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DATE 10/26/21.

1. NAME BEECHER, Thomas

SERIAL No. 1465823

RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Hq. Co. 130th F. A.

8 DIVISION 35th

GRAVE LOCATION American Brizeaux Meuse 557

CTY. NAME NUMBER

27 2 2 (B)

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Not known.

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Not of record.

CONCENTRATED TO Not known.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 4, '18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME France

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Wm M. CLINE Captain Q.M.C.



3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/26/21. 40 28 D.

DATE GRAVE ROW Block Plot

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. (Meuse)

CEMETERY

15 1926

WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY M.J.D. 3/1/23

Co. Hdq. 130 F.A.
35th Division.

BEECHER, Thomas I. - Corp. 1465823
Home: Hill City, Kans.

Wounded in action.

I last saw Tommie helped in the ambulance just ahead of me, he was in good spirits and yelled at me to stay as near him as I could so we would be in the same hospital. Unfortunately they sent us to different field hospitals. At Varennes October 2nd. 1918.

Informant: Lewis, John I. - Corp. 1465813
Co. Hdq. 130 F.A.
Home: Osage City, Kans.

Searcher; John I. Lewis.

Emergency address:

G.P.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BEECHER	3	255-
BURIED	Thomas S.		
	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 40	2	40
	ROW 28	2	28
	BLOCK 10	1	4
STATE	Kans.	2	18
RANK	Cpl	1	2
DIVISION	35-	2	35-
ORGANIZATION	130	3	130
ARM	7A	1	3
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME	Beecher	3	255
RESIDENCE	Mrs. Lizzie		
	STATE Arkansas	2	03
	COUNTY Denton	2	04
	CITY Rogers	3	031
RELATION	mother	1	/
OTHER		1	/
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	/
NATIVITY		1	/
RACE		1	/
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP		1	
ACCEPTANCE	no age	1	2
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IN REPLY
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT

Beecher, Thomas I (MA)

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON**SPECIAL**

October 12, 1932.

Mrs. Lizzie Beecher,
621 N 4th St.,
Rogers, Ark.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space *Not physically able to make trip* indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here Mrs. Lizzie Beecher. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.Q. M. C. Form 356 (Old Form 493)
Approved December 1, 1922*It is with sorrow I must say I am physically unable to make this trip.*
Mrs. Lizzie Beecher

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 6, 1932.

Beecher, Thos. I. (MA)

Mrs. Lizzie Beecher,
621 N. 4th St.,
Rogers, Ark.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Beecher Thomas I (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Lizzie Beecher
631 No 4th St
Rogers Ark

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

Beecher, Thomas I. (M-A) M

Oct. 19, 1931

Mrs. Lizzie Beecher,
Hill City,
Kans.

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Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

September 29, 1931.

Beecher, Thomas I. (M-A) M

Mrs. Lizzie Beecher,
Hill City, Kansas.

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.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<i>No.</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>72.</i> Health: <i>Poor.</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>Yes.</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>None.</i>

Mrs Lizzie Beecher
Sign here

621 N. 4th St. - Rogers Ark.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

Encl:
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Beecher, Thomas I. Cpl. 1232 M

October 10, 1930

Mrs. Lizzie Beecher
Hill City
Kansas

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<i>Not able for trip</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>No</i>
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age <i>72</i> Condition of health <i>Poor</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>Yes</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>None</i>

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Beecher, Thomas I. 1232 H

June 5, 1930

Mrs. Lizzie Beecher
~~Hill City, Kansas.~~

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

February 18, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Beecher, Thomas I. 1232--H

Mrs. Lizzie Beecher,
~~Hill City, Kans.~~

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE January 17, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Beecher, Thomas I	Cpl.	1465823	Hq. Co. 130th F.A.	Oct. 4, 1918

STATE	Kansas	CTY. NO.	1232	GRAVE	40	ROW	28	BLOCK	9
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	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
	MOTHER	: ✓ :	<u>Sizzie Beecher</u>
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	<u>Hill City, Kans.</u>
		: : :	<u>(old add-)</u>
NAME	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION	: : :	
AND	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	
ADDRESS		: : :	<u>Bro.</u>
		: : :	<u>Ray Lester Beecher</u>
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS	: : :	
	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	<u>Rogers</u>
		: : :	<u>ark.</u>
	WIDOW	: : :	
	(Who has not remarried)	: : :	

Single man

Veterans Bureau Claim Number

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Beecher, Thomas I.

June 29 , 1929.

**Mr. John S. Beecher,
~~621 N. 4th St.,
Rogers, Ark.~~**

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Corporal Thomas I. Beecher, Hq. Co. 180th F. A., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 6, 1932.

Beecher, Thos. I. (MA)

Mrs. Lizzie Beecher,
621 N. 4th St.,
Rogers, Ark.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Beecher Thomas I (MA)

July 7, 1932

Mrs Lizzie Beecher
631 No 4th St
Rogers Ark

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

Beecher, Thomas I. (M-A) M

Oct. 19, 1931

Mrs. Lizzie Beecher,
Hill City,
Kans.

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Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Beecher, Thomas I. (M-A) M

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Lizzie Beecher,
Hill City, Kansas.

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.

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 A-M

Beecher, Thomas I. Cpl. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Lizzie Beecher,
Hill City, Kansas

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

October 10, 1930

Beecher, Thomas I. Cpl. 1232 M

Dear Madam
Mrs. Fizzie Beecher
Hill City
Kansas

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
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
Beecher, Thomas I. 1232 H

June 5, 1930

Mrs. Lizzie Beecher
Hill City, Kansas.

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

February 16, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Beecher, Thomas I. 1232-H

Mrs. Lizzie Beecher,
Hill City, Kans.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Beecher, Thomas I.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mr. John S. Beecher,
621 N. 4th St.,
Rogers, Ark.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ^{June 29, 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
Beecher, Thomas I.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. John S. Beecher,
621 N. 4th St.,
Rogers, Ark.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Corporal Thomas I. Beecher, Hq. Co. 130th F. A., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

Beecher,

(Surname.)

Thomas I.

(Christian name in full.)

Dup.

1,4⁶5,823

(Army serial number.)

Corp.

Hq. Co. 130th F A

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

(Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

John S Beecher

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Q.R.

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1-15-21

Mr. John S. Beecher
New City,
Tennessee.

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

69162

April 27 1923

Mr. John S. Beecher,
621 N. 4th St.,
Rogers, Ark.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Corp. Thomas I. Beecher, Hdq. Co 130th P.M., is No. 40, Row 28, Block D, Meuse-Argonne American cemetery, Romagnous-Montfaucon (Meuse) France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

23/236/ARK

APR 28 1923
C. E. B.

Place Meuseaux Meuse

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 19, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BEECHER, Thomas, SERIAL NUMBER 1465823

RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Hq. Co. 130th F.A.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 19, 1921. From (give complete location): Grave 27, Pl. 2, Row 2, Cem. 557.

By: Group TWO Unit FSZ.

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 26, 1921 In (give complete location): Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232 Gr. 40, Bl. D, row 28.

By: Group Reburial S Unit Nature of reburial Unlined Casket.

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

Hosp. shroud, badly decomp. recog. imp.

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

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

No effects found.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? 1 gold fill.

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp. to det 7 to 10 gold & pore. bds.

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp. to det

(c) Hair—Color none visible

Quantity none

Characteristics none visible

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible

Location none visible

Quantity none

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none visible

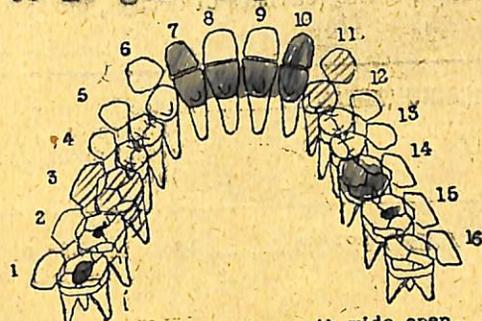
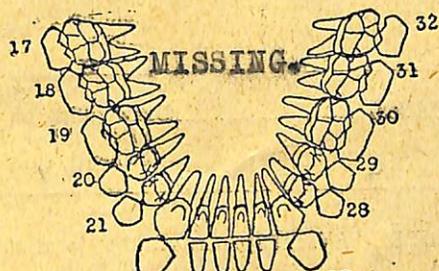


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7 & 10 gold caps. 8, 9 G. caps
back, pore. front.

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

Lower jaw missing, right leg fractured above knee.

7. Disinterment supervised by H.L. Hurlbut.

Approved: Wm. H. Roach,
(Title) 1st Lt. OMC.

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. DUFAULT.

Approved: JAMES W. YOUNGER
(Title) CAPT., Q.M.C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept 19-21

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 BEECHER, Thomas J.
 2. No. 1465823
 3. Rank Cpl.
 4. Org. Hq. Co. 130th F. A.
 5. D.D. Oct. 5th
 6. C.D. DOW RIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 27 Sec. _____
 8. Plot 2 (B) Row 2
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery American
 20. Dept. or County Meuse
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 557

19. Commune or town Brizeaux
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept 19-21

By H.L.Hurlbut

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Thomas Beecker
 Rank Cpl.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Hq.Co.130th Inf.

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

S.I. Palmage
 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 Badly decomposed recognition impossible

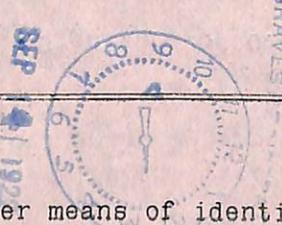
28. Nature of burial Hospital shroud.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept 19-21 By H.L.Hurlbut

31. Casket sealed by H.L.Hurlbut

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H.L.Hurlbut



A red rectangular stamp is located in the bottom-left corner. The text is partially obscured but appears to include the words 'AUDITED BY'.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-8815**

32. Designation of body:

Name **BEECHER, Thomas** Serial No. **1465823**

Rank **Cpl.** Organization **Hq. Co. 130th F. A.**

33. Consigned to: **Officer in Charge Operations,**

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse Argonne Amer. 1232 Romagne /s/ Montfaucon**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Sept 19-21** By **H.L. Hurlbut**

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 *W.H. Roach*
W.H. Roach, 1st Lt QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Sept 19-21**

To point of Concentration **Romagne sous Montfaucon, Meuse.**

Convoyer **James Flynn** (Name) *W.H. Roach*
Signature Shipping Officer **W.H. Roach, 1st Lt. QMC.**

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

Convoyer (Name)
Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date *Sept 30, 1921*

G.R.S. Representative *W. Defautt - Moque*

41. Reinterred **Oct. 26, 1921** **Meuse-Argonne Cemetery #1232**
(Date)

42. Grave No. **40** Section

43. Plot, Bl., D Row **28**

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*
JAMES W. YOUNGER, CAPT., Q.M.C.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

✓
 Concentration
 10/24/21 - Exhumed
 P.P.W. - 11/17/21

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #69162

(a) Name BEECHER, Thomas I. (2-28-21) "M" Ser. No. 1465823 ok (2-28-21)
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Hq. Co. 130th F.A.
 (c) Date of death 10-5-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. egp
 CKR. [initials]

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

(a) Grave No. 27 Row 2 Plot B Sec. - TYP. egp
 (b) Emerg. Address John S. Beecher (father) Hill City, Kansas.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases - CKR. [initials]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -

(a) Name John S. Beecher (b) Relationship Father
 (c) Address Hill City, Kansas. (Reverse of card)
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. -

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials ake Date 1-18, 1920.

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

no correspondence, dated -
 confirming request in Par. IV., item -, above, or requesting that -

Examiner's Initials ake Date 1-18, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PT

Examiner's Initials PT Date 1-20, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 557

SHEET No. 9

CARDED

MAR 3 1921 P.L.

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 checked
 2-28-21

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Original Copy

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 134 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on 1-27-21, 1920

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned

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IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Communication from C.O.G. REQUESTING adjustment of Form

#115/ Father of deceased, John S. Beecher, Hill City, Kans. H-4/30/21 RW

Let 7/4/22 (Father) John S Beecher, 621 - 4th St, Rogers, Ark. requests the remains of his son ret'd to the U.S. for burial in a National City nearest their present location. (ALS 7/10/22)

Let 7/10/22 Father advised that his present request cannot be complied with as Sec. of War directed no change in req would be considered after 9/1/22. therefore body will remain in France as previously requested (ALS 7/10/22)

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #69162

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BEECHER, Thomas I, (2-28-21) M Ser. No. 1465823 ok (2-28-21) M
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Hq. Co. 130th T.A. TYP. egp
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John S. Beecher (father) Hill City, Kansas.
 (b) Emerg. Address -

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. TYP. OKR

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

A.G.O. Card - John S. Beecher, father, Hill City, Kansas, (Reverse of card) desires body remain in Europe.

ABR-3/2/21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192)
 (letter of transmittal on 1-27-1921)

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned. TYP. HA

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **MAR 8- 1921** 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

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

COUNTRY France
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A
 August , 1920
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CEMETERY NO. 557

SHEET NO. 9

MAR 3 1921 G.L.

January 10, 1922.

293.8 G-R #69162 (Beecher, Thomas I., Corp.) Cty. 557-Sht. 9

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cometarial Division).

Mr. John S. Beecher, 621 North 4th St., Rogers, Ark.

Disposition of Remains.

1. In reply to your letter of January 4, 1922, you are advised that the records of this office contain your request that the remains of your son, the late Corporal Thomas I. Beecher, Headquarters Company, 130th Field Artillery, be permanently interred in France. This office regrets that it is now too late to change these instructions and comply with your present request that the body be returned to the United States as the Secretary of War decided on July 27th that no changes in requests relative to the return of a body would be considered after August 15, 1921. This information was at once given publicity through the press in an endeavor to advise all interested.

2. The above mentioned decision was based upon the status of European operations, which had reached a stage where further changes would entail additional expense to the Government and disarrange plans for concentrations into permanent cemeteries of the bodies to remain buried in Europe. Relatives have had, on an average, three years in which to consider and decide, so it will be seen that the decision is a fair one, all things considered.

3. As previously stated, when the remains of your son has been transferred to one of the permanent American cemeteries in France you will be duly advised of the new grave location.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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

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Filed on Form 115
Date 1/10/22 - ars

Name.....

Rank.....

Serial No.....

Org.....

Remarks

A. G. O. Card & Corr. *Check 1-18*

Discrepancies

Name.....

Rank.....

Serial No.....

Org.....

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name.....

Rank.....

Serial No.....

Org.....

Remarks

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank.....

Serial No.....

Org.....

Remarks

S-1357/MB

Handwritten notes in red and green ink, including "1-20-21" and "1-20-21" and other illegible scribbles.

December 12, 1921.

293.8 C-R #69162 (Beecher, Thomas I., Cpl.)Cty.557-Sgt.9

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division).

Mr. John S. Beecher, 621 North 4th Street, Rogers, Ark.

Disposition of Remains.

1. In reply to your letter of November 23, 1921, you are advised that the records of this office show that the body of your son, the late Corporal Thomas I. Beecher, Headquarters Company, 130th Field Artillery, has been exhumed from Grave #27, Plot B, Row #2, American Military Cemetery at Brizeau, Department of Meuse, and is awaiting concentration into a permanent American Cemetery in France. According to information now on hand, these remains will be transferred to the American Cemetery of Meuse-Argonne, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse where the grave will be marked by a suitable headstone and will be perpetually cared for by our Government in a most careful and reverent manner.

2. When the body has been reinterred in a permanent American cemetery and the new grave location has been released by our European office, you will be duly advised.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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

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On 12-12-21*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FROM: Office of the Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).

TO: Graves Registration Service Officer, Hoboken, New Jersey.

SUBJECT: Adjustment of Form #115. Cty. No. 557 Sheet No. 9
Concerning Beecher, Thomas I., Cpl., #1465823, Hq. Co., 130th F.A.,
Date of Death - 10/4/18, Cause of Death - WRIA, Date of Enlistment -
8/16/17, Emergency Address - John S. Beecher, (Father), Hill City, Kansas.

A report dated 1/28/21, signed by The Adjutant General of the Army confirms the above information and Form #115 is to be corrected accordingly. No further inquiry is to be sent to the Office of The Adjutant General of the Army.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,
Capt., Q.M. Corps.

OSP;SS
Form No.

NOTED ON FORM #115
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WAR DEPARTMENT
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
 CEMETERIAL DIVISION
 WASHINGTON.

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FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.
 TO: Mr. John S. Beecher, Hill City, Kansas.

SUBJECT: Remains of Cpl. Thomas I. Beecher, Ser. No. 1465823 Hdq. Co. 150th P.A.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above named soldier remain in France.

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 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.

GEO. H. PENROSE,
 Colonel, Q. M. C.

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			
1			
Soldier's children (Name oldest first)			
2			
3			
Father			
Mother			
1			
Brothers, (Name oldest first)			
2			
3			
1			
Sisters, (Name oldest first)			
2			
3			

Date _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

Important - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper

January 10, 1922.

293.8 C-R #69162 (Beecher, Thomas I., Corp.) Cty. 557-Sht. 9

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division).

Mr. John S. Beecher, 621 North 4th St., Rogers, Ark.

Disposition of Remains.

File 1/10/22
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3. As previously stated, when the remains of your son has been transferred to one of the permanent American cemeteries in France you will be duly advised of the new grave location.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

Need on Form 115

Date 1/10/22 - a.l.s.

MAILED

JAN 10 1922

CEMETERIAL DIV.
O. Q. M. G.

CHARLES J. WYNN,
Captain, Q. M. G.

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Rogers, Ark., ^{Ing Hood}
621 - N. 4th St.
Jan. 4, 1922

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Cpl.) Co. 557 - Hqs. 9
Quartermaster General, U.S. Army,
Cemeterial Division).
Disposition of Remains
Noted on Form 118
Date 1/25-als

We note your letter of Dec
12th, 1921 - whereas we
previously desired the
remains of our son to
remain in France, we
now desire to amend
this to read that his
remains be

Becher, Thomas S.

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SEC. 1 & CORR. SEC. 2
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

sent to U.S.A. - there
to be placed in a
National Cemetery nearest
our present location.

● Changed outlook
both in France and
in U.S.A. has caused
us to desire this
disposition made
of our son's remains.

● Respectfully
John S. Beecher

69162

December 12, 1921.

293.8 C-R #69162 (Beecher, Thomas I., Cpl.)Cty.557-Sht.9
The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division).
Mr. John S. Beecher, 621 North 4th Street, Rogers, Ark.

Disposition of Remains.

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2. When the body has been reinterred in a permanent American cemetery and the new grave location has been released by our European office, you will be duly advised.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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

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CEMETERIAL DIV.
O. Q. M. G.

Regarding Remains of

Corp. Thomas J. Beecher, Ser. No. 1465823
1 Hdg. Co. 130th F.A.

621 - N. 4th St.,
Rogers, Ark.,
11-23-21.

War Department,
Office of Quartermaster General
Cemeterial Division,
Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

Word came to us through a
soldier who visited the cemetery
where Corp. Thomas J. Beecher
had been buried that his body
had been moved.

Will you kindly inquire
into this and give us the
information regarding present
location of above-named soldier's
body. Respectfully,
John S. Beecher

File # 293.8
Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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WASHINGTON

January 28, 1921.

IN REPLY REFER TO AG 201 (Beecher, Thomas I.)WW

Adjustment Made

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From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

File No.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Date of death of Corporal Thomas I. Beecher, #1,465,823,
Hq. Co., 130th F.A.

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1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that this soldier died October 4, 1918 of wounds received in action.

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted Aug. 16, 1917, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: John S. Beecher, Father, Hill City, Kansas.

P. C. Harris
The Adjutant General.
Per: M. J. K.

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Form .004.5 forwarded April 25, 1919.

Chief Registration Service,
Dear Sir.

I would
like a few Photographs
of the grave of
Corporal Thomas V Beecher
130th I. A. Hq. Co.
35th Div.

Your truly
John S. Blecher
Hill City,
Kansas.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

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

Date 1-20-21

File No. Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed, Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname **Beecher** OK
- b. Christian name **Thomas or (Thomas I.)** OK
- c. Serial Number **1,485,823 or (1,465,823)** OK
- d. Organization **Hq. Co. 130th F.A.** OK
- e. Rank **Cpl.** OK
- f. Date of death **10-4-18** OK
- g. Cause of death **DWRIA** OK
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address **John S. Beecher, Hill City, Kansas.** OK
- j. Relationship **Father**

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

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

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CW *Enl Pers Sect*
1-21-21 W8 BY: *HJ Conner*
H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

CEMETERY NO: 557

SHEET NO: 9
TYPED BY: egp

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

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