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*Belcher, Richard J.*

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QM 293 A-M

Belcher, Richard J. S.N. 1208232  
Sgt., Co. I, 106th Inf.  
Son

April 28, 1937

Mrs. Annie May Belcher,  
7410 3rd Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request, instructions have been issued to forward you a flag in honor of the above named decedent, provided a flag has not previously been furnished for him.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Copy For: Commanding Officer, Washington Quartermaster Depot, Washington, DC  
with instructions to furnish a flag.

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

April 23, 1937

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: EBC

Quartermaster General of the Army  
War Department  
Washington, D.C.

BELCHER, Richard J.  
XC-41 415

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto copy of letter of March 2, 1937, received from Mrs. Annie May Belcher, mother of Richard J. Belcher, Serial Number 1208232, inviting attention to her request for a burial flag.

It is requested that you communicate directly with the writer of the letter advising her as to the issue of a burial flag, inasmuch as the records of the Veterans Administration show the deceased was killed in action in line of duty in France on September 1, 1918.

Very truly yours,



*John D. Cutter*  
JOHN D. CUTTER,  
Director of Supplies

Encl.

7410 - 3rd Ave.  
Brooklyn  
March 2nd 1937

Mr. G. B. Allan

Dear Sir:

About a month ago I mailed you a certified copy of my Husband  
Death. Arthur E. Belcher XC-41,415 father of Serg't Richard J. Belcher.  
He passed away on Dec. 12th 1936. Will you kindly inform me if I am  
entitled to the half month check. Also if I am entitled to any more  
money that the fifteen dollars monthly I am receiving.

Thanking you

Mrs. Annie May Belcher

I am also informed I am entitled to a flag for my son.

It is rather late to seek it.

I know if I receive one I will cherish it all my life.

Mrs. Annie May Belcher  
Mother of Sergt. Richard J. Belcher  
Co. I 106 Inf.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

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FULL NAME BELCHER, Richard J.

RANK Sgt. SERIAL 1209232

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. I, 106th Inf. 27th Div.

DATE OF DEATH 9-1-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME New York

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 6-17-22 6 3 G Date Grave Row Block

1252 - Flanders Field American Cemetery Cemetery

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF Richard J. Belcher SERIAL NUMBER 1208232  
RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. I, 106th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): 2-16-21. From (give complete location):  
Gr. 3, Plot 32, Row D, American Cemetery #323, Poperinghe, Belgium.

By: Group 4 Unit Section No. 4.

3. Reburied (date): 2-16-21. In (give complete location):  
Gr. 3, Plot 32, Row D, American Cemetery #323, Poperinghe, Belgium.

By: Group 4 Unit Sect. No. 4 Nature of reburial Wooden box; bur-  
lap; with bottle  
and metal strip.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Burlap and uniform; body badly decomposed.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Sergeant's chevrons and collar ornament, reading: "Co. I - 106th Inf." No  
effects found.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? Nos. ~~12~~ 1, 2, 3, 12, 14, 16 - missing before death. Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10 - missing after death.

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) "

(c) Hair—Color "

Quantity "

Characteristics "

(d) Hair on face—Color "

Location "

Quantity "

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

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

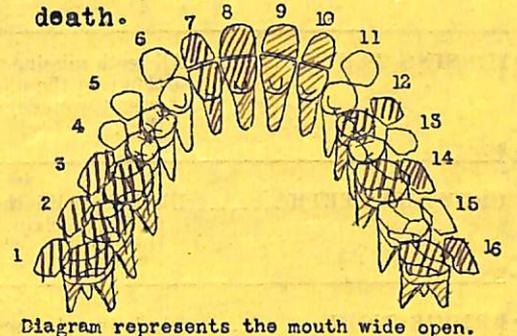
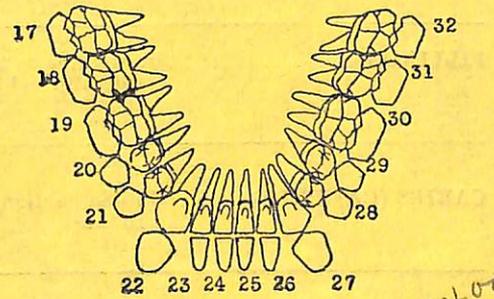


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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7. Disinterment supervised by W. C. RAPINE Approved: C. R. OZIAS  
(Title) 1st Lt., M.C. gvc

8. Reburial supervised by W. C. RAPINE Approved: C. R. OZIAS  
(Title) 1st Lt., M.C.

**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.

<p><b>MISSING TEETH</b>.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:</p>	
<p><b>CROWNED TEETH</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:</p>	
<p><b>BRIDGE WORK</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:</p>	
<p><b>FILLINGS</b>.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:</p>	
<p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:</p>	

**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.



Date June 4, 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Belcher, Richard J.  
unknown

Number: 1208232

Rank: unknown Sgt. Organization: unknown Co. I 106<sup>th</sup> Inf.Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 3 Unit 302

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

June 4, 1919Isolated grave #24. Felter field sketch #45Kemmel (Commune) West Flanders (Dept)Lille 5 NW 155.9 455.75 N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

June 4, 1919.Lijssenthoek British Military CemeteryGrave #3. Plot 32, Row D, 4 NE, 145.5 E 459.7 NPoperinghe (Commune) West Flanders (Dept)

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

Buried in shell holeWas one identification tag found upon the body? no**CONFIRMED No. D**

What other means of identification were found on the body?

Tag found on cross, gave soldiers number. No name on tag.

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G. O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Cook D. Bienecke2nd Lt. H.E. Felter, OMC, USA  
C.O. Group 3 Unit 302

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Belcher, Richard J</i>	<i>Bel</i>	3	252
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1252</i>	1	8
	GRAVE <i>6</i>	2	06
	ROW <i>3</i>	2	03
	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	3
STATE	<i>N.Y.</i>	2	37
RANK	<i>Sgt.</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>27</i>	2	27
ORGANIZATION	<i>106</i>	3	106
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Mrs Annie M. Belcher</i>	<i>Bel</i>	3	252
RESIDENCE <i>274-44 St</i>	STATE <i>N.Y.</i>	2	37
	COUNTY <i>Kings</i>	2	24
	CITY <i>Brooklyn</i>	3	101
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Poor</i>	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE 29/514/EAB	<i>No Apr</i>	1	2 6/

*Audited*  
FEB 5 1932  
*MB*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Belcher, Richard J.

FF

September 7, 1932

Mrs. Annie M. Belcher  
274 44th St.  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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")	<i>No</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>61</i> Health: <i>Good</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>Yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>None</i>

*(Mrs) Annie May Belcher*  
Sign here

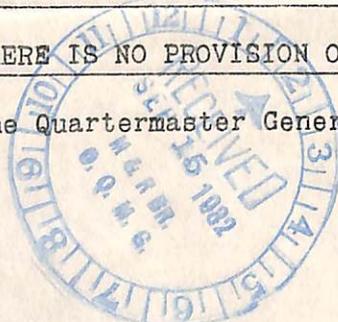
NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE  
PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*Chas. W. Dietz*  
CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl:  
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Belcher, Richard J. (FF)

July 12, 1932

Mrs. Annie M. Belcher,  
274 - 44th St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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.

2 Encls.

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-AM

Belcher, Richard J. Sgt. (F. F.) M

June 23, 1931

Mrs. Annie M. Belcher,  
274 44th St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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.

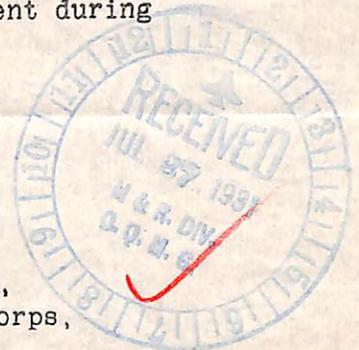
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This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932?

*No*  
~~Undecided~~  
Write answer here

*Annie M. Belcher*  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Belcher, Richard J. 1252 M

May 28, 1930.

Mrs. Annie M. Belcher,  
~~421 39th St.,~~  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

274-44<sup>th</sup> St.

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931?

No.

(Write answer here)

*(Mrs) Annie M. Belcher*  
(Sign here)



Brooklyn,  
April 26, 1929.

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter asking if the late Sergeant Ricahrd J. Belcher, Company I, 106th Infantry left a widow, I beg to state that he never married and I his mother Annie M. Belcher wish to inform you I have moved from my old address 218 - 39th Street, Brooklyn to 421 39th Street, Brooklyn. Will you kindly notify the proper officials to send my insurance check to this new address.

In reply to Sergt. Richard J. Belcher QM 293 A-C

Thanking you

Mrs. Annie May Belcher.

Original sent to the USVB.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293 A-C~~

Belcher, Richard J.

April 22, 1929.

Mrs. Annie M. Belcher,  
218 39th Street,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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 Sergeant Richard J. Belcher, Company I, 106th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Wareghem, Belgium.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Belcher, Richard J.

FF

September 7, 1932

Mrs. Annie M. Belcher  
274 44th St.  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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4. What other language do you speak?	

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Belcher, Richard J. (FF)

July 12, 1932

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Brooklyn, N. Y.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

March 9, 1932.

QM 293 A-M  
Belcher, Richard J. (FF) M

Mrs. Annie May Belcher,  
274 44th Street,  
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of March 7, 1932, relative to your insurance check for March has been forwarded to the Director, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., for reply as this is a matter coming within the jurisdiction of his office.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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March 9, 1932.

QM 293 A-M  
Belcher, Richard J. (FF) M

SUBJECT: Insurance Check.

TO: Director, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C.

1. The enclosed letter from Mrs. Annie May Belcher relative to her insurance check for March is referred to you for reply as a matter pertaining to your office.

2. Mrs. Belcher has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

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Encl. Letter

ref

1932 MAR -10 -AM 11:29

QMG M & R BR

March 9, 1932.

QM 293 A-M  
Belcher, Richard J. (FF) M

**SUBJECT:** Insurance Check.

**TO:** Director, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C.

1. The enclosed letter from Mrs. Ammie May Belcher relative to her insurance check for March is referred to you for reply as a matter pertaining to your office.

2. Mrs. Belcher has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

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Encl.  
Letter

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1002 MAR - AM 11:28

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Belcher, Richard J. Sgt. (P. F.) M

June 23, 1931

Mrs. Annie M. Belcher,  
274 44th St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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1931 JUN 23 PM 11:33  
CO. M & R. B. G.  
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.

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Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? \_\_\_\_\_

Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Belcher, Richard J. 1252-M

May 28, 1930.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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*17/29/30*

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Belcher, Richard J. 1252 M

Mrs. Annie M. Belcher,  
421 39th. St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

QM 293 A-C <sup>B</sup> Belcher, Richard J. 1st Ind.  
May 8th, 1929. - To the United States Veterans Bureau, Insurance Division, Washington D. C.

The foregoing letter is referred in accordance with the request of the writer that your office be notified of her change of address.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

Letter from Mrs. Annie May Belcher advising that her son never married and that her present address is 421 - 39th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. Accurate copy maintained in Cemeterial Division.

C. S. M. G. M. & R. DIV.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Belcher, Richard J.

April 22, 1929.

Mrs. Annie M. Belcher,  
218 39th Street,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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 Sergeant Richard J. Belcher, Company I, 106th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Waereghem, Belgium.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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Q. M. G. M. S. H. DIV.

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Belcher, Richard J. 1,208,232  
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number)

Sgt. Co. I 106 Inf  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased. *Father*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *Yes*  
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? *No*  
(Yes or no.)

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

*J. Schaefer* *Ames. Ex.* *Postal Del.*  
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)  
*4014 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.* *Brooklyn* *N.Y.*  
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) *Arthur Belcher*  
*218 - 34<sup>th</sup> St.* *Brooklyn* *N.Y.*  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card. 3-6713

Drawn by Gm.

323-119

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Checked  
matt 10-4-2

QM 293 C-R

September 24, 1925.

Mr. Arthur B. Belcher,  
218, 39th St.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of

Sgt. Richard J. Belcher, Co. I, 106th Infantry is  
No. 6, Row 3, Block C, Flanders Field American cemetery, Waereghem,  
Belgium.

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. 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.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed 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. H. Cheal,  
Assistant.

O. Q. M. G.  
Central Mail & Files Branch



SEP 25 1925

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Belcher, Richard J. Ser. No. 1208232 ) TYP. ILH  
 (b) Rank Sgt. Organization Co. I 106th Inf. ) CKR. DL  
 (c) Date of death 9-1-18 of death Killed in Action )

11. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(a) Grave No. 3 Row D Plot 32 Sect. --- ) TYP. ILH  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Annie M. Belcher, (Mother), 218 - 39th St. Brooklyn, New York

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; NO CARD ) CKR. DL

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Arthur Belcher (b) Relationship Father  
 (c) Address 218-39th St. Brooklyn, N.Y.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at None

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

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

J. Schaefer, 4014-3 Ave. Brooklyn New York (American Exp) (Postal Tel) Brooklyn New York  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. None

Examiner's Initials g.y.B Date 5-22-1920

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

None, dated None, confirmed request in Par. IV. item None, above, or requesting that

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials g.y.B Date 5-22-1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows:

Memos and Form 122 giving grave location and identification No request for disposition  
 (a) Cancellation memos referred to? ah yes

Examiner's Initials ah Date 5-22-1920

COUNTRY Belgium CEMETERY NO. 323 SHEET NO. 119

G.R.S. Form #115 Amended April 6, 1920.

Make Form #114

FORM 115 - RECHECKED ap. 12/9/20 10-4-20

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made 5-26-2, 1920

Typed by rps Checked by 5-26- 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- ( cable on 1920 ( letter on DEC 4 1920

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED (H.S.)

IX. CORRECTIONS

Table with 2 columns: CHANGE OF ADVICE, ACTION TAKEN. Rows include 'Desires body be' and 'Body to be shipped to'.

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Form 120 8-6-20 Arthur E. Belcher father nearest of kin, 218-39th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. requests body remain in Europe. H. 8-26-20

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE June 15, 1922.

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 BELCHER, RICHARD J.  
 2. No. 1208232  
 3. Rank Sgt.  
 4. Org. Co. I 106th Inf.  
 5. D.D. 9-1-18  
 6. C.D. KIA

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. none.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 3 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot 32 Row D  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. none.

18. Cemetery LIJSSENTHOEK, BRIT. MIL.

19. Commune or town POPERINGHE

20. Dept. or County \_\_\_\_\_

21. Country BELGIUM

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 323

23. Disinterred (Date) June 15, 1922

By A.W. Taggart.

24. Inscription on grave marker: none.

Name Richard J, Belcher.  
 Rank Sgt

Serial No. 1208232  
 Organization Co. I 106th Inf.

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

R.L. de Montozon  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

R.L. de Montozon.

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).

Bottle record on body checks.

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial wooden box 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 June 15, 1922 By A.W. Taggart.

31. Casket sealed by A.W. Taggart.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) A.W. Taggart  
A.W. Taggart.

AUDITED BY  
M.J.S. - 5/14/23  
 C.R. 119

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-1121

32. Designation of body:

Name BELCHER, RICHARD J. Serial No. 1208232

Rank SGT. Organization CO. I 106th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Flanders Field, Amer. Cty. 1252, Waareghem, Belgium/

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) June 15, 1922 By A.W. Taggart.

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks none.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) June 15, 1922.

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 Flanders Field Amer. Cty. 1252. Waareghem, Belgium.  
(Name)  
Convoyer E. N. de Barnardi Signature Shipping Officer J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date June 15, 1922

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_  
W.D. Cleary  
W.D. Cleary  
Chaplain US Army

41. Reinterred June 17, 1922. (Date)

42. Grave No. 6 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Bomb C Row 3

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G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary  
W.D. Cleary  
Chaplain, U.S. Army

Place Lijssenthoek, Cty. #323.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date June 15, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BEICHER, Richard J. SERIAL NUMBER 1208232  
RANK Sgt ORGANIZATION Co. I. 106th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : June 15, 1922 From (give complete location) : Gr 3. Plot 32. Row D. Cty. #323  
By : Group 2 Unit Sec 2.

3. Reburied (date) June 17, 1922 In (give complete location) : Gr 6 Plot C Row 3. Flanders Field Amer. Cty No. 1252 Waereghem, Belgium  
In regulation reburial casket and shipping casket.  
Bottle record placed with body.  
By : Group Reburial Unit Section 2. Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
wooden box and burlap. badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? no On grave marker ? no  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
bottle record on body checks.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color co

Location do do

Quantity

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

impossible to determine.

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

lower jaw missing.

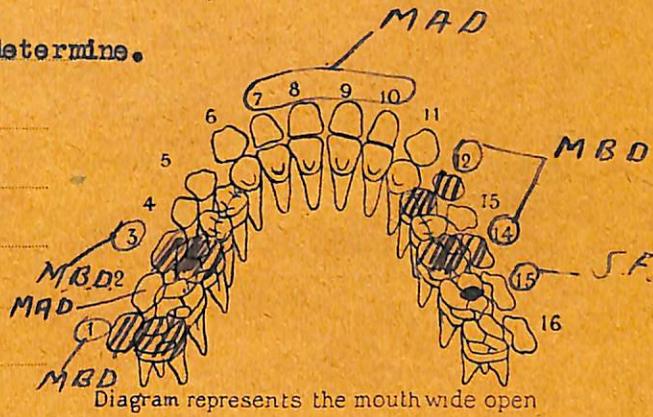
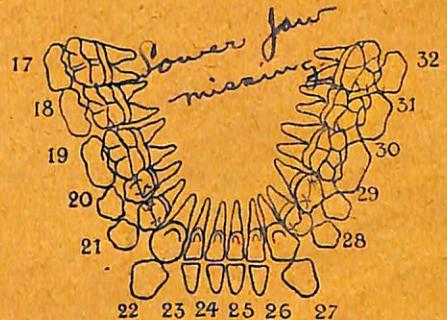


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by A.W. Taggart

Approved : J.J. Powers  
J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by J.S. Pantelis

Approved : W.D. Cleary  
W.D. Cleary  
(Title) Chaplain, U.S. Army

## 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.

### MISSING TEETH

All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:



### CROWNED TEETH

Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



### 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.

COMPLETION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 19449

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BELCHER, Richard J. Ser. No. 1208232 } TYP ILH  
 (b) Rank Sgt. Organization Co. I. 106th Inf. } DS  
 (c) Date of death 9/1/18 Cause of death k/a } dek

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

(a) Grave No. 3 Row D Plot 32 Sect. --- TYP ILH  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Annie M. Belcher. (Mother) 218-39th St. Brooklyn, N.Y.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases No Card. CKR DS

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

*Form 120: 8-6-20, Arthur E. Belcher, (Father, n/k) requests body remain in Europe, address 218-39th St Brooklyn N.Y. (H.S. 12-6-20)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192)  
 (Letter of transmittal on DEC 192 1920)

**PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED** (G.S.)

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. 192

COUNTRY Belgium CEMETERY NO. 323 SHEET NO. 119

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

*ap 12/9/20*

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

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

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

1: Items checked are to be completed:

Surname: Belcher  
Number: 1208232  
First name: Richard J.  
Rank: Sgt  
Company: C. I.  
Organization: 106 & nf.  
Date of death: Sept. 1, 1918.  
Cause: K/A  
Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "

Class " "

Emergency address Mrs Annie M. Belcher  
218 - 39th Street  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Relationship: mother

Authority:

Callegram No: 259

Telegram from:                     

dated:

Reported to Washington:

C. C. Nos. 259

(Underscore the "official" C. C.)

Remarks:

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

AUG 13 1920

JUL 21 1920

*Push Answer*

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Arthur Belcher, 218 39th St., Brooklyn, N.Y.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Sergeant Richard J. Belcher

*Remain in Europe  
O.K.*

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be ~~Returned to United States~~ (To remain in Europe).

~~Shipped to: J. Schaefer, 4014 3 Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.~~

*over*

~~Amer. Ex. & Postal Teleg., Brooklyn, N.Y.)~~

(OVER)

**If these are not the correct instructions, please change them: Make changes on reverse side of this sheet.**

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

Form No. 115  
8-26-20  
JTC

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	None (unmarried)		
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.	None	
	3.		
Father	Arthur E. Belcher 218 - 39th. St. Brooklyn, N. Y.		
Mother	Annie M. Belcher 218 - 39th. St. Brooklyn, N. Y.		
Brothers	1.	Arthur J. Belcher	
(Name oldest first)	2.		
Sisters	Kathryn F. Belcher		

Date Aug. 6 1920

Signature Arthur E. Belcher

Address 218 39th. St Relationship Father  
Note:- Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

The transfer of bodies will be made entirely at Government expense.

I have decided to permit the remains of Sgt. Richard J. Belcher to remain in Europe.

Arthur E. Belcher.



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U. S. A.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper MUST be signed by the person who is the NEXT of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. 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.
4. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

5th Ind.

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RHR/mt.

293. Belcher, Richard J.

Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, May 27th 1920.

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

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

*CS*

*for* *Rd Rosenthal*  
H. F. RETHERS,  
Lieut. Col., Q.M.C.  
Chief.

✓

2nd Ind.

BC/klm

Hdgrs., A.G.R.S., Zone of Mid-Europe, Cochem, Germany, May 10, 1920 - Supervisor, Area of Belgien, Brussels, Belgien.

1. Forwarded, for necessary report and prompt return of papers.

By direction:

GUY I. ROWE,  
Capt. Q.M.C.,  
Adjutant.

FILE N°:           

3rd ind:

Supervisor, AGRS., Areas of Belgium and Luxembourg, Brussels, May 17, 1920.  
TO: Commanding Officer, AGRS., Zone of Mid-Europe, Cochem, Germany:

1. Returned.
2. New stencils have been made to conform with instructions contained in original correspondence and grave marker has been restencilled accordingly.

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HARRY E.N. STINE,  
CAPTAIN F.A.  
SUPERVISOR.

4th Ind.

BC/klm

Hdgrs., A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., Zone of Mid-Europe, Cochem, Germany, May 22, 1920 - To Chief, A.G.R.S. in Europe, Paris, France.

1. Returned, inviting attention to 3rd indorsement.

RECORDED  
ET.

  
CHESTER E. STATEN,  
Major Q. M. Corps,  
Commanding.

1st. Ind.

File No. 293 Belcher, Richard J.

RHR/ mt.

Hq. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Ave. d'Iena, Paris, May 5th 1920.  
To: Commanding Officer, Zone of Mid-Europe.

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

By direction:

RECEIVED  
MAY 1920

*for* *Rob Rosenthal*  
CHAS, A. MORROW  
Major, Q.M.C.  
Executive Officer.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

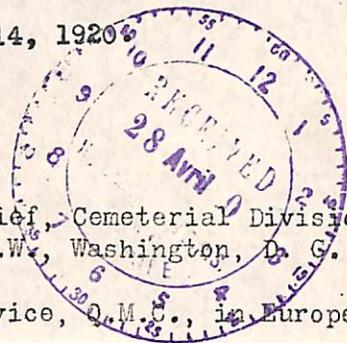
April 14, 1920

File No. 19449      Registration.

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

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

Subject: Change of Inscription on Grave Marker.



1. It is requested that the inscription on the marker erected  
over grave # 3, plot 32, <sup>Row</sup>~~section~~ D, Cty. # 323,  
Lijssenthoek, British Military Cemetery, Poperinghe, West Flanders

be corrected to correspond with the records of this office which show  
Sgt. Richard J. Belcher #1208232, Co. I, 106th Inf.

Date of death 9-1-18

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

FW

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

RECORDED, A.G.R.S., Q.M.G., IN EUROPE  
FILE NO. 293 BELCHER, Richard J.

CASE PAPERS

#19449

April 12, 1920.

FILE.

MEMORANDUM: Case of Richard Belcher.

File papers say no record of burial place. No grave location blank. Death confirmed 9-1-18, K/A.

While looking over A. R. C. field reports and Reburial 1-A for case of J. E. Shannon of 106th Inf. and unknown #1208232 was found buried in grave #3, plot 32, Row D, Poperinghe, West Flanders. Form #16 shows this unknown to have been disinterred from isolated grave #24, Kenniel Commune, West Flanders and reburied in grave #3, Plot 32, Row D, Lyssenthoek, British Military Cemetery, Poperinghe, West Flanders, Photo B-6698.

Investigation shows this to be the body of Richard J. Belcher, #1208232, Sgt. Co. I, 106th Inf.

S. M. WHEELER,  
Investigator.

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Hdqrs. Graves Registration Service,  
Quartermaster Corps,  
American Expeditionary Forces,

*File No. 19449*

December 17, 1918.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E. F.  
TO : Sergeant Chas. W. Meyer, Supply Co. #320, APO 713  
SUBJECT: Sergeant Richard J. Belcher, #120823, Co. I, 106th Infantry

Reference letter dated 5th inst. from the ~~Quartermaster~~, A.G.D.: I regret to inform you that burial information in respect to the above mentioned soldier has not as yet been received in this office. Inquiry is being made and immediately information of a definite nature is to hand you will be informed.

By direction

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

per

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

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
A.P.O. 717. FRANCE.

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December 14th, 1918.

MEMORANDUM for Captain Dix.

Attached is letter received from the Central  
Records Office, case of Sergeant Richard J. Belcher, #1208232,  
Company "I", 106th Infantry.

Our records show no burial information on this  
soldier.

  
A.C. LaPERRIERE  
2nd Lieut, Q.M.C.

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

December 5, 1918.

FROM: Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. #902, A.E.F.  
TO: Commanding Officer, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. 717.  
SUBJECT: Sergeant Richard J. Belcher, No. 1208232.

It is requested that Sergeant Chas. W. Meyer, Supply Company, No. 320, A.P.O. #713, be furnished with all available information as to location of grave of Sergeant Richard J. Belcher, No. 1208232, Company "I", 106th Infantry.

EARLE BOOTHE,  
Adjutant General.

By: *Cl. Bean*  
Capt., A.G.D., U.S.A.

1st Ind.

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