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DATE

1. NAME BILKAE, Henry W. SERIAL No. 443558
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. H. 53rd. Inf.
6th & DIVISION
 GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Mil. Cty., Recey-sur-Ource, Cote D'Or. 311
 CTY. NAME NUMBER

15

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 15 RECEY-s-OURCE (Côte d'Or)
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES CHATILLON SW 98 AGRS PLATD-272

CONCENTRATED TO Not of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Dec. 25, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Wisconsin

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED no record

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record

DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

CEMETERY



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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR S. H. Hunsicker

S. H. HUNSICKER, 1st Lt. QMC. in E., Supervisor Area N°4

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION August 18th, 1922. 11 13 B
 DATE GRAVE ROW Block

St. Mihiel American Cemetery, THIAUCOURT, (M.-st-M.)
 CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
 M. J. D. 5/24/23

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 OCT 23 1925
 WORLD WAR DIV.

Received A. G. O. OCT 27 1925

K. M.
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INSTRUCTIONS. FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bilkar 443553 Henry W.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Private Co. H. 51st Inf.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Recex-sur-Oucre

CAUSE OF DEATH: Broncho Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: Dec. 26. 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Recex-sur-Oucre

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

2 km. → # 53.6 milestone
Route 22

Recex-sur-Oucre 15
GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? yes

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: Ida Bilkar

ADDRESS: Fairweather Wisconsin

RELATIONSHIP: Mother

REPORTED BY: G. W. Whymant

1st Lt. C. Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. F.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bilkae,</i>	<i>Bil</i>	3	29 ⁰ 2
<i>Henry 2d.</i>	CEMETERY <i>1233</i>	1	3
BURIED	GRAVE <i>11</i>	2	11
	ROW <i>13</i>	2	13
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	2
STATE	<i>Miss</i>	2	58
RANK	<i>Sub</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>6th</i>	2	06
ORGANIZATION	<i>53rd</i>	3	053
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Mrs. Ida</i>	<i>Bil</i>	3	29 ⁰ 2
<i>Bilkae</i>	STATE <i>Miss</i>	2	58
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Pondus Lac</i>	2	20
	CITY <i>Fairwater</i>	3	XXX
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	2
29/514/EAB	<i>Age</i>		66

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Audited
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bilkae, Henry W. (STM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Ida Bilkae,

Fairwater, Wisc.

Dear Madam:

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Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

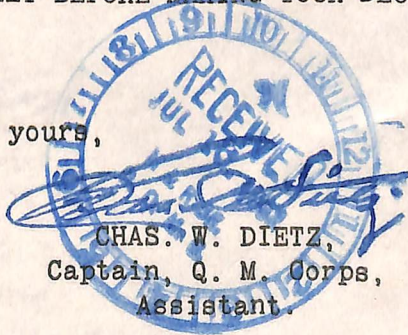
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

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

No.
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Ida Bilkae

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Bilkae, Henry W. Pvt. (StM) M

June 13, 1931.

Mrs. Ida Bilkae,
Fairwater,
Wisconsin.

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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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

no.
Write answer here

Mrs. Ida Bilkae.
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bilkae, Henry W. 1233 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Ida Bilkae
Fairwater, Wisconsin.

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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

no.
(Write answer here)

Mrs. Ida Bilkae
(Sign here)

Fairwater, Wis.
May 26, 1931.

(St. M)

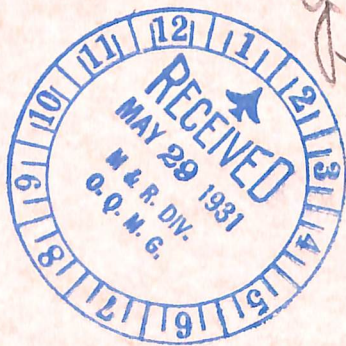
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Dear Sir:

In a recent letter to me, you asked, if my son, Henry Bilbae was married.

No, he was not married. There-fore, I will not have to send you any address.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Ida Bilbae.



QM 293 A-M

Bilkae, Henry W., Pvt. (StM) M

May 8, 1931.

Mrs. Ida Bilkae,
Fairwater,
Wisconsin.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not your son, the late Private Henry W. Bilkae, was married and is survived by a widow, and if so, please furnish her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

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

October 8 , 1929.

Bilkae, Henry W. 1233 M.

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1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>no.</i> (No)
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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>66</i> Health <i>Poor.</i> (Years) <i>11</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) Other language <i>German</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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Fairwater, Wis.

June 10, 1929.

The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I am letting you know about
the trip to France.

Would have been very glad
to go but am not able and I'm
rather sickly. I have rheumatism.
So am very sorry that I cannot
take the trip and I would like
to very much.

I am the mother of Henry W.
Bilbae, Private, Co. G. 53rd Inf.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Ida Bilbae.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bilkao, Henry W.

May 27, 1929.

Mrs. Ida Bilkao,
Fairwater,
Wisconsin.

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".

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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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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(Sign here)

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

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Bilkae

Henry W

443,553

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co H 53rd Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

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)

Oda

Bilkae

Fairwater,

Missouri

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by R. C. S.

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Checked by FS.

11-8-20.

BILKAE, Henry W. - Pvt.

January 8, 1924

Mrs. Ida Bilkae,
Fairwater,
Wisc.

Dear Madam: 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,

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Record card.

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



JAN 8 1924

✓ Assistant.
R.L. FOSTER

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE FEBRUARY 14, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

rme.

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name <u>BILKAE, Henry W .</u>	10. Name _____
2. No. <u>443553</u>	11. No. _____
3. Rank <u>Pvt.</u>	12. Rank _____
4. Org. <u>Co. H. 53rd. Inf.</u>	13. Org. _____
5. D.D. <u>12-25</u>	14. (a) D.D. _____
6. C.D. <u>Broncho Pneumonia</u>	(b) D.B. <u>None</u>

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. <u>15</u> Sec. _____	15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
8. Plot _____ Row _____	16. Plot _____ Row _____
9. _____	17. _____ None

18. Cemetery <u>Amer. Mil. Cty.,</u>	19. Commune or town <u>Recey-sur-Ource,</u>
20. Dept. or County <u>Cote D'Or,</u>	21. Country <u>France.</u>
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. <u>311</u>	

23. Disinterred (Date) FEBRUARY 14, 1922. By W.R.TOMLINSON

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name <u>HENRY W. BILKAE</u>	Serial No. _____
Rank <u>Pvt.</u>	Organization <u>Co.H. 53rd Inf.</u>
<u>Gr.No. 15.</u>	

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes
(Entirely corroded)Signature R.L. de Montozon

R.L. de MONTOSON

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).

Collar ornaments : 53rd Inf. Co.H.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date February 14, 1922 By W.R.TOMLINSON31. Casket sealed by W.R.TOMLINSON

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

W.R.TOMLINSON

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-26537

32. Designation of body:

Name Henry W. BILKAE Serial No. 443553

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H. 53rd. Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty., 1233, Thiaucourt, M-et-M.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) FEBRUARY 14, 1922. By W.R. TOMLINSON

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector J.H. JOFFEE, 1ST. LIEUT. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

Tag on body entirely corroded.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) FEBRUARY 14, 1922.

To point of Concentration CHAUMONT. (HTE. MARNE)
(Name)

Convoyer JAMES FLYNN Signature Shipping Officer C.J. BLAKE. CAPT. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date FEBRUARY 14, 1922.

By G.R.S. Representative C.J. BLAKE. CAPT. Q.M.C.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty 1233, Thiaucourt, (M et M)
(Name)

Convoyer M. PLOTKIN Signature Shipping Officer WALTER F. BROWN. CAPT. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date 23 FEB 1922

G.R.S. Representative G. D. GAMBLE, Captain, Q. M. C.,

41. Reinterred: Aug. 18 1922
(Date)

42. Grave No. 11 Section

43. ~~Plot~~ Bk. B Row 13

G.R.S. Representative A E Dewey 1st. Lt. QMC

AUDITED BY

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place RECEY s/OURCE. (COTE D'OR)Date FEBRUARY 14, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BILKAE, Henry W. SERIAL NUMBER 443553
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.H. 53rd Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): FEBRUARY 14, 1922 From (give complete location):
Grave No. 15, American Military Cemetery No. 311, Recey s/ource.

By: Group 5 Unit Section 4.

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 18 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 11 Bk. B Row 13
Cty. 1233

By: Group Reburial Unit Casket & shipping case
 Nature of reburial

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

Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

Wooden box and uniform.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes
(Entirely corroded)

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

Collar ornament: 53rd Inf. Co.H ----.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to estimate

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color Impossible to determine

Quantity Impossible to determine

Characteristics Impossible to determine

(d) Hair on face—Color Impossible to determine

Location Impossible to determine

Quantity Impossible to determine

(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

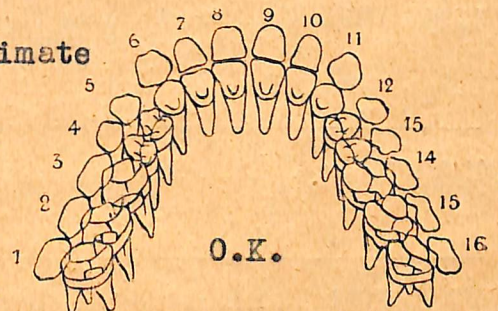
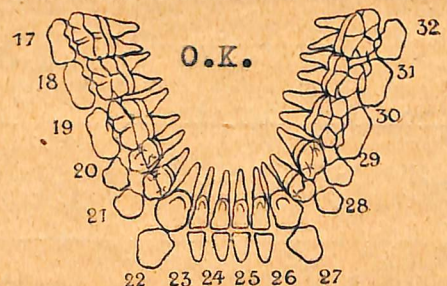


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



7. Disinterment supervised by W.R. TOMLINS ON
 gbt

Approved: J.H. JOFFEE.
 RID (Title) 1ST. LIEUT. Q.M.C.

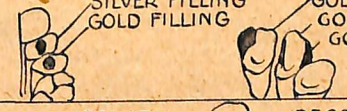
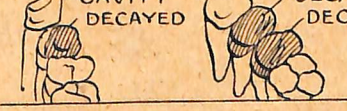
8. Reburial supervised by H. J. KRAMER

Approved: E. Dewey 1st. Lt. Q.M.C.
 (Title)

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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

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

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

2nd 1-2

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File No. 77594

(a) Name BILKAE, Henry W. Ser. No. 443553
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 53rd Inf.
 (c) Date of death 12-25-18 (d) Cause of death Broncho pneumonia.

TYP. als

CKR. EL

*4/13/22 Examined
 Concentration
 1233
 Michel 5/12/22
 att*

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

(a) Grave No. 15 Row - Plot - Sec. - TYP. als.
 (b) Emerg. Address Ida Bilkae, (Mother) Fairwater, Wisc.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. NO CARD

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Ida Bilkae (b) Relationship Mother
 (c) Address Fairwater, Wisconsin
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -

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

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

Examiner's Initials L. B. G. Date 11-6-, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials L. B. G. Date 11-6-, 1920.

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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials L. B. G. Date 11-8-, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 311

SHEET No. 5

G. R. S. Form No. 115
 Amended April 6, 1920

3-729

Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

MB12-970

*checked by rs
 11-8-20*

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on 11/27, 1920

Par # 2 Not to be returned H

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *Tr 120 misent to Fairweather*
Misc 1-13-21 ECL

War Risk E.A. 2/1/21

Mrs Ida Bilkaw (mother)

Fairwater, Wisconsin.

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

~~WASHINGTON~~

Hoboken, N. J.

JAN 5 1921

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

To: Mrs. Ida Bilkoe, Fairweather, Wis.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt., Henry W. Bilkoe, Ser. No. 443553,
Co. H, 53rd Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body remain in Europe.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, U. S. A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

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

Unclaimed

Date

Signature

Address

Relationship

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

GENERAL DIVISION



JAN 10 1921

_____, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the _____ and nearest living relative of the within-named
(Relationship.)
soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____
(Name.)

(R. R. station.) _____
(State.)
3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

WAR DEPARTMENT DS 311 - 5
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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

To: Mrs. Ida Bilkae, Fairwater, Wisconsin.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Henry W. Bilkae, Serial No. 443553, Company H,
53rd Infantry.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named ~~soldier~~
~~be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery~~

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married?

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

Date

Signature

Address

Relationship

RECEIVED

JUL 9 1921

CENTRAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

I, the undersigned, am the _____ and nearest living next of kin of the within-named
(Relationship.)
soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____
(Name.)

(R. R. station.)

(State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in _____ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

Form 115
at 5/2/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File No. 77594

(a) Name BILKAE, Henry W. Ser. No. 443553
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 53rd Inf.
 (c) Date of death 12-25-18 Cause of death Broncho-pneumonia.

TYP als
 811

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

(a) Grave No. 15 Row Plot Sect. TYP als.

(b) Emerg. Address Ida Bilkas, (Mother) Fairwater, Wisc.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. NO CARD CKR 811

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

Also card - mother (Ida Bilkas, Fairwater, Wisc.) wishes the body to remain in France.
(HA) 12/6/20

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192
 (Letter of transmittal on 11/27/1920)

Par * 2 Not to be returned HA

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. DEC 10 1920 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 CEMETERY NO. SHEET NO.

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

S-666/MB France

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MB12-9-20

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Birkae 443553 Henry W.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Co. H. 51st Inf.
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Recey-sur-Ouree
Field Hospital.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Bronchitis, Pneumonia

DATE OF BURIAL: Dec. 26, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Recey-sur-Ouree.

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

W 42 kilo 15 880 -- -- 0
s Dep. Route 22 5053.6 milestone

GRAVE NUMBER: 15

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? yes

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: Ida Birkae

ADDRESS: Fairweather. Wis.

RELATIONSHIP: Mother.

REPORTED BY: G. W. Hymann
1st Lt. Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

HOBOKEN, N.J.

Copy

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Bilkae, Henry W.

Pvt.

311 - 5.

1/18/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

443553.

Co. H, 53rd Inf.

Date of death, 12-25-18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE

Adjustment Made
FEB 7 1921.

File No. 77594

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

Mrs. Ida Bilkae.

RELATIONSHIP

Mother.

Address

Fairwater, Wisconsin.

S/709/LIL

Third Battalion Headquarters Fifty First Infantry
28 Dec. 1918 77594

To : Chief of Graves Registration Service

From : Chaplain G.W. Whyman, 51st Inf.

Subject : Correction of Burial Reports

1. It is reported that correction be made on the burial reports of the following men.

2. Change Pvt. Henry W. Bilkae 443553 from Co. H. 51st Inf. to Co. A 53rd Inf.

3. Change Pvt. Henry Sverdal 446590 from Co. M. 51st Inf. to Co. M. 53rd Inf.



G.W. Whyman
G.W. Whyman
1st. Lt. Chaplain Fifty
First Infantry.

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