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FULL NAME **BIRKNER, Anton F.** ✓

RANK **Pvt.** ✓ SERIAL **3338828** ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION **341st Infantry Co. D.** *86 Div*

DATE OF DEATH *Oct. 9 - 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Ill.*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION **3** **2** **A**
Date Grave Row Block

..... **Suresnes American Cemetery 34**
Cemetery

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV.
AUG 29 1924

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Birkner, 3338828 Anton F.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)
Private Co. D, 341st Inf. 86th Div.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... Oct. 10, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL... Libourne Dept. Gironde

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

GRAVE NUMBER... #14

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

Headboard? Yes..... 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:

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l, G. H. Q., A. E. F.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

June 9, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R - #30167 (Birkner, Anton F., Private)
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.
TO: Mr. Wolfgang Birkner, R.F.D. #2, Metamora, Ill.
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private Anton F. Birkner,
Company D, 341st Infantry.

6/9/22
File
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1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 3 Row 2
Block A, The American Cemetery of the Suresnes, Department of Seine,
France.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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MAILED
JUN 10 1922
G.R.S.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

DATE _____

1. NAME BIRKNER, Anton F SERIAL No. 3338828

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. D, 341st. Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION American E. F. Libourne, Gironde 528
CTY. NAME NUMBER

14

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 14 Libourne, (Gironde)
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES _____

CONCENTRATED TO Oct. 10, 1918. 14 - -
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Libourne, (Gironde) 528
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR W. R. Nichols
W. R. Nichols, Major, C.A.G.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/27/21 5 2
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT Block

Suresnes American Cemetery #34, Suresnes (Seine)
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

R. L. A.
2/23/22

mlc

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept.30,1921.

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 BIRKNER, Anton F
 2. No. 3338828
 3. Rank Pvt
 4. Org. Co.D,341st Inf
 5. D.D. Oct 9th
 6. C.D. Influenza

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 14 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. No discrepancy.

18. Cemetery American E. F.
 20. Dept. or County Gironde
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 528

19. Commune or town Libourne
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept.30,1921.

By BEN A. BRADFORD

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BIRKNER, Anton F.
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 3338828
 Organization Co. D, 341st Inf.

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

E. S. Parker
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
E.S.PARKER.

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).

Disc on body only partially legible read serial # 33-----, remainder disintegrated. Collar insignia of infantry on blouse.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Pine box and uniform.

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 Sept.30,1921. By B.A.BRADFORD

31. Casket sealed by B.A.BRADFORD

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)
mlc

B. A. Bradford
 BEN A. BRADFORD.

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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. _____

32. Designation of body:

Name BIRKNER, Anton F Serial No. 3338828
Rank Pvt Organization Co. D, 341st Inf

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery BURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34
Sept. 30, 1921. By BEN A. BRADFORD

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) _____

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 F. L. Herron, Capt., Q.M.C.

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 30, 1921.

To point of Concentration Bassens, (Gironde).

Convoyer E. C. [unclear] Signature Shipping Officer F. L. Herron Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 30 SEP 1921

By G.R.S. Representative W. R. NICHOLS Major C. A. C.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 14, 1921.

39(a) Received at Paris Morgue, October 17, 1921. H. L. WARD, Major, Q.M.C.

39 (b) Shipped from Paris Morgue, Oct. 27th 1921. To Permanent Cemetery No. 34, American, Suresnes (Seine) by Shipping Officer, H. L. WARD, Major, Q.M.C.

42. Grave No. _____ Section _____

43. Plot xxxx Block A. Row 2.

G.R.S. Representative R. G. RICHARDS 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

C-2482

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. _____

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Name BIRKNER, Anton F Serial No. 3338828
Rank Pvt Organization Co. D, 341st Inf

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery BURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34
Sept. 30, 1921. By BEN A. BRADFORD

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) _____ By _____

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 F. L. Herron
F. L. HERRON, Capt., Q.M.C.

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 30, 1921.

To point of Concentration Bassens, (Gironde).

Convoyer E. L. ... Signature Shipping Officer F. L. Herron
F. L. HERRON Capt. Q.M.C.

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By G.R.S. Representative W. R. NICHOLS
Major C. A. C.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct 14, 1921.

Permanent Cemetery Paris Morgue

Convoyer Jack Roberts Signature Shipping Officer W. R. Nichols

Received: Date October 27th, 1921.

G.R.S. Representative R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

Interred Buresnes Cemetery. October 27th, 1921.

(Date) _____ Section _____

Grave No. 3. Row 2.

43. Plot xxxx Block A.

G.R.S. Representative R. G. RICHARDS
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #30467

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Birkner, Anton F. Ser. No. 3336628)
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D 341st Inf.) TYP. ILH
 (c) Date of death 10-9-18 of death Influenza) CKR. ST
 (d) Cause

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

(a) Grave No. 14 Row ----- Plot ----- Sect. -----) TYP. FMI
N.R.E.A. - Mr. Wolfgang Birkner (father) Metamora, Ill.
 (b) Emerg. Address Wolfgang Birkner, (father), Metamora, Ill.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card) CKR. ST

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name _____ (b) Relationship _____
 (c) Address No card in file
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? _____
 (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 AB Date 4-29-1920

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

dated _____, confirmed request in Par. IV. item _____, above, or requesting that

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials gob Date 4/29/1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows: (father) Wolfgang Birkner,

Metamora, Ill. Route # 1 (1-17-19) Requests photo and location of grave. No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes - MHS

Examiner's Initials MHS Date 4-30-1920

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 528 SHEET NO. 8

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

Make Form #114

FORM 115 A COMPLETED

#12-16-1371

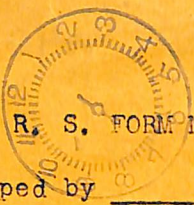
CONCENTRATED INTO PAC #34

10/13/21 in transit to Duranes, #34

12/108

checked by 1271-20

CEMETERY DIVISION



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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920

RECEIVED
AUG 27 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- (cable on _____, 1920
(letter on _____, 1920

Par. #2. - Not to be returned. AP. 12-11-20.

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: War Risk C/a 12-6-20

Mr. Wolfgang Birkner (father)
P. #2, Metamora, Illinois.

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

MAY 6 1920

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

TO: Wolfgang Birkner, Metamora, Ill.

SUBJECT: Pvt. Anton F. Birkner

Remains of.....

The records of this office show ~~that you have requested that this~~
^{your request to be}
not expressed

~~XXXXXX~~
body be.....

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.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
Sisters			

Date.....

Signature.....

Address..... Relationship.....

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



See 115
11-2-21
AES

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name	Birkner, Anton F.	Ser. No.	3338828	} TYP
(b) Rank	Pvt.	Organization	Co. D. 341st Inf	
(c) Date of death	10/9/18	Cause of death	Influenza	

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

(a) Grave No.	Row	Plot	Sect.	TYP	bf
<i>WREA. Mr. Wolfgang Birkner (father) Metamora Dep.</i>					
(b) Emerg. Address	Wolfgang Birkner (father)		Metamora, Ill.	12/0	#12/16/BF

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. no card CKR BF

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

No request for disposition.

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192
(Letter of transmittal on 5/7/1920

Par. 2 not to be returned.

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. Dec. 15, 1920 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 528 SHEET NO. 8
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A August, 1920

MADE IN HOBOKEN CONCENTRATED
DEC. 16 1920 PAC

Sub 118/21

January 5, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch,
(BIRKNER, Anton F.)

Mr. Wolfgang Birkner,
Metamoria, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

In order that the records of this office may be completed and before final disposition of remains of your son, the late Anton F. Birkner, Serial Number 3338828, Private Co. D. 341st Infantry, can be determined, it is necessary that you advise this office whether or not the late soldier is survived by a widow or children. If so, kindly furnish name and address of each.

If the late soldier is not survived by any of the above, it is requested that you state whether you wish the body left in France in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to you, at Government expense, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

An early reply, will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

Mailed C.F.D.

AM
JAN 7 - 1921

By:

Finn
F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

EE:HAM

JAN 10 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT

QUARTERMASTER CORPS

CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q. M. C.
ROOM 350, PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

December 17th, 1920.

File Cemetery #528.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmission No.H-22 - Records pertaining
to Cemetery #528.

1. Reference to your transmittal letter #456, dated
December 13th, 1920, enclosed herewith find Form #115-A, pertaining to
remains buried in Cemetery #528:

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Organization</u>
8	Birkner, Anton F.	Pvt.	Co.D, 341st Inf.

2. This form is forwarded in accordance with memoranda
of November 15th, 1920 and December 2nd, 1920.

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

By:



F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

1 encl.

Rec'd by 12-20-20 C.M.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Birkner, 3338828 Anton F.

(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Co. D, 341st Inf. 86th Div.

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... Oct. 10, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL... Libourne, Dept. Gironde

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

GRAVE NUMBER... #14

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

Headboard?.. Yes.... 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:

528

NOV 100 91

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

REPORTED BY

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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Birkner, Anton E. 353828

Pvt. Co. D, 341 Inf. 86th Division,

D.B. Oct 10/18

Buried A.E.F. Cty, Libourne, Gironde,

Gr. #14



528

REVIEWED
OSP. SER.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CIMITERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUBSECTION

Copy

Adjustment Made
DEC 14 1920
30467
File No.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Original attached to 115 Form
Birkner, Anton F. Pvt.

528 - 8

Dec. 2, 1920

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

3338828

Co. D. 341st Inf.

Date of death - 10-9-18

FILE

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE 12-6-1920

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mr. Wolfgang, Birkner

Father

Address

RFD #2 - Metamora, Illinois

3709/MB

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Photos + location 31467

Metamoros Ill

Jan 17 - 1919

Chief Graves Registration Service
Headquarters Service of Supply
A.P.O. 717. American E.

France

Dear Sir

Am writing in regards of my
son's grave Private Anton F. Burkner
Died Oct 9 - 1918. Buried in the
American Military Cemetery
Libourne, Gironde, France.
He belonged in Co. 10 - 341st Infantry
I would like to have a photograph
also the location of his grave
when most convenient

I remain awaiting an

Reply. Yours Respectfully
My address on other side W. Burkner

RECEIVED
1 - FEB 1919
O. C. Q. M.
G. R. S.

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

Wolfgang Birken
Metamora Ill.
Route 2.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BIRKNER	3	298
BURIED	CEMETERY 34	1	6
	GRAVE 3	2	03
	ROW 2	2	02
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	Ill	2	13
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	86	2	86
ORGANIZATION	341	3	341
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME	Birkner	3	298
RESIDENCE	STATE Ill	2	14
	COUNTY Woodford	2	02
	CITY Metamora	3	xxx
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	RS 1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no	1	2
	Age 69		69

AUDITED
DEC 21 1981

7/11/81

u/s

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Birkner, Anton F. (Sur)

Mrs. Magdalena Birkner,
Metamora, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

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


IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

2 Encls.

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

No
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Magdalena Birkner
Metamora Ill.

QM 293 A-M
Birkner, Anton F. (Sur)

January 2, 1932.

Magdalena
Mrs. Magdalena Birkner,
Metamora,
Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Anton F. Birkner. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to visit your son's grave next summer.

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

It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested you so notify this office. Should you make the trip, you are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

MB
[Handwritten initials]

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Birkner, Anton F. Pvt. (Sur) M

June 18, 1931

Mrs. Magdalena Birkner,
Metamora, Illinois.

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.

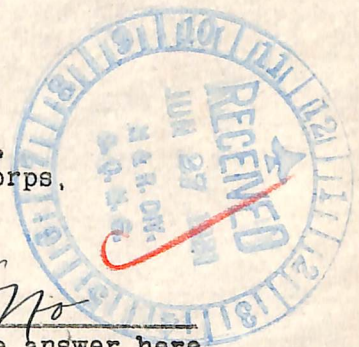
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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



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

No
Write answer here

Mrs. Magdalena Birkner
Sign here
Metamora Ill.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Birkner, Anton F. 34 M

June 6, 1930

Mrs. Magdalene Birkner
Metamora, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.


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

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? no

(Write answer here)

Mrs Magdalene Birkner
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 13, 1930.

Birkner, Anton F. 34-M

Mrs. Magdalena Birkner,
Metamora, Ill.
Woodford Co.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) 69	Health (Good) Poor (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <u>yes</u> (No)	Other language <u>German</u> (Specify language spoken)

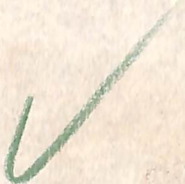
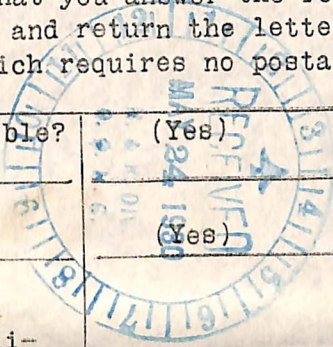
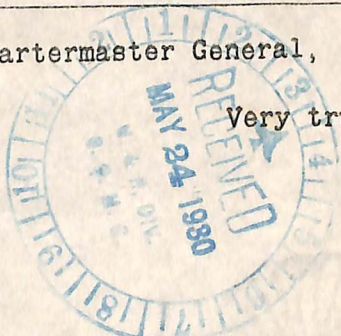
For The Quartermaster General,

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

DATE March 13, 1930

NAME Birkner, Aton F RANK Pvt. SERIAL 3338828 ORGANIZATION 341st Inf. Co. D DATE OF DEATH Oct. 9, 1918

STATE Illinois CTY. NO. 34 GRAVE 3 ROT 2 BLOCK 4

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
	MOTHER	: ✓ :	<i>Xc 78332</i>
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	
NAME	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION	: : :	
AND	(For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : (m)	
ADDRESS	service)	: : :	
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	<i>ms. Magdalena Birkner</i>
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	: : :	<u>Metamora</u>
	<i>Single man</i>	: : :	<u>See -</u>

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO ~~OM 203 A-C~~

Birkner, Anton F

May 4, 1929.

Mr. Wolfgang Birkner,
R.F.D. # 2,
Mebanora, Ill.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Anton F. Birkner, Company D, 341st Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

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Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Birkner, Anton F. (Sur)

Mrs. Magdalena Birkner,
Metamora, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

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

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Birkner, Anton F. (Sur)

January 2, 1932.

Mrs. Magalenan Birkner,
Metamora,
Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Anton F. Birkner. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to visit your son's grave next summer.

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

It is believed you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested you so notify this office. Should you make the trip, you are assured that the pilgrimage will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Birkner, Anton F. Pvt. (Sur) M

June 18, 1931

Mrs. Magdalenan Birkner,
Metamora, Illinois.

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Birkner, Anton F. 34 M

June 6, 1930

Mrs. Magdalenn Birkner
Metamora, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

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

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 13, 1930.

Birkner, Anton F. 34-H

Mrs. Magdalenan Birkner,
Metamora, Ill.
Woodford Co.

Dear Madam:

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

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4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Birkmer, Anton F.
34

August 9, 1929.

Mr. Wolfgang Birkmer,
R.F.D. #2,
Metamora, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 4, 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,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Birkner, Anton F

May 4, 1929.

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R.F.D. # 2,
Metamora, Ill.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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