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Duplicate - information from headstone listing

G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME... BERNIK, John .....

RANK... Pvt. 1/cl ..... SERIAL 1519185 .....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION... Co. D. 145 Infantry, 37 Division .....

DATE OF DEATH... Nov. 6, 1918 .....

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME... Ohio .....

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED... None .....

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION... 16 4 C  
Date Grave Row Block .....

Cemetery # 1252  
.....  
Cemetery

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name BERNIK, John

Number: 1519198

Rank Pvt

Organization: Co. L, 148 Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 3

Unit 302

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

6-5-19

Grave 72, Row 6, A.E.F. Cem., Staden, West Flanders, Belgium.

Sheet Roulers-Thielt, 168.5E 476.8N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

6-5-19

Grave 6, Plot C, American Mil. Cem., Waereghem, West Flanders,

Belgium. B.M. 1/40,000. Sheet 29-D-28-d-6-9.5

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon  
Body buried in blanket, badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found on the body? yes

What other means of identification were found upon the body? none

Note:

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

Supervised by Cpl. O.E. Beck, Engrs.

H.E. Felter, 2nd Liatt., QMCUSA

C.O. Group 3

Unit 302

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Bernik* *1519198* *John*  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

*Pvt* *Co L* *148 Inf*  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Evac. Hosp #5 Staden*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *GSW neck*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Nov 8 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *Staden Belgium*

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

*North end of Town 100  
ft from road Am. Cem.*

GRAVE NUMBER: *72*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?.....Cross?

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *Yes*

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

*Wm R Campbell, Chaplain ARC*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

*Beck, John. 10*  
*Pat. 5*  
*38-63*  
*5-63*

**CENTRAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION**

**TRANSPORTATION BUILDING  
HARRISON AND DEARBORN STREETS**

**CHICAGO, ILL.**

**C. A. FOX, CHAIRMAN  
R. E. PEPPER, SECRETARY**

FILE NO.

SAILING FROM NEW YORK JULY 27, 1932

S. S. AMERICAN IMPORTER

Corrected No. 979

Name Mrs Mary Bernik (F-9)  
Address R.F.D.#1, Huntsburg, Ohio (RR Sta. Painesville, O)  
From Painesville, Ohio To New York City and return

Going Route

→ NYC to New York City

Return same route

Train Schedule to New York

✓ Lv. Painesville 4:52 PM No. 4 July 25  
✓ Ar. New York 7:56 AM No. 4 July 26

↙ Sleeping car from Painesville, Ohio to New York City, N.Y.

Elapsed time 15 Hrs 4 Min

*The New York Central Agent at Painesville Ohio will provide round trip automobile transportation between Huntsburg & Painesville*  
*working*  
*intending*  
*letter*  
*JAY*

Party F. F.

# MEDICAL RECORD

*Bernik, John.*

Nurse *A. Lee Judy R.N.*

*Post Co I 1459 Inf.*

Station : *Hotel J. Sena. - Paris*

Date : *Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> 32.*

Name BERNIK, Mrs. Mary

Home address RFD # 1, Huntsburg, Ohio

Address of Nearest friend or relative John Bernik - Husband -

*name address*

Religion Prot. Age 58 M

History of Present complaint : *Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> Constipation, Mother states that her bowels did not move for 3 days and for this reason, has had headaches.*  
*Aug 6<sup>th</sup> Cont. to have headache. - Has history of H.B.*  
*Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> No complaints - Aug 9<sup>th</sup> Stood trip well.*  
*Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> Headache Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> Slept poorly because of noise*  
*Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Headache - Did not sleep well - Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> felt nervous & faint at Napoleon's Tomb this p.m. - Cuba right ox.*

(over)

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

Diagnosis and complications : (include dates) 8/6/32 Hypertension, B.P. 175/120  
8/17/32 Hypertension B.P. 150/70 A.M.

Treatment and Progress : (include dates)

Aug. 5<sup>27</sup> Veg. pill ii - P.M. - Only fruit for dinner  
Aug. 6<sup>74</sup> Slept well - Rest in bed. - Seen by Dr. Cassedy B.P. taken.  
Aug. 7<sup>78</sup> Veg. pills ii - Aug. 13<sup>83</sup> Veg. pill ii  
Aug. 8<sup>78</sup> Veg. pills ii - Aug. 14<sup>85</sup> Veg. pill ii Temp. Brown, Tab. ii  
Aug. 9<sup>78</sup> Aspirin gr. ii for headache. Aug. 15<sup>85</sup> Aspirin gr. ii  
Aug. 11<sup>78</sup> Aspirin gr. ii Veg. pill ii Aug. 16<sup>85</sup> Brandy, Tep. ii  
Gomp. Ammonia perles. ii  
Rest in bed.

Disposition : (include dates)

Remarks :

Party F

# MEDICAL RECORD

*Bernik, John*  
*Pst G I 145 Inf.*

Station : Am. Importer

Date : East bo und

Name Bernik, Mrs. Mary

Home address RFD #1, Huntsburg, Ohio.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Husband, John Bernik

same

Religion

Age

58 M

History of Present complaint : Pink Sheet Report; health poor.

July 26th, complains of having headache irregular intervals.  
Has blood poison in right leg last year. JHA, MC

July 28th pain in head

29th nausea

(over)

**INSTRUCTIONS.** — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

Diagnosis and complications : (include dates)

July 26th, headaches

Treatment and Progress : (include dates)

July 25th, aspirine gr V, always diluted.; has own medicine JHA, MC  
25th Citrate of magnesia 1 bottle; sodas grs 1 HAH Condition  
much improved.

28th, aspirine grs V

29th Laxative ii Whiskey oz i

31st, cc pills

Disposition : (include dates)

Remarks :

Aug 5th, Mal de mer first 3 days. Improved.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bernik, John S.N. 1519198  
Pvt., Co. I, 145th Inf.  
Son

November 23, 1932

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
R7D #1  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Copy to Commanding Officer, Washington, Q. M. Depot.  
With instructions to furnish flag.

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1932 NOV 25 - AM 11:44

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# American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.  
NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved son Name of Deceased John Bernik  
SON OR DAUGHTER

Address of Deceased

NUMBER STREET CITY STATE  
Army, Navy, Marine Army 145<sup>th</sup> Regiment I.  
RANK REGIMENT COMPANY

Stationed at

Lost at Sea Among the Missing Or Unknown

Place and Date of Death November 6, 1918

Staden, Belgium

Where Buried American military cemetery.

Name of Mother May Bernik

Address Huntsburg, Ohio  
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

NOV. 21 1932

Respectfully yours,

May Bernik  
Huntsburg, Ohio,



QM 293 AM  
Bernik, John FF

July 19, 1932

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at New York City on your return from a pilgrimage to the Flanders Field American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the AMERICAN IMPORTER, July 27, 1932.

Arrangements for this stopover on your return journey will be made accordingly which will involve no additional cost to you other than expenses incurred by you during your visit. These, of course, must be paid from your personal funds.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIBTZ,  
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  
Bernik, John Fl Fd M

July 6, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
RFD #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Painesville	NYC	Train No. 4	4:52 PM	July 25
Ar. New York	"	" " "	7:56 AM	July 26

Accommodations: Sleeper from Painesville, Ohio to New York City.

(The New York Central Agent at Painesville, Ohio, will provide round trip automobile transportation between Huntsburg and Painesville.)

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bernik, John (FF)M

June 28, 1932

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
RFD #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 979,020 in the amount of \$ 7.50 to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

QM 293 AM  
Bernik, John P.F.

May 19, 1932

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
Huntsburg,  
Ohio.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of your letter of May 12th, in connection with the pilgrimage you are scheduled to make to the Flanders Field American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the AMERICAN IMPORTER, July 27, 1932, in which you advise that, if possible, you desire to visit Mikulov, Czechoslovakia on the pilgrimage.

It is possible that arrangements can be made for this side trip, provided you are agreeable to foregoing the sight-seeing trips in and around Paris. Your party is due back in Paris from the cemetery on August 12th and is scheduled to leave France for return to the United States on August 18th. According to information on file in this office, it will take you approximately thirty six (36) hours to travel from Paris to Mikulov via Vienna and the same length of time to return so that you would have not to exceed three (3) days at that point. The approximate cost of the round trip transportation, second class, including sleeper each way, between Paris and Vienna would be \$85.00.

If you desire to make this side trip under the above conditions, it is suggested that you take the matter up immediately on your arrival in Paris with the Officer in Charge of the Pilgrimage at that point - Lieutenant Colonel R. H. Jordan, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, and this office will assist you in making arrangements for this side trip. You, of course, understand that the cost of transportation from Paris to Mikulov, and all other expenses incurred by you while away from your party, must be paid by you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

RES:LM  
Copy to PARIS

May 10, 1932, Washington, D. C.

MRS MARY BERNIK  
RFD 1  
HUNTSBURG OHIO

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JULY TWENTY SEVENTH ON  
AMERICAN IMPORTER NOT RECEIVED STOP DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE  
STOP WIRE ANSWER 4255 GSM

DEWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

QM 293 A-M  
Bernik, John (FF)

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QM 293 A-M  
Bernik, John (FF)

April 25, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to have your letter of April 20th advising that you desire to make a pilgrimage this summer to visit the grave of your son, the late Private first class John Bernik, in the Flanders Field American Cemetery in Belgium.

Accordingly, an invitation to sail July 27th on the AMERICAN IMPORTER, together with a letter giving detailed instructions relative to the pilgrimage, has been forwarded you under separate cover.

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1932 APR 25  
With reference to your desire to visit relatives in Europe while you are on the pilgrimage, you are advised that it is possible that arrangements may be made for you to do so, provided you return to Paris in time to sail for the United States with the party with which you make the trip. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to extend the time in Europe of any mother or widow making the journey. She must return to the United States with her party, otherwise all expenses of the return trip, including rail and ocean transportation, must be borne from private funds. If you will furnish the name of the town and the country in Europe you desire to visit, I shall be glad to advise you as to whether or not time will permit you to make the trip.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M  
Bernik, John (FF)

March 23, 1932

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class John Bernik.

It is noted you stated your health was poor, and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the pilgrims will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers in poor health made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to visit your son's grave this coming summer, it is requested that you so notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the Government, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

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

Bernik, John F. F. M

October 2, 1931

Mrs. Mary Bernik  
RFD #1  
Huntsburg, Ohio

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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.

Encl:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

July 20, 1931.

Bernik, John Pvt. (FF) M\*

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio

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

QM 293 A-M  
Bernik, John (FF) M

April 24, 1931

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
RD #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The invitation which was extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe sailing from New York on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT on June 24, 1931 has been withdrawn due to the fact that no acceptance has been received from you.

If you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you communicate your wishes to this office.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Washington, D. C., March 17, 1931

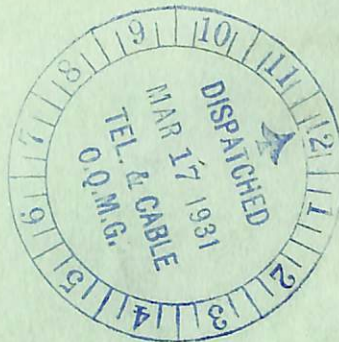
MRS. MARY BERNIK,  
RFD #1,  
HUNTSBURG, OHIO.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JUNE TWENTY FOUR NOT RECEIVED  
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2814GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Bernik, John 1252 M

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A.D.E.



QM 293 A-M

Bernik, John 1252-M

March 3, 1931

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
RFD #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "President Roosevelt" on June 24, 1931.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative ~~that~~ you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 7, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

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

Bernik, John 1252-M

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

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)

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(Sign here)

May 8, 1930.

QM 293 A-C  
Bernik, John 1252 M

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
R. F. D. No. 1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam : -

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of April 30, 1930, declining the invitation to sail on the SS. ROOSEVELT June 21, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private John Bernik, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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*In Case of...*

Night Letter

Washington, D. C. April 28, 1950

MRS. MARY BERNIE  
R. F. D. #1 HUNTSBURG OHIO

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JUNE TWENTY FIRST NOT RECEIVED STOP  
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 34168M

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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QM 293 A-C Bernik, John



Night Letter

Washington, D. C. April 28, 1930

MRS. MARY BERNIE  
R. F. D. #1 HUNTSBURG OHIO

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JUNE TWENTY FIRST NOT RECEIVED STOP  
DO YOU ACCEPT OR INCLINE WIRE ANSWER 34163M

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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QM 203 A-C Bernik, John



WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General  
WASHINGTON

In Reply Refer To QM 293 A-C

Bernik, John 1252-M

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Roosevelt" on June 21, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before May 3, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C  
Bernick, John - 1232 M

April 10, 1930

Mrs. Mary Bernick,  
R.F.D. No. 1,  
Huntsburg,  
Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 7,,  
relative to your desire to have your son accompany you when  
you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late  
John Bernick, under the provisions of the Act of March 2,  
1929.

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nor can it make any arrangements for them. This must be  
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cemetery. The Government can assume no responsibility for rela-  
tives or friends accompanying pilgrims and they must not expect  
medical or other assistance from the Government or to be includ-  
ed in official tours paid for by the Government.

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D. C., who will no doubt be able to give you complete informa-  
tion as to cost of transportation. This company is a commercial  
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have been made for all mothers and widows making the pilgrimage. It is understood, that they have arranged with some of the tourist agencies to take care of any relatives or friends and make all arrangements for their accommodations while in Europe.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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April 10, 1930

Mrs. Mary Bernick,  
R.F.D. No. 1,  
Huntsburg,  
Ohio.

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BS:LG

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Bernik, John 1252--M

March 24, 1930

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.  
Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Bernik, John 1252--M

March 25, 1930

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R. F. D. #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.  
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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bernik, John 1252 M

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
R.F.D. #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bernik, John

August 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~April 22, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Bernik, John

April 22, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
R.F.D. #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private John Bernik, Company I, 145th 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,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope.

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

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Bernik.

John

1,519,198

Dup.

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army service number.)

Pvt.

Co. I, 145th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Father*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(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 Bernik*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

*R. I. D. #1*

*Huntsburg Mo*

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by SM

1252-40/  
10-15

Mrs. John Bernick  
Huntsburg, Ohio

Rechecked by [unclear]  
10/26/20

BERNIK, John Pvt.

February 9, 1924

Mr. John Bernik,  
R.F.D. #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.  
Record card.

Assistant  
R. L. ROSTER

MFK  
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O. Q. M. G.  
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM



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P. M.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date June 15, 1922

1. REMAINS OF BERNIK, John. SERIAL NUMBER 1519198  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I. 145 th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : June 15, 1922 From (give complete location) : Gr. 6 Plot C. Co. 1252

By : Group 4 Unit Sec 2. Block

3. Reburied (date) June 15, 1922. In (give complete location) Gr. 16 Plot C Row 4, Flanders Field American Cemetery No. 1252 Waereghem, Belgium.  
In regulation metallic casket and shipping case. Bottle record placed with body  
By : Group Reburial Unit Section No. 2. Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Wooden box- blanket.  
Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
Body tag checks.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Indiscernable

(b) Weight (estimated) due to decomposition

(c) Hair—Color thick

Quantity straight

Characteristics none visible

(d) Hair on face—Color none

Location none

Quantity

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) none visible

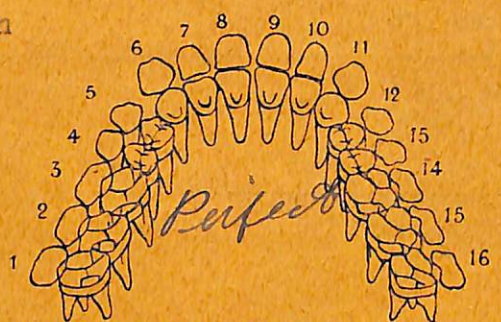
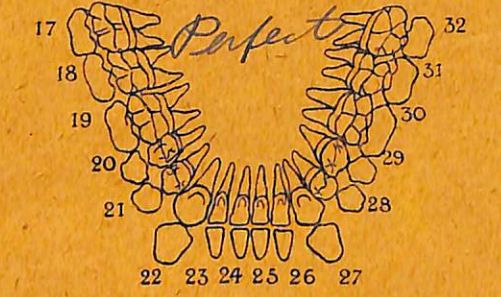


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by Edmo Maire Approved : O.E. Davis  
(Title) 1st Lt U.S.A.C.

8. Reburial supervised by J. S. Pantelis Approved : W.D. Cleary  
(Title) Chaplain, U.S. ARMY

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 BERNIK, JOHN  
 2. No. 1519198  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. CO. I 145th Inf.  
 5. D.D. 11-5-18  
 6. C.D. DOW

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 6 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot G Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery AMERICAN

19. Commune or town WAEREHEM

20. Dept. or County BELGIUM

21. Country \_\_\_\_\_

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1252

23. Disinterred (Date) June 15, 1922

By Edmo Maire

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Bernik, John.  
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 1519198  
 Organization Co I, 145th Inf.

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

L. R. Knasin  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

L.R. Knasin.

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).  
Body tag checks.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box, blanket.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date June 15, 1922 By Edmo Maire

31. Casket sealed by Edmo Maire

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Edmo Maire

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 0-867

32. Designation of body:

Name BERNIK, JOHN Serial No. 1519198

Rank PRIVATE Organization CO. I 145th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

**Flanders Field American Cemetery #1252  
Waergheem, Belgium.**

Name of Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) June 15, 1922 By Edmo Maire

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 *O. E. Davis*  
O.E. Davis, 1st Lt. G.M.C.

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

None

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

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

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)  
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 Cem. 1252 Waereghem Belgium

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)  
Signature Shipping Officer *O. E. Davis*  
O.E. Davis 1st Lt G.M.C.

40. Received: Date June 15, 1922

G.R.S. Representative *W.D. Cleary*  
W.D. Cleary, Chaplain.

41. Reinterred June 15, 1922.

42. Grave No. 16 (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot F10K C Row 4

EL

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

AUDITED BY  
LDJ 5-17-23

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name Bernik, John Ser. No. 1519198 ) TYP. TW.  
 (2) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I. 145th Inf. ) CKR. *TH*  
 (3) Date of death 11/6/18 )

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

(4) Cause of death DWRIA ) TYP. SH  
 (5) Grave No. 6 Row --- Plot C Sect. --- ) CKR. *TH*

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; *no card*

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD

Date of receipt *None*

(6) Relationship *Father*  
 (7) Name *John Bernik*  
 (8) Address *RFD # 1, Huntsburg, Ohio.*  
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? *No*  
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at  
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions?

**SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS**

*M 10-15-20.*

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE

Date of communication

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information.

*No correspondence*

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by *TH* (Date) *3-30-20*

D. (14) G R. S Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos.?) *Yes - mck* Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? *- mck* (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

*No request for disposition  
Grave location "Hants only"*

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by *mck* (Date) *3-31-20*

III. FINAL ACTION

- A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) \_\_\_\_\_
- (16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to \_\_\_\_\_
- (17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed \_\_\_\_\_
- (18) Typed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

- B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) \_\_\_\_\_
- (19) Typed by RG Checked by P. F. (Date) 5-13-20

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:  
Form 120 7-24-20 John Bernick father, nearest  
of kin, Huntsburg, Ohio requests body  
remain in Europe. SC. 8-18-20

D. Dispatched (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Let. Trans. No. 12/3/20)

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Mary Bernick  
Huntsburg, Ohio  
R. F. D. #1

COMPLETION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 55059

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BERNIK, John. Ser. No. 1519198  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I. 145th Inf.  
 Cause of death DWRIA  
 (c) Date of death 11/6/18

TYP tw  
vh  
jek

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

(a) Grave No. 6 Row --- Plot C Sect. --- TYP SH  
 (b) Emerg. Address ---

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases No card. CKR vh

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

*Form 120 - Father (John Bernick, Mountburg, Ohio) 7/24/20  
 wishes body to remain in Europe (H) 12/2/20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on --- 192  
 (Letter of transmittal on 12/2 192)

**PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED**

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.

1252

SHEET NO.

40

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

S-666/AB

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

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: Mrs. Mary Bernik, Huntsburg, Ohio.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. John Bernik

*Rush Answer*

The records of this office show that you have ~~requested that the body~~  
~~be returned~~ not expressed your desire as to the disposition of the body

*Remain in France*  
*re. N. 1*

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 ~~France~~ Europe.

Noted on Form No. 115

Date 8-18-2020

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

rem

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
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Soldier's Widow

*Not married*

Soldier's Children 1.  
(Name oldest first) 2.  
3.

Father

*John Bernik*

*Huntsburg*

*Ohio*

Mother

*Mary Bernik*

Brothers

1. *Matthew* *Huntsburg*

*Ohio*

Sisters

*Mary Bernik* *D.N. Cleveland*

*Ohio*

*4224 Woburn S.W.*

Date

*July 24*

Signature

Address

*Huntsburg, Ohio*

Relationship

*Father John Bernik*

Note:- Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

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

55059  
RAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bernik 1519198 John  
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Pvt Col 148 Inf  
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: Evac. Hosp #5 Staden

CAUSE OF DEATH: GSW Neck

DATE OF BURIAL: Nov 8 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Staden, Belgium

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

North end of town 100 ft.  
from road Am. Cem.

GRAVE NUMBER: 72

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Wm H Campbell Chaplain AMC  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

55057  
BERNIK John 1511198

Pvt Co L 148th Inf

Date Death 11/6/18

Buried near Staden, Belgium.

Died of wound

55057

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FARM  
HUNAWANA  
IOLA  
IOMA

G. ALBA BARTHOLOMEW  
ROBB. O. BARTHOLOMEW



55059

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS  
RHODE ISLAND WHITES

EGGS  
CATTLE

POTATOES  
APPLES

PEARS  
MAPLE SYRUP

Form .004.5 forwarded  
April 23rd, 1919.

HUNTSBURG, OHIO

Feb 20, 1919

Headquarter. Division of Supply.  
Franklin.

Gentlemen, Mr. + Mrs

John Bernick father + mother of John Bernick  
(who died at the front and was buried a  
in American Military Cemetery Staden  
Belgium,) do most earnestly desire  
a photograph of their son's burial place  
Please if possible grant the request

Yours cordially  
G. A. Bartholomew

Neighbors of John Bernick.

3 AVRIL 19

00415

v

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bernik</i>	<i>BER</i>	3	<i>258</i>
<i>John</i>	CEMETERY <i>1252</i>	1	<i>8</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>16</i>	2	<i>16</i>
	ROW <i>4</i>	2	<i>04</i>
	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	<i>3</i>
STATE	<i>Ohio</i>	2	<i>41</i>
RANK	<i>P. 7. C</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>37</i>	2	<i>37</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>145</i>	5	<i>145</i>
ARM	<i>Inf 1st</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bernik</i>	<i>BER</i>	3	<i>258</i>
<i>Mary</i>	STATE <i>Ohio</i>	2	<i>41</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Geauga</i>	2	<i>28</i>
	CITY <i>Huntsburg</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. <i>1932</i>	1	<i>3</i>
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
29/514/PJ	<i>age</i>		<i>158</i>

*Barber*

**AUDITED**  
MAR 8 1932  
*Rm*

Itinerary - Party "F" - Flanders Field Group

Sailed July 27, 1932 on the S. S. AMERICAN IMPORTER. Captain Wilbur R. McReynolds in charge. Arrived at Havre August 5th. Train left for Paris at 11:35 AM. Arrived Gare des Invalides at 3:30 PM. Met by Officer in Charge and members of his staff, runners, etc.

- Aug. 6th. Morning free. Taken on sightseeing trip and visited Notre Dame in afternoon.
- Aug. 7th. Morning free or Church. Visited Sacre Coeur in afternoon. Sightseeing trip at nite.
- Aug. 8th. Morning free. Ceremony at Arc de Triomphe and tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent in afternoon. Lunch and dinner at hotel.
- Aug. 9th. Left Paris at 7:30 AM for Courtrai via Compiègne, (rest Hotel du Palais), Carrefour de l'Armistice, Noyon, Lunch Brasserie de la Taverne in Cambrai, Lille. Dinner at Grand Hotel in Courtrai.
- Aug. 10th. Left Courtrai for Flanders Field Cemetery. Lunch at Ghent. Dinner at Grand Hotel in Cambrai.
- Aug. 11th. Visited Cemetery. Lunch at Bruges, Dinner at hotel in Courtrai.
- Aug. 12th. Left Courtrai at 8:30 AM to visit Ypres. Lunch at Hotel Excelsior. Visited Cemetery. Dinner at Courtrai hotel.
- Aug. 13th. Visited Cemetery. Lunch at Taverne de Bruxelles in Lille. Arrived Arras. Dinner at Amiens. Quarters Hotel de l'Univers.
- Aug. 14th. Left Amiens at 9 AM for Paris via Chantilly (Lunch Hotel du Parc). Dinner at Hotel Lutetia in Paris.
- Aug. 15th. Morning free. Visited Lafayette Escadrille Monument and malmaison in afternoon. Lunch and dinner at hotel.
- Aug. 16th. Visited Louvre in morning and Napoleon's Tomb in afternoon. Lunch and dinner at hotel.
- Aug. 17th. Shopping or free in morning. Visited Versailles in afternoon. Lunch and dinner at hotel.
- Aug. 18th. Entrained at Gare des Invalides at 8:10 AM. Arrived Havre 12 M. PRESIDENT HARDING sailed at 1 PM. Arrived New York August 26th. Lt. T. W. Hammond in charge.

Mrs. Mary Bernik





Name BERNIK, Mrs. Mary

Paris Hôtel HOTEL D' IENA, Ave. d' Iena from 5 to 8th of August  
HOTEL LUTETIA from 13 to 18 of Aug.

Home address Huntsburg, Ohio, Geauga County, Ohio

Party F Group  Unit

Date of arrival AMER. IMPORT. Aug. 5, 1932 Date of departure SS. HARDING, Aug. 18, 1932

Relationship Mother, age 58

Name of deceased BERNIK, John

Rank Pvt. Organization

Cemetery FLANDERS FIELD Gr. 16 Row 4 Bl. C

REMARKS

Desires side trip to Czechoslovakia

\* CANCELLED  
- cancelled



PILGRIMAGE OF WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS

GENERAL RELEASE

File F 354

Mrs. Mary Bernick

Address Dunbar Ohio

Released in New York.

To John Bernick

Address 417 - E - 72 St.

and 8/26

T.M.

RECEIVED RAILROAD AND PULLMAN TICKET

Gustave Sherka



QM 293 AM  
Bernik, John P.F.

May 19, 1932

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
Huntsburg,  
Ohio.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of your letter of May 12th, in connection with the pilgrimage you are scheduled to make to the Flanders Field American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the AMERICAN IMPORTER, July 27, 1932, in which you advise that, if possible, you desire to visit Mikulov, Czechoslovakia on the pilgrimage.

It is possible that arrangements can be made for this side trip, provided you are agreeable to foregoing the sight-seeing trips in and around Paris. Your party is due back in Paris from the cemetery on August 12th and is scheduled to leave France for return to the United States on August 18th. According to information on file in this office, it will take you approximately thirty six (36) hours to travel from Paris to Mikulov via Vienna and the same length of time to return so that you would have not to exceed three (3) days at that point. The approximate cost of the round trip transportation, second class, including sleeper each way, between Paris and Vienna would be \$85.00.

If you desire to make this side trip under the above conditions, it is suggested that you take the matter up immediately on your arrival in Paris with the Officer in Charge of the Pilgrimage at that point - Lieutenant Colonel R. H. Jordan, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, and his office will assist you in making arrangements for this side trip. You, of course, understand that the cost of transportation from Paris to Mikulov, and all other expenses incurred by you while away from your party, must be paid by you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

RES:LM  
Copy to PARIS ✓

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant

PARTY "F"  
July 11th, 1932

Mrs. Mary Bernik  
R.F.D. #1  
Huntsburg, Ohio

Dear Madam:

There are enclosed herewith two tags and four identification pasters which have been prepared for the purpose of protecting your baggage while in transit, and to insure its safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece of your baggage and place a paster on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home.

Upon your arrival in New York City, you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will be in uniform. During your sojourn in New York before sailing for Europe, and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the American Woman's Association Club, 353 West 57th Street, New York City.

All mail intended to reach you between July 27th, 1932, the day you sail from the United States, and August 18th, 1932, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,  
c/o American Pilgrimage,  
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,  
Paris, France.

*2 tags*

In making reservations for your journey home from New York City, it is necessary for this office to furnish the railroads with the exact time and date of your departure. The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your accommodations will be made with the railroads by this office accordingly. Upon your return from Europe, it will therefore be necessary for you to remain in the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

There is also enclosed herewith information relative to the cemeteries in Europe.

Very truly yours,

*George F. R. Taylor*  
GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR  
Captain, Q.M.C. (DOL)

7 Incl:  
2 Baggage Tags  
4 Baggage Pastors  
1 Copy Cemeterial Information

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS-1932

ROOM No....1716.....

DATE...July.26..1932.....

PARTY.."F". Eastbound.....

NAME..Bernik, Mrs. Mary (Age 58 M ).....

ADDRESS.. RFD. #1,.....

.. Huntsburg, Ohio.....

HOTEL .. American Woman's Association.....

DIAGNOSIS ..(1) Headache (2) Nervousness.....

DISPOSITION .....

REMARKS: Often has a headache.  
Feels nervous, the first time she has been away from home,  
has her own medicine.  
Given 1 bottle of Citrate of Magnesia  
Soda Mint gr.11.

July 27: Much improved.

AUG 2 1932  
F. E.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE.....

.....  
MEDICAL OFFICER.....

*J. H. Ashcraft*  
JAMES H. ASHCRAFT,  
MAJOR, MEDICAL CORPS, U.S.A.  
MEDICAL SUPERVISOR

FW-6

Gustave Shirka  
520 East 76th St.  
New York City

*Wm. Hall*  
*Wm. Hall*  
August 26, 1932

MRS MARY BERNICH ARRIVED NEW YORK TODAY CALL FOR HER AT  
A W A HOTEL THREE FIFTY THREE WEST FIFTYSEVEN STREET  
MAJOR HALPINE.

PARTY

EASTBOUND

GROUP

EF-9

STATE

F1 Fd

M-58

OHIO

*Bernik, John.*

Mrs. Bernik, Mary  
(Name of Pilgrim)

Address RFD #1,  
(Street & No.)

Huntsburg  
(City or Town)

Ohio  
(State)

Geauga  
(County)

John Bernik (Husband)  
(Name of Nearest Kin)

Address

Huntsburg  
(City or Town)

Ohio  
(State)

Geauga  
(County)

*Escort Lt. Harrison*

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. New York Central Train No. 4 Date July 26, 1932 - 7:29 A.M. EST  
Hotel A. W. A. Room No. 1716  
Roomed with Alone

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date July 27, 1932 Vessel AMERICAN IMPORTER Cabin No. ~~A-27-2~~  
In Cabin with ~~Mrs. Ilda Mae Wilkes A-27-C~~ Mrs. Mary Walsko A-7-2

*9-7-6 at sea*

(Over Westbound)

HEALTH POOR

# WESTBOUND

## REMARKS

Date Aug. 18, 1932 Vessel PRESIDENT HARDING Cabin No. ~~6-128-F~~ *6-120-2 John Paris*  
In Cabin with ~~Mrs. Kate Stubbs 6-128-E & Mrs. Ilda Mae Wilkes 6-128-G~~  
*Mrs. Mary Walshko 6-120-C & Mrs. Grace Belongya 6-120-E*  
Hotel A.W.A. Room No. 1504  
Roomed with Alone

## DEPARTURE NEW YORK

### Stop Over New York City

VIA. R.R. .... Train No. .... Space .... Car No. .... Date .....

## ARRIVAL NEW YORK

( ) Eastbound

Party F FF

Nurse M.L. Judy

# MEDICAL RECORD

Station: d'Iena, Paris

Date: Aug 5, 1932.

Name Bernik, Mrs. Mary

Home address RFD # 1, Huntsburg, Ohio.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Husband, John Bernik

same

Religion Prot.

58 M

Age

History of Present complaint: Aug. 5th, constipation and headache.  
6th, Headache. Gives history of high BP  
11th headache  
13th, slept poorly because of noise  
14th headache  
15th Nervous and faint at Napoleon's tomb. pulse regular.

(over)

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

Diagnosis and complications : (*include dates*)

Aug. 6th, Hypertension

17th "

ARG

Treatment and Progress : (*include dates*)

Daily given cathartic pills

Aug. 6th, rest in bed. Seen by Maj. Casserly BP 176/120

Aspirin given for headaches.

17th BP 150/70

16th, Brandy tblsp  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , arom. ammonia perle, rest in bed.

Disposition : (*include dates*)

Remarks :

Aug. 18th to Le Havre. Fitts.

NAME Bernik, Mrs. Mary F

ADDRESS RFD #1, Huntsburg, Ohio

DATE 9-6-32

TO:           Officer-In-Charge,  
                PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my  
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

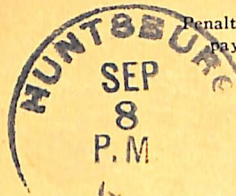
(Signed) Mary Bernik

WAR DEPARTMENT

WAR DEPARTMENT

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WI  
225 WEST 34TH ST., N. Y., N. Y., ROOM

~~OFFICIAL BUSINESS~~



Penalty for private use to avoid  
payment of postage \$300.

**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**

**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

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# MEDICAL RECORD

AMERICAN IMPORTER

Eastbound

Party: F-9

S. S. HARDING

Westbound

Name Mrs. Mary Bernik

Home Address RFD #1, Huntsburg, Ohio.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend John Bernik, (Husband)

Huntsburg, Ohio

Religion

Age 58

M

History of present complaint: Pink Sheet Report: Health Poor. July 26, Complains of having headache irregular intervals. Had blood poison in right leg last yr. J.H.A. M.C.

7/28/32 Pain in head

7/29/32 nausea

WESTBOUND 8/20/32 Headache (OVER)

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

1932.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

July 26,

Headaches.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) July 25, Asperin gr. 5. always duluted.

has own medicine. J.H.A. M.C. July 25, Citrate of magnesia 1 bottle.  
sodasan grams 1. July 26, Condition much improved.

7/28/32 Aspirin gr 5  
7/29/32 Pil Lax ii  
" Whiskey 3 T et.

~~7/31/32 Aug 1-11 32 - C.C.P~~

Disposition: (include dates) ~~8/11/32 C.C.P~~ 7/31/32 WESTBOUND 8/20/32 Migraine Gr. 5 8/22/32  
Feels much improved. Aspirin Gr. 5

Remarks: Aug. 5. 1932 Mal de Mer first day. Improved. et

Bernik, John. 77

From Liaison Report East - Party F 1932

Changes in cabin assignments were made for the following pilgrims :

F- 3	Mrs. Mary Bohmert	
11	Mrs. Elizabeth M. Clark	
7	Mrs. Barbara Henry (See report for full particulars) Miss K. Henry accompanying	
2	Mrs. Catherine M. Petersen	5
9	<del>Mrs. Mary Bernik</del>	
2	Mrs. Grace Belounea	
2	Mrs. Minnie Lowenstein (Miss Florence Lowenstein accompanying)	

John Bernik - 77

From Narrative Report Party "F" EAST 1932

Mrs. Mary Bernik, Painesville, Ohio, due to arrive on NY Central train #4 at 7:29 A.M., July 26th, arrived on New York Central train #30 at 6:30 A.M. July 26. This change was due to operating conditions, the information of which was given this office in advance by the Station master.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bernik, John (FF)M

June 28, 1932

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
RFD #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~979,020~~ in the amount of \$ 7.50 to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

Amer. Importer

Bernik, John Pvt.

7-27-32

FF

I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the  
Government of the United States under the provisions of  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Bernik,

(Name)

R. F. D. #1, Huntsburg, Geauga Co., Ohio.

(Town or city)

(State)

6089

1252

# RETURN RECEIPT

S.S. AMERICAN IMPORTER 7-27-32

*Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.*

*John Bernik*  
-----  
(Signature or name of addressee)

Bernik, John

*John Bernik*  
-----  
(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery *July 2*, 19*32*

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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**Post Office Department**

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927849

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Q. M. GENERAL

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, \_\_\_\_\_

MUNITIONS BUILDING  
(NAME OF BENDER)

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE, \$300.

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

6089-c

1252

RETURN RECEIPT

S.S. AMERICAN IMPORTER 7-27-32

*Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.*

Mary Bernik

(Signature or name of addressee)

Bernik, John

Edward Bernik

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

July 27, 1932

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

c 5-6116

**Post Office Department**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

**REGISTERED ARTICLE**

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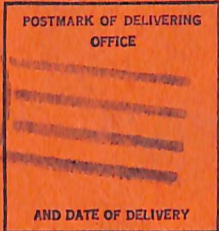
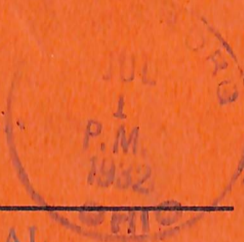
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QM 293 AM  
Bernik, John FF

July 19, 1932

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at New York City on your return from a pilgrimage to the Flanders Field American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the AMERICAN IMPORTER, July 27, 1932.

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KPB*

Arrangements for this stopover on your return journey will be made accordingly which will involve no additional cost to you other than expenses incurred by you during your visit. These, of course, must be paid from your personal funds.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,  
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED  
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Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Bernik, Mrs. Mary  
R.F.D. #1, Huntsburg, Geauga Co.,  
Ohio.  
Bernik, John, Pvt. ~~M~~ M Flanders Fld.  
American Importer, 7-27-32

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find the name,  
address, and relationship to me, of the person in the United  
States whom I desire to be notified in case I become  
seriously ill or other emergency arises while I am making  
the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress  
approved March 2, 1929.

*Mr. John Bernik*  
Name  
*Huntsburg Ohio*  
Address  
*Husband*  
Relationship

Very truly yours,

*Mary Bernik*  
Your name

*Huntsburg Ohio*  
Your address



QM 295 AM  
Bernik, John F.P.

May 19, 1932

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
Huntsburg,  
Ohio.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of your letter of May 12th, in connection with the pilgrimage you are scheduled to make to the Flanders Field American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the AMERICAN IMPORTER, July 27, 1932, in which you advise that, if possible, you desire to visit Mikulov, Czechoslovakia on the pilgrimage.

It is possible that arrangements can be made for this side trip, provided you are agreeable to foregoing the sight-seeing trips in and around Paris. Your party is due back in Paris from the cemetery on August 12th and is scheduled to leave France for return to the United States on August 18th. According to information on file in this office, it will take you approximately thirty six (36) hours to travel from Paris to Mikulov via Vienna and the same length of time to return so that you would have not to exceed three (3) days at that point. The approximate cost of the round trip transportation, second class, including sleeper each way, between Paris and Vienna would be \$85.00.

If you desire to make this side trip under the above conditions, it is suggested that you take the matter up immediately on your arrival in Paris with the Officer in Charge of the Pilgrimage at that point - Lieutenant Colonel R. H. Jordan, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, and this office will assist you in making arrangements for this side trip. You, of course, understand that the cost of transportation from Paris to Mikulov, and all other expenses incurred by you while away from your party, must be paid by you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

RES:LM  
Copy to PARIS

*Mary wants side trip to Czechoslovakia noted*

Paris • Vienna • 2<sup>nd</sup> class.  
24.28  
2<sup>nd</sup> cl. sleeper 17.32  

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Huntsburg Ohio  
May, 12, 1932

Dear Sirs:-

in referring  
to letter date April 25, 1932  
concerning the visit in  
Europe. if possible I  
would visit my relative  
in, Sv. Mikulas, Cesko-  
Slovensko. Czechoslovakia

Please state if I would  
have sufficient time there,  
and numbers days could  
be spend with relative.  
Waiting for and answered,  
Very Truly

Mary Bernick  
Huntsburg  
Ohio

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bernik, John (FF)

April 25, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to have your letter of April 20th advising that you desire to make a pilgrimage this summer to visit the grave of your son, the late Private first class John Bernik, in the Flanders Field American Cemetery in Belgium.

Accordingly, an invitation to sail July 27th on the AMERICAN IMPORTER, together with a letter giving detailed instructions relative to the pilgrimage, has been forwarded you under separate cover.

With reference to your desire to visit relatives in Europe while you are on the pilgrimage, you are advised that it is possible that arrangements may be made for you to do so, provided you return to Paris in time to sail for the United States with the party with which you make the trip. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to extend the time in Europe of any mother or widow making the journey. She must return to the United States with her party, otherwise all expenses of the return trip, including rail and ocean transportation, must be borne from private funds. If you will furnish the name of the town and the country in Europe you desire to visit, I shall be glad to advise you as to whether or not time will permit you to make the trip.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,



R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

May 10, 1932, Washington, D. C.

MRS MARY BERNIK  
RFD 1  
HUNTSBURG OHIO

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JULY TWENTY SEVENTH ON  
AMERICAN IMPORTER NOT RECEIVED STOP DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE  
STOP WIRE ANSWER 4233 GSM

DEWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

QM 293 A-M  
Bernik, John (FF)

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QM 293 A-M  
Bernik, John (FF)

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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Added  
to list  
with name  
for Am. Dispatch  
7-27-32

Huntsburg Ohio  
4-20-32

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Dear sir:

I am replying  
to letter no g.m. 293a.m.  
Beinik John.

I would desire to make  
the pilgrimage this year.  
and would also like to  
visit my relative while  
being there in Europe.

Please state whether I  
could visit my relative  
and sail back on the  
government expense, with  
the same troop or the one  
later, and what date  
will I sail.

where  
are her  
relations located  
in Europe?

Waiting for an reply  
Mrs Mary Beinik  
Huntsburg Ohio

Bernik, John Pvt. OHIO  
Co. I, 145th Inf.

Fl.ED. Rose

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Mother Mrs. Mary Bernik - Address ?

Single

Huntsburg  
Ohio

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QM 293 A-M  
Bernik, John (FF)

March 23, 1932

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class John Bernik.

It is noted you stated your health was poor, and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the pilgrims will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers in poor health made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to visit your son's grave this coming summer, it is requested that you so notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the Government, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

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

Bernik, John P. F. M

October 2, 1931

Mrs. Mary Bernik  
RFD #1  
Huntsburg, Ohio

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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.

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Bernik, John Pvt. (FF) M\*

July 20, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio

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

Roosevelt

6-24-31

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Bernik, John



I Cancelled - no reply the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of  
the Government of the United States under the pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Bernik  
(Name)

RFD, Huntsburg, Ohio, Geauga Co.  
(Town or City) (State)

QM 293 A-M  
Bernik, John (FF) M

April 24, 1931

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
RFD #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The invitation which was extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe sailing from New York on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT on June 24, 1931 has been withdrawn due to the fact that no acceptance has been received from you.

If you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you communicate your wishes to this office.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Washington, D. C., March 17, 1931

MRS. MARY BERNIK,  
RFD #1,  
HUNTSBURG, OHIO.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JUNE TWENTY FOUR NOT RECEIVED  
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2814GSM

A.D.H.

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Bernik, John 1252 M

QM 293 A-M

Bernik, John 1252-M

March 5, 1931

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
RFD #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "President Roosevelt" on June 24, 1931.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 7, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

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-C

Bernik, John 1252-M

June 19, 1930

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

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.

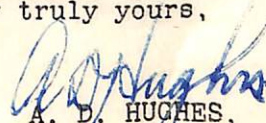
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank 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?

yes  
(Write answer here)



Mrs. Mary Bernik  
(Sign here)

Huntsburg Ohio  
July 28, 1933

P. M. 293 A-C

Bernik John 1252-M.

Dear sir:-

I could not accept the invitation, as my health is bad. I would accept the invitation in 1934 if my health is improved

Mary Bernik  
Huntsburg  
Ohio

May 8, 1930.

QM 293 A-C  
Bernik, John 1252 M

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
R. F. D. No. 1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam : -

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of April 30, 1930, declining the invitation to sail on the SS. ROOSEVELT June 21, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private John Bernik, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Roosevelt  
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no. 5-7-30

Bernik Joan

I Decline the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the  
Government of the United States under the provisions of  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Bernik,

(Name)

1931

R. #1, Huntsburg, Geauga County, Ohio.

(Town or City)

(State)

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Night Letter

Washington, D. C. April 23, 1930

MRS. MARY BERNIK  
R. F. D. #1 RENTSBURG OHIO

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JUNE TWENTY FIRST NOT RECEIVED STOP  
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 54108M

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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QM 295 A-C Bernik, John

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General  
WASHINGTON

In Reply Refer To QM 293 A-C

Bornik, John 1252-M

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Mary Bornik,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Roosevelt" on June 21, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before May 3, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C

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~~Bornick, John - 1252 M~~

*Bernick*

April 10, 1930

Mrs. Mary Bornick,  
R.F.D. No. 1,  
Huntsburg,  
Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 7,, relative to your desire to have your son accompany you when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late John Bernick, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised under the law providing for this pilgrimage, the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of a relative or friend accompanying you nor can it make any arrangements for them. This must be entirely a personal matter.

It may be possible for your son to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris, but in view of the limited accommodations you could not travel to the cemetery together, and it is doubtful if you could secure accommodations in the same town near the cemetery. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

If your son desires to accompany you under these conditions it is suggested you write for further information to the United States Lines, 1027 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C., who will no doubt be able to give you complete information as to cost of transportation. This company is a commercial line which owns and operates the vessels upon which reservations

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Bernick, John - 1252-M  
*Bernick*

have been made for all mothers and widows making the pilgrimage. It is understood, that they have arranged with some of the tourist agencies to take care of any relatives or friends and make all arrangements for their accommodations while in Europe.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. R. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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G. M. 293-A-C  
Bernick John 1252-M.

Huntsburg, Georgia Co.  
R. H. 1.  
April 7-1930

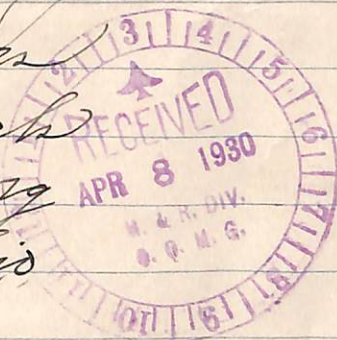
Office of the Quartermaster General  
Dear Sir:

Will you please advise by return mail if Mrs. Mary Bernick, mother of the ~~aboot~~ private John Bernick would be allowed to take her youngest son Edward Adam Bernick (age 24 yrs) with her on the pilgrimage to the American Cemetery at Wahrengen Belgium where the body of her son John lies buried & at the expense of the U. S. Govt.

In event this is not allowed she would not care to make such pilgrimage alone, that is with only stranger for company.

Thanking you for an early reply I am

Very truly yours  
Mrs. Mary Bernick  
Huntsburg  
R. H. 1. Ohio



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bernik, John 1252 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
R.F.D. #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

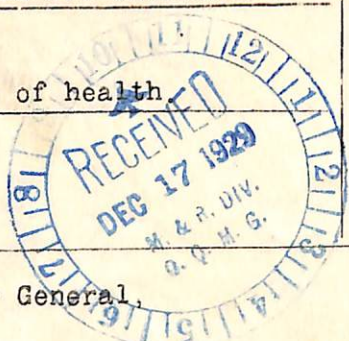
*Declined  
Parent -  
6-21-30  
visited for 1931  
(Witness)*

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) <i>yes</i> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>1930</i> (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) <i>no</i> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>55</i> Health <i>poor</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) Other language <i>Slavish</i> (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bernik, John

August 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated April 22, 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:

*he was not married*

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

*Mrs Mary Bernik  
Huntsburg, Ohio  
mother*

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

*yes*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bernik, John

April 22, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Bernik,  
R.F.D. #1,  
Huntsburg, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private John Bernik, Company I, 145th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Flanders Field American Cemetery, Waerghem, 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,

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

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