

To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

JAN 15 1926

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FULL NAME..... *✓* *Sol. Sig.* ✓ **BEHLER, Walter** ✓

RANK..... *✓* **Mess Sgt.** ✓ SERIAL..... *✓* **1257028** ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... *28th Div.* ✓ **Company A, 108th M.G. Bn.** ✓

DATE OF DEATH..... *Aug. 12, '18* ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *Penna* ✓

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

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... **24** ..... **2** ..... **C** .....

Date Grave Row Block

..... **608** .....  
Cemetery

*K.M.*  
*8/3*

24/292/EYS

Rec'd World War Div.  
5 NOV 30 1927

CHICAGO  
JAN 16 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

Date May 21/19REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

## Remains of:

Name: *alter*  
W. Behler

Number: 1257028

Rank: *Mess* Sgt.

Organization:

Co.A. 108th. M.G. Bn.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

1

Unit

304

Disinterred (Date) May 21/19 From: (Give complete location)From Grave #41 Cemetery #15-Forsberg.#33-S.E. N-281.75 E-203.25Reburied (Date) May 21/19 in: (Give complete location)"#141"Grave ~~X~~ Section N Cemetery #18 Fismes (Marne)Map #34 Reims. SW. 286.25N-205.75E

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

Buried 6 feet deep-- Body badly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes and one on cross.What other means of identification were found on the body? None

## Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Dept direct, as is required by G.C. 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: Cpl. C.A. Gammon

1st. Lt. Oscar W. Forsberg.  
C.O. Group 1 Unit 304

11134  
11134

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Bekler	3	258
	Walter		
BURIED	CEMETERY 608	1	2
	GRAVE 24	2	24
	ROW 2	2	02
	BLOCK C	1	3
STATE	Penn.	2	44
BANK	Miss Spt.	1	2
DIVISION	28	2	28
ORGANIZATION	108	3	108
ARM	Mj. Br	1	2
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Bekler	3	258
Miss Laura M.			
RESIDENCE	STATE Penn.	2	44
	COUNTY	2	
Hamburg, Pa.	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	(no loco no 5.7m)	1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead - May 1926	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

**AUDITED**

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Behler, Walter 608-S

July 3, 1930.

Mrs. Laura M. Behler,  
Hamburg, Pa.

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:

no

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

If so, give her name and address:

no

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:

no

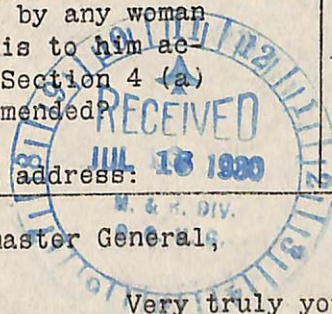
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

*Signed:*  
*Laura M. Behler*



Hamburg, Pa.  
June 26, 1929

Mr. John T. Harris,  
Asst. Major, Q. M. Corps.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Re QM 293 A-C

Replying to your letter of June 20th inviting mothers and widows of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to those cemeteries, wish to say I am the sister of Mess Sergeant Walter Behler, Co. A, 108th M.G.Bn. Our mother died in May, 1926, and my brother was never married.



Respectfully

*Laura M. Behler*  
Laura M. Behler

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 20, 1929.

Behler, Walter.

Mrs. Rosa Behler,  
321 S. 4th St.,  
Hamburg, 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 ~~Moss~~ Sergeant Walter Behler, Co. A, 108th M.G.Bn., 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 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 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.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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Envelope  
Act  
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Assistant.

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

QM 293 A-C

BEHLER, Walter - Mess. Sgt.

September 11, 1924

Mrs. Rosa Behler,  
321 South 4th St.,  
Hamburg, Pa.

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 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,

B.P. HARBOID  
Assistant.

RD

LSD

1-Incl.  
Record card.



Behler, Walter

1,257,028

(Surname.) Mess Sgt. (Christian name in full.) Co. A, 108th MG Bn. (Army serial number) (108th)

(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. Rosa Behler  
312 S. 4th St. Hamburg Pa.  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Casualty reports show this soldier went over  
seas with Co. A, 108th M.G. Bn. but cablegram  
shows Co. A, 106th ~~in~~ M.G. Bn.

OKB/Burial Records Section

Checked  
file 12/2/50  
22-00-11  
614-24  
# by [unclear]

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 11748

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BEHLER, Walter Ser. No. 1257028  
 (b) Rank Mess. Sgt. Organization Co.A, 108th M.G.Bn. TYP. EK  
 (c) Date of death 8/12/18 (d) Cause of death K/A CKR. EM

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

(a) Grave No. 141 Row -- Plot 3 Sec. N TYP. EK  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Rosa Behler (mother) Hamburg, Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. EM

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Rosa Behler (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address 313 S-4th St, Hamburg, 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 SBH Date 11/30, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials SBH Date 11/30, 1920.

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

no request for disposition  
 (a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes-als  
 Examiner's Initials als Date 10-1-, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 617 SHEET No. 74

Revised 4/26/21 EP

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Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

VIII. FINAL ACTION.

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 12/27, 1920

*Par # 2. Not to be returned (P)*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	
<p><b>FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. 5/5/21 EP</b></p>	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 2/2/21 - Form 120 - Mrs. Rosa Behler, (Mother) 312 8-4th St.,

Hamburg, Pa. wishes the body to remain in Europe. H-2/14/21 MP

2-28-21 Letter from Mrs. Rosa Behler (mother) advises soldier was never married; father, dead. H-3-4-21 PW

*3/28/21 Hoboken advises Mother her request for body to remain in Europe for burial in a per. Amer. City, will be complied with. 4/26/21 EP*

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 (b) Rank Mess. Sgt. Organization Co. A, 108th M.G. Bn. <sup>10-12-7</sup> } EK  
 Cause of death K/A } E.M.  
 (c) Date of death 8/12/18

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

(a) Grave N141 Row      Plot 3 Sect. N TYP EK  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Rosa Behler (mother) Hamburg, Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases.

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

*also Card - Mrs. Rosa Behler -  
 (Mother) 3128 - 4th St., Hamburg,  
 Pa., requests body remain  
 in Europe.*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 12/27/20 192  
 (Letter of transmittal on 1/8/21 192)

*Par. # 2. Not to be returned (P)*

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

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VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and source	Relationship and name	Desires	action taken
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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J.

*4-14* 1921

COUNTRY

CHEMISTRY NO.

SHEET NO.

G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
 August, 1920

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France

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE **Jan. 27, 1922**

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT **mg**

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name **BEHLER, Walter**  
 2. No. **1257028**  
 3. Rank **Mess.Sgt.**  
 4. Org. **Co.A. 108th MG Bn**  
 5. D.D. **Aug. 12th 1918**  
 6. C.D. **KIA**

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. **141** Sec **N**  
 8. Plot **3** Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. **No discp**

18. Cemetery **amer.**

19. Commune or town **Fismes**

20. Dept. or County **Marne**

21. Country **France**

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. **617**

23. Disinterred (Date) **1-27-22**

By **B.A. Bradford**

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name **Walter Behler**  
 Rank **Mess Sgt.**

Serial No. **1257028**  
 Organization **Co. A. 108th M.G. Bn**

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

*Archie A. Pope*  
 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).

**None**

27. Condition of body **Badly decomposed features unrecognizable**

28. Nature of burial **US Uniform and burlap**

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? **None**

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date **1-27-22** By **B.A. Bradford**

31. Casket sealed by **B.A. Bradford**

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor *B.A. Bradford*)

**AUDITED BY**  
**102 5-22-24**

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-22946

32. Designation of body:

Name Walter BEHLER Serial No. 1257028

Rank Mess.Sgt. Organization Co.A.108th M.G., Bn

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer.#608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 1-27-22 By B.A. Bradford

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 [Signature]  
A. O'Leary, 1st Lt., QMC

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

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

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

Convoyer [Signature] 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 Oise Aisne, Am. Qty 608 Seringes et Nesles, Aisne.

(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer [Signature]  
A. O'Leary, 1st Lt., QMC

40. Received: Date FEB 3 1922

G.R.S. Representative R. N. Woods

41. Reinterred Aug. 17, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)  
(Date)

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

43. Plot BLOCK C Row 2

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]  
C. J. Blake,  
Capt., QMC.

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# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Fismes, Cem. 617

Date Jan. 27th, 1922

1. REMAINS OF BEHLER, Walter SERIAL NUMBER 1257028

RANK Mess Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. A. 108th M. G. Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan. 27th, 1922 From (give complete location):

Gr. 141, Sec. N, Plot 3, Cem. 617

By: Group 1 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 17, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 24, Block C, Row 2, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

By: Group re-burial group Unit ----- Nature of reburial Lined basket

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

U. S. uniform and burlap. Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes / Inscription destroyed by corrosion.  
On grave marker Yes

(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 determine

(b) Weight (estimated) "

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location

Quantity

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

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

Left humerus fractured.

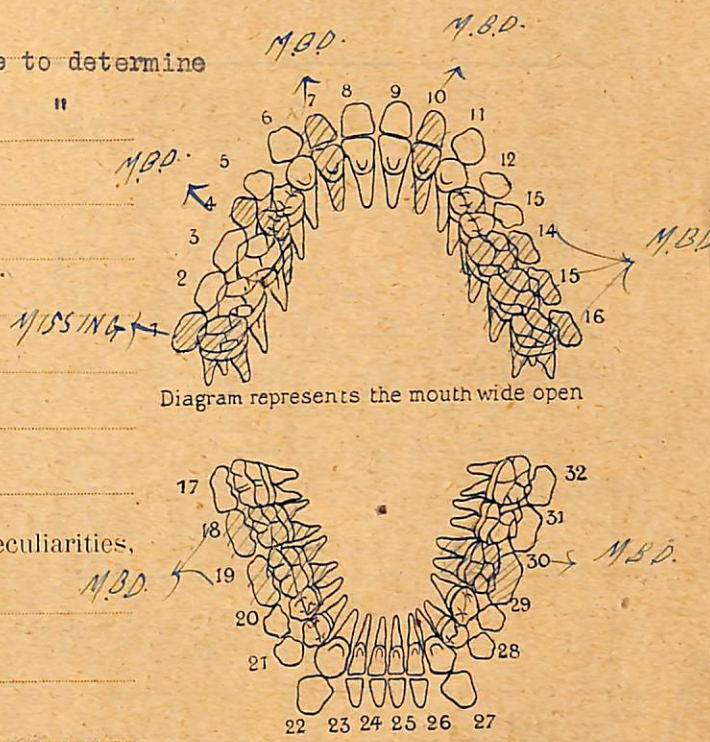
A. A. Pope, checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by Ben A. Bradford, Sup. Emb.

Approved: R. F. O'Leary, 1st Lt., QMC.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by L. D. Hays

Approved: C. J. Blake, Capt., QMC.  
(Title)



March 28, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.  
(Behler, Walter)

Mrs. Rosa Behler,  
312 S. 4th Street,  
Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt of communication dated February 28, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Walter Behler, Mess Sgt., Ser. No. 1257028, Co. A. 108th M. G. Bn., is acknowledged.

In accordance with your desire, the remains will be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

The Department desires to convey to you renewed assurance of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

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BY: J. F. BUTLER,  
Captain, Infantry.

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P.M.

312 S. 4th St.

Hamburg Pa

Feb 28, 1921

Capt. R. E. Shannon

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I. M. Corps

Pier 2, Hoboken, N.J.

Dear Sir:-

Answering your letter of Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> as the mother of the late Walter Behler, Mess Sergeant, serial no 1257028, Co. A 108<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Battalion, I wish to advise that my son was never married, nor was he the father of any children; therefore there is no surviving widow or children. His father preceded him in death, leaving me, his mother, the legal next of kin.

Yours respectfully

Mrs Rosa Behler

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH



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February 24, 1921.

File No. 293.8, Cem. Div., Cor. Branch,  
(Behler, Walter)

Mrs. Rosa Behler,  
3128 Fourth Street,  
Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Kindly advise this office at your earliest convenience whether or not the late Walter Behler, Mess Sergeant, Serial No. 1257028, Company A, 108th Machine Gun Battalion, is survived by widow, children, or father, and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

This information is necessary in order that the legal next of kin of the late soldier may have an opportunity of expressing his wishes regarding the disposition of the remains.

Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

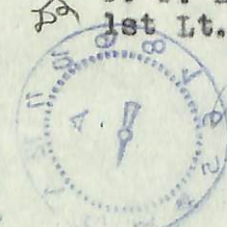
R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

By:

J. F. BUTLER,  
1st Lt. Infantry.

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COR. BR. G. R. S.

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY**  
**CEMETERIAL DIVISION**  
**WASHINGTON**  
**Hoboken, N.J.**

JAN 28 1921

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

To: Mrs. Rosa Behler, 312 8-4th St., Hamburg, Pa.

SUBJECT: Remains of Mess Sgt. Walter Behler, Ser. No. 1257028, Co. A, 108th M.G. B.

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

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 .....

Hamburg Pa, 192  
4/21

I, the undersigned, am the Mother 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.)

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Cemeterial Division  
Cemeterial District Sub-Section  
(Name.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
(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. Rosa Behler

**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.

GRAVE REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

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.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BEHLER 1257028 W  
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Serjnt Co A 108 M. G.  
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: Near Burial

CAUSE OF DEATH: Shrapnell head at shoulder

DATE OF BURIAL: August 9 18

PLACE OF BURIAL: By road leading to Fimes

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

Buried about 1 kilo from St. Gilles on main road between Fimes and Draregny

GRAVE NUMBER: 20

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: 2

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:

NAME: 37 Gillis (MARRIE)  
(078) SHT. 33 SW. COORD. 204

NEAREST RELATIVE: 34 SW N 28 2.9

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: Chaplain Geo. T. Zimmermann  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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2. Soldier's No. 1257028

3. BEHLER W.  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials4. Sgt. A 108 M.G.Bn.  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps5. 8/26/18 Killed in action  
Date of Death Cause, if known

Reburied in Battlefield Cemetery #15

6. 10/5/18  
Date of Burial Cemetery7. Near Death Valley, France  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department8. #41 Row B  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter9. Name Peg? Cross?  Headboard? Bottle?  
Check Method of Marking10. Buried with Body? Yes Attached to Grave Marker? Yes.  
Identification Tags

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

12. Map #33 Soisson S.E.  
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

Coordinates: 281.75 N 165.25 E.

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed Oscar W. Forsberg

1st. Lieut. Inf. U.S.A. Com'dig.  
Group I Unit 3049 R. S.

Co. A, 108th MGBn  
28th Division

BEHLER, Walter - Mess. Sgt 1257023  
Home: Hamburg, Penna.

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Killed in action August 12th, 1918. "The shelling started at about 8:00 o'clock in the morning. We were on the side of the hill away from the Germans. The shells were coming over quite fast at 10:00 o'clock and I said, "Its too dangerous here, lets move". I started off. About a minute after, a shell landed very near us, several pieces hit him and he died instantly from the wound in the back of the head. I ran back and found him dead with a cigarette still in his fingers. We had been cooking right near there. He was buried at the junction of the valley and the Dravigney - St Gilles Road. The valley is about five kilometers north of Dravigney. There are about twelve men of the 28th Division buried there. Mr. M.J. Barker a Y.M.C.A. man, former minister of Unintown, Pennsylvania, performed the burial services."

Informant: Kuntz, George E. - Cook. 1257062  
Co. A. 108th M.G.Bn  
Home 422 E. Water St. Greenville, Ohio

Searcher: Lawrence Kingman, 2nd Lt Inf.

Emergency address:  
Mrs Rosa Behler,  
Hamburg, Penna.

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Adjustment Made

DEC 8 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 12/2/20.

File No. Requisition.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname Behler, *OK* ✓
- b. Christian name Walter. *OK* ✓
- c. Serial Number 1257028. *OK* ✓
- d. Organization ~~Co. A, 106th MG Bn.~~  
Co. A, 108th MG Bn. ✓
- e. Rank Mess Sgt. *OK* ✓
- f. Date of death 8/12/18. *OK* ✓
- g. Cause of death K/A. *OK* ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

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
- |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |            |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
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| 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1           | 2          | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |  |
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H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

BY:

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

CEMETERY NO: 617.

SHEET NO: 74.  
TYPED BY: rln.

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*Donnelly*  
*Enl Period 8-310*  
*12-3-20*

World War Div.  
Date 12-2-20

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