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G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

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DEC 23 1925

FULL NAME ..... BECKHAM, James R. *sol sig*

RANK ..... Private ..... SERIAL ..... 1873677

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Company D, 102nd Infantry *268*

DATE OF DEATH ..... *July 23/18*

*7-23-18*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... *W. Mississippie*

*w. m.*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED ..... *none*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ..... 24 ..... 21 ..... A

Date ..... Grave ..... Row ..... Block

608

Cemetery

A. G. O.  
DEC 23 1925

AUDITED BY  
*W. W. C. / 1/24*

DEC 29 1925  
*9-8-29*

23/306/ARK

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF CCLS	CODE
NAME	Beckham	3	253
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	2
	GRAVE	2	24
	ROW	2	21
	BLOCK	1	1
STATE	Mississippi	2	27
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	26	2	26
ORGANIZATION	102	3	102
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Boone, WA	3	253
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	27
	COUNTY	2	25
	CITY	3	102
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	No	1	2
ELIGIBILITY	Dead	1	6
NATIVITY		1	.
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
. TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 AM

Beckham, James R. (OA)

August 8, 1932.

Mr. W. A. Boone,  
c/o First Natl. Bank,  
Pontotoc, Miss.

Dear Sir:

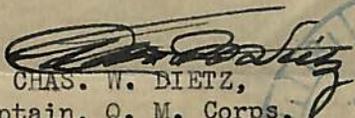
This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not the late Private James R. Beckham is survived by a stepmother, and if so, her name and address and the date of her marriage to his father. It will be appreciated if you will also furnish the date of death of his father.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

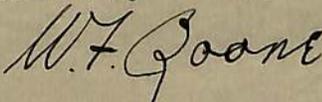
Enclosure:  
Envelope.

Pontotoc, Miss.  
August 12, 1932



Dear Sir:-  
Private James R. Beckham did not have a stepmother. Both of his parants are dead.

Yours very truly,



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Beckham, James R. 608-ADM

July 3, 1930. 7

Mr. W. A. Boone,  
% First Nat'l. Bank,  
Pontotoc, Miss.

Dear Sir:

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.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

No

If so, give her name and address:

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2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

No

If so, give her name and address:

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3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

No.

If so, give her name and address:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment



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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

DATE February 10 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
<u>Beckham James R</u>	<u>Pvt</u>	<u>1873677</u>	<u>Co D 102nd Inf</u>	<u>July 23 1918</u>

STATE	Mississippi	CTY. NO.	608	GRAVE	24	ROW	21	BLOCK	A
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	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
	MOTHER	: : :	: : ✓ : :
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	: : Adm - : :
NAME	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION	: : :	: : W. a. Boone : :
AND	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	: : 90 First Nat'l Bank : :
ADDRESS		: : :	: : Pontotoc Miss : :
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	: : _____ : :
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	: : :	: : _____ : :
	<i>Single man</i>	: : :	: : _____ : :

Veterans Bureau Claim Number C 33777  
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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Buckham 1873577 James R.  
.....  
(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

.....  
(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL.....

PLACE OF BURIAL.....

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

Map French 1/20000

1866-264

Buried where he fell  
.....  
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:

Cune - Exped 49 NE

E 186.6-N 264. C-89

REPORTED BY: Orville H. Kelly  
.....  
Chaplain 102 Inf.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

14 AUG 1918

Communal List No. 89-1543  
Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

11861

1. R. S. Form No. 1. Hq. G. S. File

2. Soldier's No.

3. Beckham, 1073677, James R.  
Surname (In Block Letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt. Co. D, 102nd Inf.  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Town or Commune (In Block Letters) Department

8. 2 Grave No. 84 Plot No. or Letter  
C. MYERS

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

Exhumed-

Fr W side of Epiede-Bretelul Fe road.

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

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Signed. GROUP # 1

Unit 303 G. R. S.  
Group Unit G. R. S.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

HOBOKEN, NJ.

FEB 1 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mr. Cesel Beckham, RFD #1, Troy, Miss.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. James R. Beckham, Ser. No. 1873677 Co. D, 102nd Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named no request has been made for the disposition of his remains.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Army.

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 or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, am the \_\_\_\_\_ and nearest living next of kin 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.**

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin 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 next of kin 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 next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin 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.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE January 24, 1928

## 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 BECKHAM, James R. *Miss* 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. No. 1873677 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Org. Co. D, 102nd Inf. 26th Div. 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. D.D. July 23, 1918 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. C.D. KIA. (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 24 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot Block A Row 21 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. \_\_\_\_\_  
 18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne 19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles.  
 20. Dept. or County Aisne 21. Country France  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 608  
 23. Disinterred (Date) January 24, 1928 By H.E.N. Stine  
 24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BECKHAM, James R. Serial No. 1873677  
 Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D, 102nd Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? yes

*H.E.N. Stine*  
 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).  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_  
 28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap  
 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 January 24, 1928 By H.E.N. Stine  
 31. Casket sealed by H.E.N. Stine

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*H.E.N. Stine*  
 H.E.N. Stine.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

32. Designation of body: \_\_\_\_\_

Name BECKHAM, James R. Serial No. 1873677

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D, 102nd Inf.

33. Consigned to: \_\_\_\_\_

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) January 24, 1928 By C.E.Spahn

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 C. E. Spahn

C.E.Spahn

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred January 24, 1928, Oise-Aisne American Cty.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 24 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block A Row 21

G.R.S. Representative William E. Moore

William E. Moore, Superintendent.

Place Oise-Aism Cty. 608.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date January 24, 1928.

1. REMAINS OF BECKHAM, James R. SERIAL NUMBER 1873677

RANK Private ORGANIZATION Co. D, 102nd Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : January 24, 1928. From (give complete location) :  
Grave 24, Block A, Row 21.

By : Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date) : January 24, 1928. In (give complete location) :  
Grave 24, Block A, Row 21.

By : Group \_\_\_\_\_ Cty. \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Reburial Box.

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

Pine box and bur lap.

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

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

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_ 6,7,8 & 9 MBD

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_ 1 MBD

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

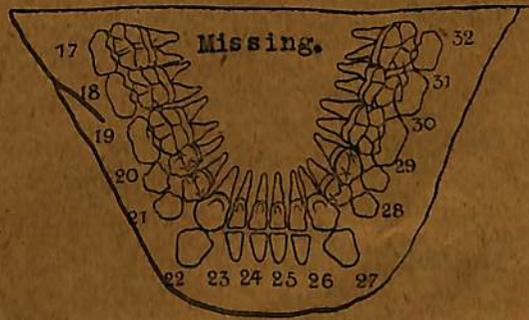
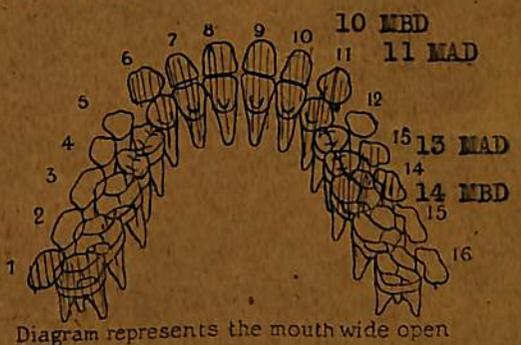
Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Right arm bones complete missing; left ulna and humerus missing; lower jaw missing.



7. Disinterment supervised by A. E. Nettie Approved: W. E. Moor

8. Reburial supervised by Charles E. Spahn Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Place Serignes (Aisne)Date June 11/19REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name James R. Beckham Number: 1873677Rank: Pvt. Organization: Co.D. 102nd. Inf.Disinterment and Reburial made by Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit 304Disinterred (Date) June 11/19 From: (Give complete location)Grave # 20 Cemetery #711Reburied (Date) June 11/19 in: (Give complete location)Grave # 32 Section A. Plot. #1. Cemetery #608 Serignes et Nesles (Aisne)Map #33 Soissons. SE. 275.4N-195.25E

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

Buried 4 feet deep--- Body badly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? ~~None~~ None--One on crossWhat other means of identification were found upon the body? None

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the 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: Sgt. R.E. Vollett1st. Lt. Oscar W. FosbergC.O. Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit 304

CONFIRMED No. D. 11811

Place Seringes et Nesles.

**REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL**

Date May 3rd, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Beckham, James R. SERIAL NUMBER 1873677  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co D. 102nd Inf.

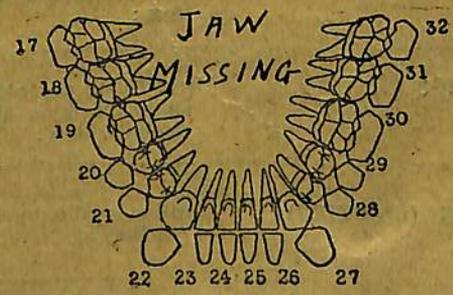
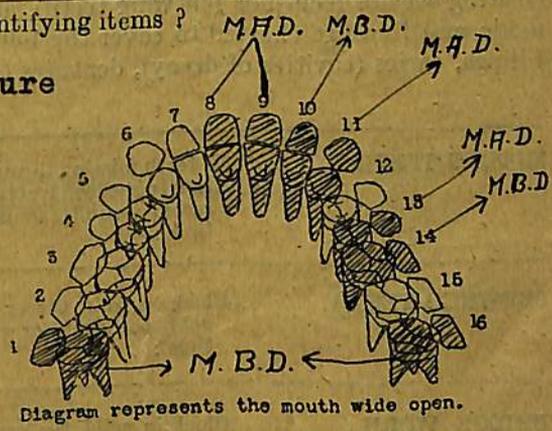
2. Disinterred (date): May 3rd, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr 32, Sec A, Pt I, Cem 608.  
 By: Group 6 Unit 3

3. Reburied (date): May 3rd, 1921, In (give complete location): Gr 107, Sec A, PT 3, Cem 608.  
 By: Group 6 Unit 3 Nature of reburial Pine box and wrapped in burlap..

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
U.S. Uniform, and wrapped in blanket and burlap. Badly decomposed and 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:  
None

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?  
 (a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to measure  
 (b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate  
 (c) Hair—Color None visible  
 Quantity see line C.  
 Characteristics see line C.  
 (d) Hair on face—Color None visible  
 Location see line D.  
 Quantity see line D.  
 (e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Skattered right parietal, and lower jaw missing.

7. Disinterment supervised by Harry E. Strong  
 8. Reburial supervised by Harry E. Strong

Approved: C. J. Blake  
 (Title) Capt. Q.M.C.  
 Approved: C. J. Blake  
 (Title) Capt. Q.M.C.

*Handwritten:* 11-30532

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



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



**CARIES (CAVITIES)**.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



**DENTURES (PLATES)**.....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

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



# 7693 COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 11861

(a) Name BECKHAM, James R. Ser. No. 1873677  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D. 102nd Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 7/23/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. EK  
 CKR. UB9

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

(a) Grave No. 32 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. A TYP. EK  
 (b) Emerg. Address Cesal Beckham (brother) RFD #1, Troy, Miss.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases -----

CKR. ABK

*No card in file 12-11-50 MKS*

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -----

(a) Name ----- (b) Relationship -----  
 (c) Address -----  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? -----  
 (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 -----, 1920.

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

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

*No con*

Examiner's Initials MKS Date 12-11, 1920.

*Rev. 5-10-21 FP*

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

*No request for disposition*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? -----

Examiner's Initials E.M. Date 12-11, 1920.

COUNTRY

France

CEMETERY No. 608

SHEET No. 190

G. R. S. Form No. 115  
 Amended Apr. 16, 1920

**FORM 115 - A COMPLETED**

JAN 24 1921 - *gpp*

CARDED

*checked 0226/11/20*

Make Form No. 114



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

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File # 11861

(a) Name..... **BECKHAM, James R.**..... Ser. No. .... **1873677**..... } TYP **BK**  
 (b) Rank..... **Pvt.**..... Organization... **Co. B. 102nd Inf.**..... } *3.9*  
 (c) Date of death... **7/23/18**..... Cause of death ..... **K/A**..... }

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

(a) Grave No., **32** Row ..... Plot ..... **1** Sect. .... **A**..... TYP **BK**  
 (b) Emerg. Address **Cesel Beckham (brother) RFD #1, Troy, Miss.**.....

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases..... CKR *ABU*

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

*No A.G.O. Card in file  
 No request for disposition (JEN 1-17-21)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on..... 192  
 (letter of transmittal on *1/15/1921*)

*Par 2 - Not to be returned (JEN)*  
**JAN 26 1921**

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

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. .... *5/3* ..... 192 *1*.....

COUNTRY **France** CEMETERY NO. **608** SHEET NO. **190**  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A August 1920  
 S-866/MB

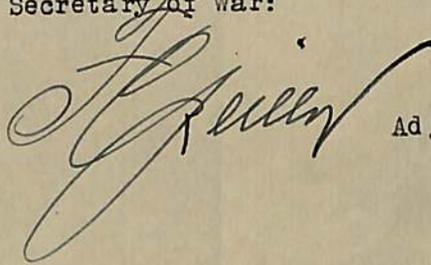
1st Ind.

WW AI/1-206

War Department, A.G.O., February 28, 1928. To: The Quartermaster General.

The records of this office show that James R. Beckham, A.S.#1873677, gave Houlker, Mississippi, as his residence at time of enlistment.

By order of the Secretary of War:



Adjutant General.

OK on #2

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Beckham 1873697 James R*  
.....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Co D 102 Inf*  
.....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *July 26 - 1918*  
.....

PLACE OF BURIAL *Hickshot of Strygny*  
.....

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

*map French 1:20000*  
.....

*186<sup>6</sup> - 262*  
.....

GRAVE NUMBER.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? *Yes*..... 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: *Daniel A. R. H.*  
*Captain 102 Inf*  
.....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

D.M.G.O.



1918 exhumed from

1918 reburied Oct 9/11-2

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Co D. 102nd Infantry  
26th Division

Beckham, James R. pvt 1893677  
Home: Unknown,

Killed in action by enemy fire July 23rd 1918, at Epieds, France.

No eye witness.

Feb 12th 1918

Searcher: William H. Finn, Lt,  
102nd Infantry.

file  
recd  
1/14/28

7/11-20

S/A

QM 293 A-C

BECKHAM, James R. - Pvt.

October 29, 1925

Mr. Cesel Beckham,  
R.F.D. #1,  
Troy, Miss.

Dear Sir:

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 military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded 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,

L.W. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

1-Incl.  
Record card.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Beckham, James R.

June 20, 1929.

Mr. Cassel Beckham,  
RFD#1,  
Troy, Miss.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the brother of the late Private James R. Beckham, Co. D, 102nd Inf., 26th Div., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

QM 293 AM  
Beckham, James R. (OA)

August 8, 1932.

Mr. W. A. Boone,  
c/o First Natl. Bank,  
Pentotoc, Miss.

Dear Sir:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not the late Private James R. Beckham is survived by a stepmother, and if so, her name and address and the date of her marriage to his father. It will be appreciated if you will also furnish the date of death of his father.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Beckham, James H. COB-ADM

Mr. W. A. Boone,  
% First Nat'l. Bank,  
Pontotoc, Miss.

Dear Sir:

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.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Beckham, James R.  
608

Aug. 27, 1929.

Mr. Cesel Beckham,  
RFD#1,  
Troy, Miss.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **June 20, 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

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Assistant.

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JUN 21 1929  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

*Handwritten initials*