVILLEY V. 1944413

Pvt. 119th Inf U.S.A.

9/28/18

BURIED TINCOURT BRIT CEMETERY

CMEE TINCOURT BOUCLY

SHT 62c J.23 b.4.7.

Pl 6 Row E

Gr. 6

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1. G. B. S. Form No. 1.

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Rank Company Regt. or Corps

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Date of Death Cause, if known

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620 J 23 b 36

13. J. M. Robeson
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed... *Chas Edw. Vann*

Group... 2 ... Unit... 302 ... G. B. S.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BECKER-1944418-VICTOR E

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

Inf-Co-I-119th Inf.

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 9/28-18

PLACE OF BURIAL TINCORPT B.C.

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

Sheet 62 J. 23 b 4.8

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? — Cross? yes

Headboard? — Bottle? —

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

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127 OCT-1918

REPORTED BY:

Wm Robinson - S. Chaplain 30th Div.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

3033 ~~M. V. M. M.~~

Beckley V. #1944413

Pvt. 119th Inf U.S.

9/28/18

Buried Tincourt New Brit Cem

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5th Ind.

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RHR/mt.

293. Becker, Victor E.

Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, May 20th 1920.

To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Returned accomplished.
2. The Photographic Section, American Red Cross, Paris, have been notified of the change in order that another photograph of the Grave may be taken with the correct inscription.



H. F. RETHERS,
Lieut. Col., Q.M.C.
Chief.

FILE

5th Ind.

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2nd Ind.

HW/nrj

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FILE NO. [unclear] [unclear] W.E.

Hq. Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 7, rue Quentin-Bauchart, Paris,
May 12, 1920 - To: Supervisor Area #3, A.G.R.S., AMIENS (Somme).

1. Forwarded for compliance and report by indorsement hereon with the least practicable delay.

By order of Major Shipman:



W.H. Maris
 W. H. MARIS
 1st Lieut., F.A.
 Adjutant

3rd Ind.

Hqrs. Area #3, American GRS., Amiens, Somme. May 17th 1920. To:
Commanding Officer, Zone of France, American GRS., Paris.

1. Returned. Foregoing letter complied with.

John T. Lewis
 JOHN T. LEWIS
 1st Lieut. CA.
 Supervisor.

4th Ind.

HW/nrj

Hq. Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 7, rue Quentin-Bauchart, Paris,
May 18, 1920 - To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, 8, Avenue
d'Iena, Paris.

1. Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

RECORDED
ET.



W.H. Maris
 L. A. SHIPMAN
 Major, Q.M.C.
 Commanding

1st. Ind.

File No. 293. **Becker, Victor E.**

Hq. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Ave. d'Iena, Paris, May 11th 1920.

To: Commanding Officer, Zone of **France.**

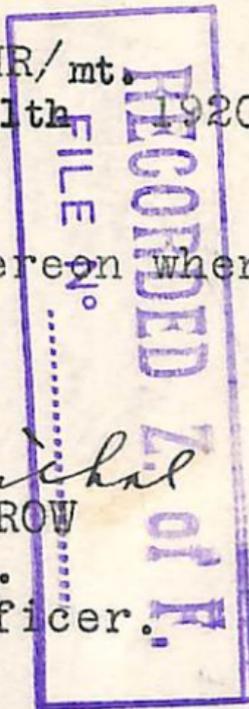
RHR/mt.

1. Referred for compliance and report by indorsement hereon when completed.

By direction:



R. H. Rosenthal
for CHAS, A. MORROW
Major, Q.M.C.
Executive Officer.



G.R.S. Form No. 122.
Change of Inscription.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

April 21, 1920.

File No. 30334 Registration.

From: Office of the Quartermaster General, Chief, Cemeterial Division, (GRS)
Munitions Building, 19th & B Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C.

To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G., in Europe,
8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

Subject: Change of Inscription on Grave Marker.

1. It is requested that the inscription on the marker erected
over grave # 36, plot 6, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Row E, City # 51-^A,
British Military Cemetery, Tincourt-Boucly, Somme.

be corrected to correspond with the records of this office which show
Private Victor ^SJ. Becker, #1944413, Company I, 119th Infantry.

Date of death September 28, 1918

2. When this has been done, advise the Red Cross Photographic
Section in order that another photograph may be taken of the grave with
the correct inscription.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

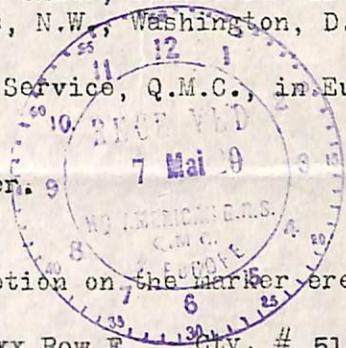
CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

CMN/ms
Inv.S.S.
Inv. & Adj. Dept.

PM

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RECORDED, A.G.R.S., Q.M.G., IN EUROPE
FILE NO. 293. BECKER, Victor E.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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

CMN/ms
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Inv. & Adj. Dept.

PH

APR 24 1920
G. R. S. MAILED

Becker

DATE 3/8/20

TO:

- CHIEF G.R.S.
- MAJOR LEMLY
- CAPTAIN CONNER
- CAPTAIN WYNNE
- CAPTAIN SMITH
- CAPTAIN ROBERTSON
- LT. NOETZEL

PRINCIPAL CLERK - Mr. ROBB

SUPPLY REQUISITIONS, PERSONNEL -
Mr. REYNOLDS

- ✓ *Registration Div.*
- Audit Department
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FOR:

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*Notify Paris office
to change inscription.*

SUSPENSION

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- PERSONAL CONFERENCE
- DRAFT OF LETTER ENDORSEMENT
- SIGNATURE
- TRANSLATION

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FROM.....

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Address reply to
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT
~~OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE~~
WASHINGTON

March 9, 1920.

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Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G. (G.R.S.)

Mr. Lloyd M. Musselman, American Legion, Hartzell-Crouthamel,
Perkasie, Penna.
Change of Inscription on Grave Marker.

1. In reply to your letter of March 2, 1920, you are advised that the information furnished by you agrees with the information contained in the records of this office--Private Victor E. Becker, #1944413, Company "I", 119th Infantry, grave #36, plot 6, row E, British Military Cemetery at Tincourt-Baucly, Somme; and the necessary instructions have been forwarded to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G. in Europe to make the change in the inscription on the grave marker to agree with the records of this office.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

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

Inq. Br.
LKB/DS

C. B. S. MAILED

MAR 11 1920

POST COMMANDER
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PERKASIE, PENNA.

POST ADJUTANT
LLOYD M. MUSSELMAN
POST FINANCE OFFICER
J. LLOYD HARR

March 2, 1920.

Col. Charles C. Pierce,
Graves Registration Service,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

In behalf of Mrs. John C. Keller of Almont, Penna. I would like to inform you that the name on the grave of her son is incorrect and if possible she would like to have it corrected. The grave number on the photograph is # 36 and the name of the cemetery in which he is buried is British Cemetery, Tincourt, Somme. The name on the marker at the present time is Victor Beckley and should be Victor Becker. I am doing this at the request of the deceased mans' mother and if any information regarding this matter will be forthcoming I will be glad to receive it.

Very truly yours,

Lloyd M. Musselman
Post Adjutant.

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

Date 3-6-20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Becker Victor*

Serial Number

RANK

ORGANIZATION

| NO. | QUESTION | REPLY |
|-----|--|--|
| 1. | Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records? | 1) No. Becker Victor E. Pvt., Co. 9, 119 th Inf. Serial No. 1944413. |
| 2. | Date of Death. | (2) 9-28-18 |
| 3. | Cause and place of death | (3) K/a. |
| 4. | Number of Casualty Cablegram | (4) 278. |
| 5. | Date buried | (5) 9-28-18 |
| 6. | Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments. | (6) Grave # 36, Post 6, Row 6, <i>Imperial British Mil. Cem. 51-0</i> , <i>Imperial British, Somme</i> |
| 7. | Who reported burial? | |
| 8. | Confirmed by G.R.S.? | |
| 9. | Report as to Grave Marker. | |
| 10. | Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker? | |
| 11. | Complete Emergency Address? | (10) No |
| 12. | Has above been notified? (Give date) | (11) No |
| 13. | Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record) | (12) The John C. Keller (Mother) <i>Almont, Pa.</i> (12) 12-20-18. |
| 14. | What is the Photograph No.? | |
| 15. | Inquiry made by? | |

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MAR 13 1920

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

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