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To The A. G. O.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

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JAN 15 1926

FULL NAME ✓ DECKER, Stanley V. ✓ *Sgt. sig*

RANK ✓ Sgt. ✓ SERIAL ✓ 561475 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ✓ MG Co., 59th Infantry ✓ *44*

DATE OF DEATH ✓ *Aug 10, 1918* ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ✓ *N.Y.* ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED ✓ *none* ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION	8-17-22	15	27	C
	Date	Grave	Row	Block

Oise-Aisne American Cemetery # 608

Cemetery

Robert O. Davis,
Major General,
Adjutant General.

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By *RNO*
JAN 18 1926

To The A. O. U.

Form 1114-B

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Date of Death _____
 State of _____
 Social Security Number _____
 Final Grave Location _____
 Date _____
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 Block _____
 Grave _____

Also State American Cemetery # 505
 Cemetery

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CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	Hecker	W E C	3	453
BURIED	CEMETERY	608	1	2
	GRAVE	15	2	15
	ROW	27	2	27
	BLOCK	C	1	3
STATE	ny		2	37
RANK	1st		1	3
DIVISION	4		2	04
ORGANIZATION	59		3	059
ARM	Inf		1	1
M&RTIAL	no		1	2
NAME	Hecker	W E C	3	453
RESIDENCE	STATE	ny	2	37
	COUNTY	Orange	2	26
	CITY	Middletown	3	094
RELATION	mother		1	1
OTHER			1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes		1	1
NATIVITY			1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH	yes		1	1
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH	Good		1	1
NO. OF SONS			1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.		1	
	YR.		1	
ACCEPTANCE	No age		1	2
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Decker, Stanley V. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Helen H. Decker,
37 Lake Ave.,
Middletown, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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


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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

2 Encls.

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

Yes
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Helen H Decker

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Decker, Stanley V. SGT (OA) M

July 9, 1931

Mrs. Helen H. Decker,
37 Lake Avenue,
Middletown, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

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.

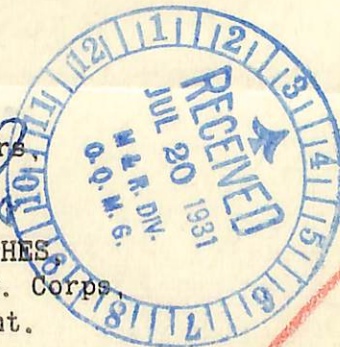
This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

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? Yes

Write answer here

Helen H. Decker

Sign here

Declined inv. - 6-25-30

Republic -

Listed for 1931

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Decker, Stanley V 608-M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Helen H. Decker,
37 Lake Ave.,
Middletown, New York

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.

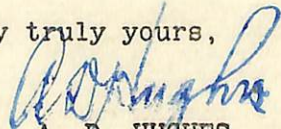
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As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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,

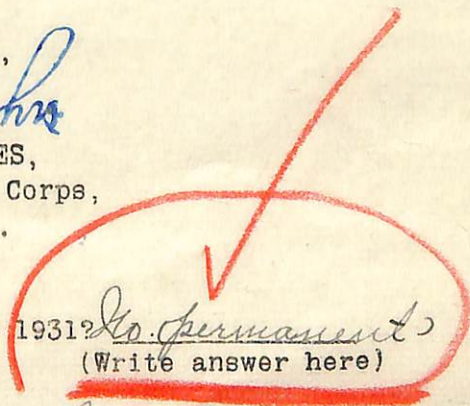
Very truly yours,


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



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

No. permanent
(Write answer here)


Mrs Helen H. Decker
(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C
Decker, Stanley V. 608-M

April 15, 1930

Mrs. Helen H. Decker,
37 Lake Avenue,
Middletown, New York.

*Declines but
invited for '31*

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date declining the invitation to sail on the SS "Republic" June 25, 1930 to visit the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Stanley V. Decker, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers or 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,

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

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Republic

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Decker, Stanley V

I decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Helen H. Decker,

(Name)

37 Lake Ave., Middletown, Orange County, N. Y.,

(Town or City)

(State)

1931
(over)

At present I am not
prepared to make the
proposed pilgrimages to
Europe - but would like
the privilege of making
same at some later date

Miss Helen A. Peders



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

October 7, 1929.

Decker, Stanley V. 608-M.

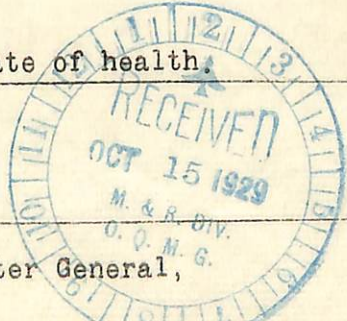
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37 Lake Ave.,
Middletown, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) X	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	X (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)	X (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 66 Health Good (Years) (Good) (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (X) (Yes) (No) Other language None (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

Decker, Stanley V.
608

Aug. 29, 1929.

Mrs. Helen Decker,
37 Lake Ave.,
Middletown, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 24, 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:

Deceased was single

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.

*(mother) Helen H. Decker
37 Lake Ave
Middletown N.Y.*

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

Yes

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Decker, Stanley V

June 24, 1929.

Mrs. Helen Decker
57 Lake Ave.,
Middletown, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Sgt. Stanley V. Decker, M.G.Co., 59th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

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July 11, 1932.

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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) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Decker, Stanley V. SGT (OA) M

July 9, 1931

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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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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Decker, Stanley V 608-M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Helen H. Decker,
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Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C
Decker, Stanley V. 608-M

April 15, 1930

Mrs. Helen H. Decker,
37 Lake Avenue,
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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 295 A-C

Decker, Stanley V. 603-M

March 25, 1930

Mrs. Helen H. Decker,
37 Lake Ave.,
Middletown, New York
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.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Decker, Stanley V. 608-M.

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Middletown, N. Y.

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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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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608

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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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Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Middletown, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Sgt. Stanley V. Decker, M.C.Co., 59th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, France.**

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

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

Place Chery-Chartreuve(Aisne)Date May 19/19REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Stanley V. DeckerNumber: 561475Rank: NoneOrganization: None

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

1 Unit

304

Disinterred (Date) May 19/19

From: (Give complete location)

From Grave #193 Cemetery #21-Forsverg.33SEE200.8N282.4Reburied (Date) May 19/19

in: (Give complete location)

Grave #2 Section N. Cemetery #18 Fismes (Marne)Map #34 R_eims. SW. 286.25N-205.75E

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

Buried 5 feet deep-- Body badly Decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes and one on cross.

What other means of identification were found on the body?

None

Note:

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

Supervised by: Cpl. C.A. Gammon1st. Lt. Oscar W. Forsberg.C.O. Group 1 Unit 304

*Chery chartreuve
cpty 6506*

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CONFIRMED No. D 70650

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7/6/31*

Place (Name of District) _____
Date _____

REPORT OF DISTRICT AND REB TRIAL



Number: 81478
Rank: _____
Organization: _____

Maintenance and Hospital made by group _____
Unit _____
Discovered (Date) May 19/18 From: (Give complete location) _____
From Grave #193 Cemetery 421-forever.

Reported (Date) May 19/18 in (Give complete location) _____
Grave #2 Section N. Cemetery 421 Pines (Name) _____
Cap 132 R. Inc. SW. 286.28N-208.73E

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Buried 3 feet deep - body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes and one on cross.
What other means of identification were found on the body? None

Note:
If upon disinterment, articles are found upon a body, they will be promptly sent to the military police, direct as is provided by G.O. M.N. 2, 1918.
After being carefully examined for signs of deathly cause, notation thereof will be made and reported to District, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Cpl. E. A. Hanson
Int. S. Edgar W. Foreman
G.O. Group _____ I last No. _____

Stanley
Decker, Stanley Victor

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

561,475

(Army serial number.)

Sgt. M. G. Co 59th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

B
(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Helen H. Decker

(over) *37 Lake Ave. Middletown N. Y.*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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Letter Sent to:

Mr Henry Decker
37 Lake Ave.,
Middletown, N.Y.

Drawn by E.S.
617-288
12/2/20

Checked
JBL 12/13/20

G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAMES..... DECKER, Stanley V.,

RANK..... Sgt. SERIAL..... 561475

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION MG Co., 59th Inf.

DATE OF DEATH..... 8-10-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME.....

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION..... 8-27-22 15 27 C.....
Date Grave Row Block

.....oise-Aisne American Cemetery.....
Cemetery

Duplicate

23/306/ARK

Identity OK.

*File
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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

17066

DECKER, Stanley V. 561475

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

Sgt. M. G. Co 59th Inf.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Veale River Front.*

CAUSE OF DEATH: *Hit by shell fragments.*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Aug. 10, 1918.*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *near Fismes.*

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

FILE

GRAVE NUMBER: *not known*

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? *not known*

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

Fismes (name)

NEAREST RELATIVE: *Harry Decker*

ADDRESS: *37 Lake Milltown, N.Y.*

RELATIONSHIP: *Brother*

REPORTED BY:

Jay B. ... and ...
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

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D.C.R.S.

NO. 12231

17066

Place Les Pres Farm (Aisne)

Date April 2, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Stanley V. Decker

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Number: 561475

Rank: None

Organization: None

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 1 Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) Apr. 2, 1919 From: (Give complete location)

From 283.90 N 202.30 E Mt St Martin (Aisne)

Map #33 Soissons S.E. Sketch #34-Forsberg Grave #2

Reburied (Date) Apr. 2, 1919 in: (Give complete location)

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Grave #193 Cemetary #21 Chery Chartreuve (Aisne)

Map #33 Soissons S.E. 282.40 N 20080 E

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

Buried 2 feet deep-- Body badly decomposed

Was one identification tag found upon the body? None one on cross

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

CONFIRMED No. D. 7302

(Handwritten signature)

Note:

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

(Handwritten notes)

Supervised by: Sgt James E. Murff

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Gr 193

Date Nov 28, 1923

SUBJECT: Information required for Cemeterial Division.

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army, World War Division, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

- a. Surname Decker ✓
- b. Christian name Stanley V. ✓
- c. Serial number 561475 ✓
- d. Organization M.G.Co. 59 Inf. ✓
- e. Rank S^{vt}. ✓
- f. Date of death 8-10-18 ✓
- g. Cause of death KA ✓
- h. Authority _____
- i. Emergency Address _____
- j. Relationship _____

✓ BODY DESCRIPTION:

- a. Date of enlistment Aug. 7, 1917
- b. Age at enlistment 2 yrs. 8 mos.
- c. Color of hair L. Brown
- d. Height 5 ft. 9 inches
- e. Weight 155 lbs.
- f. Fractures or breaks None

✓ DENTAL CHARTS:

Mobilization.		Local Board.	
		<u>none. Enl. in Regular Army.</u>	
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For the Quartermaster General:



7 Received A. G. C NOV 28 1923

Robert C. Davis
The Adjutant General
By Ddt.

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
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M. G. Co., 59th Inf.
4th Div.

Decker, Stanley V. - Sgt. 561475
Home: 37 Lake, Mittleton, N.Y.

Killed Aug. 10, 1918, in the Aisne and Marne offensive.

Pvt. Rensel Weedenaar was within fifty feet of this soldier at the time of his death. He was mortally wounded by shell fragments in a woods near Mt. Saint Martin. Weedenaar carried him to the first aid in Mt. St. Martin, where he died, and said soldier buried him there that evening. Sgt. Decker was wounded all through the body. He was unconscious from the time the shell hit him.

Informant: Weedenaar, Rensel - Pvt. 2057625
M. G. Co., 59th Inf.
Home: Oak Glen, Ill.

Emergency Address,
Harry Decker (Brother)

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QM 293 A-C

Decker, Stanley, V. Sgt.

Apr. 3, 1925.

Mr. F. A. Decker,
37 Lake Ave.,
Middletown, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 31st, 1925, The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the body of the late Sergeant Stanley V. Decker, Machine Gun Company, 59th Infantry, has been permanently buried in Grave 15, Row 27, Block C, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

In this cemetery repose the bodies of many of this soldier's comrades. It is under the care and protection of the United States for all time, and you may rest assured that the grave of Sergeant Decker will be properly and tenderly cared for. A cross bearing the soldier's name and rank has been erected over the grave; the same to be replaced by a permanent marble marker to be likewise inscribed.

Inclosed herewith is a card, giving the permanent grave location, which you no doubt will be pleased to possess.

Very truly yours,

R. P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

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WPR *WPR*

✓ 1 incl.
Record card.



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Scribble, Stanley V.

Original file Schultz, Carl A

File No. 293 Schultz, Carl A. 1st Ind. EPH/jrm

Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, July 7, 1924.
To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Correct grave location of Private Carl A. Schultz, 83672, Co.G, 127th Infantry, is Grave 29, Block C, Row 6, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery 608. Notation "Grave 2" on Form 16-A, dated January 28, 1922, is an error. Form 114-A, same date, records no discrepancy in grave location upon disinterment - i.e., Grave 92, Section N, Plot 2.

2. Correct grave location of Sgt. Stanley V. Decker, 561475, M.G.Co., 59th Infantry, is Grave 15, Block C, Row 27, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery 608, exhumed from Grave 2, Section N, Plot 1, same cemetery.

Wm. O. Smith,
Chief.



Middletown, N. Y., March 31st, 1925.

" BUREAU OF GRAVES REGISTRATION "

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

I would thank you to convey to me information relative to the present location of the body of Sergeant Stanley V. Decker, late of the Machine Gun Company, 59th U. S. Infantry, 4th Division A. E. F., who was killed in action at Fismes on the river Vesle in France on August 10th, 1918.

At that time, I received information to the effect that his body had been temporarily interred in the Cemetery at Fismes on the river Vesle and later transferred to one of the permanent American Cemeteries in France.

As to this final disposition of his body I have no definite record.

Yours Respectfully



F. A. Decker



37 Lake Avenue.

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Decker, Stanley V.

Place Bismes, Cem. 617

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 31st, 1922

1. REMAINS OF DECKER, Stanley V. SERIAL NUMBER 561475

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION M. G. Co. 59th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan. 31st, 1922 From (give complete location): Gr. 2, Sec. N, Plot 1, Cem. 617

By: Group 1 Unit Sec. 7 Gr. 15, Block C,
Aug. 17, 1922

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 17, 1922 In (give complete location): Row 27, Cise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)
re-burial group Lined casket

By: Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
U. S. uniform and burlap. Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Collar ornament of (U. S. 59th) and (U. S.)

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) "

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity _____

Characteristics _____

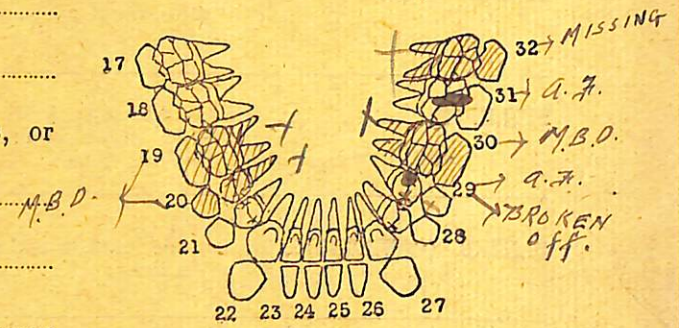
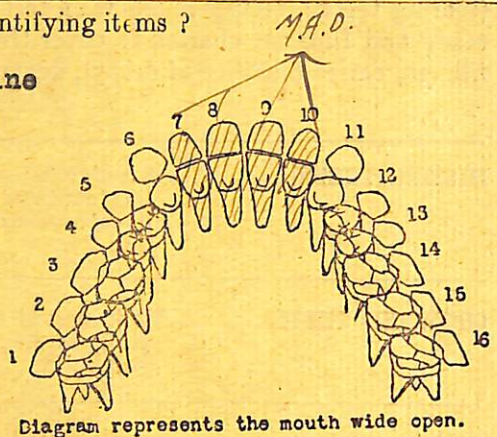
(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location _____

Quantity _____

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

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



A. A. Pope, checker.

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

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

8. Reburial supervised by L. D. Hays

Approved: _____
(Title) _____

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial-number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

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



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



BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :



FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :



CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



DENTURES (PLATES).....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

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

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 17066

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name DECKER, Stanley V. Ser. No. 561475

(b) Rank Sgt. Organization M/G Co. 59th Inf.

(c) Date of death 8-10-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DB

CKR. E.M.

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

(a) Grave No. 2 Row - Plot 1 Sec. N TYP. DB

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Helen Decker, (Mother) 37 Lake Ave. Middletown, N.Y.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --

CKR. E.M.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name Helen H. Decker (b) Relationship mother

(c) Address 37 Lake Ave, Middletown, N.Y.

(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 ES Date 12-2, 1920.

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

_____, dated _____

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials ES Date 12-2-, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials AM Date 12-3, 1920.

COUNTRY

FRANCE

CEMETERY No.

617

SHEET No.

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VII. R. O. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

CEMETERY DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on 12/30/20, 1920

Paragraph 2 - not to be returned

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *1-30-21 Form 120 - Helen H. Becker (mother) next of kin, 37 Lake Ave. Middletown, N.Y. wishes body to remain in Europe. H. 2-17-21 mnc*

2/28/21 - Hoboken advises Mother her wish will be complied with. 3/8/21 - EP

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. 3-1-21 mnc

Rank _____

Serial No. _____

Org. _____

Remarks:

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A. G. O. Card & Corr. *12-2-20*

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Serial No.

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A. G. O. Card & Corr.

12-2-26

Discrepancies

Name

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Remarks:

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

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Remarks:

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Checkers

Discrepancies

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Remarks:

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan. 31, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT jc.

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name DECKER, Stanley V.

10. Name _____

2. No. 561475

11. No. _____

3. Rank Sgt.

12. Rank _____

4. Org. MG. Co. 59th Inf.

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. Aug. 10th, 1918

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. KIA.

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 2 Sec. N

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot 1 Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. No discop

18. Cemetery American Cty.

19. Commune or town FISMES

20. Dept. or County Marne

21. Country France

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

23. Disinterred (Date) 1-31-22

By B.A. Bradford

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Stanley V Decker

Serial No. 561475

Rank Sgt.

Organization MG Co. 59th Inf.

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

Archie A. Pope
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

Collar ornament of (US 59th) and (US)

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial US Uniform and burlap

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 1-31-22 By B.A. Bradford

31. Casket sealed by B.A. Bradford

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

Aug 18/22

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-22849**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Stanley V. DECKER** Serial No. **561475**

Rank **Sgt** Organization **MG. Co. 59th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. 608 SERINGES-et-NESLIES (Aisne)**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **1-31-22** By **B.A. Bradford**

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector *[Signature]*
R.F.O. Leary, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration (Name)

Convoyer *[Signature]* Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery **Oise Aisne, Am Cty 608 Seringes et Nesles, Aisne.** (Name)

Convoyer *[Signature]* Signature Shipping Officer
A.F.O. Leary, 1st Lt. QMC

40. Received: Date **FEB 3 1922**

G.R.S. Representative *[Signature]*

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

42. Grave No. **15** Section

43. Plot **BLOCK C** Row **27**

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

March 1, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #617.
Transmittal memorandum Number H - 1628.

1. The records pertaining to the following cases are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the bodies are to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

- 288 ✓ Decker, Stanley V., Sergeant, Serial Number 561475, M. G. Company, 59th Infantry.
- 510 ✓ Groff, Roscoe R., Private, Serial Number 2100038, Company G, 47th Infantry.
- 738 ✓ Lamb, Ralph Private, Serial Number 1429233, Company D, 58th Infantry.
- + 1204 ✓ Schaeffer, Ira S., Private First Class, Serial Number 124569, Company F, 111th Infantry.
- 1269 ✓ Sisk, Willie H., Private, Serial Number 3176134, Company L, 110th Infantry.
- 1252 ✓ Sieber, George Private, Serial Number 1713226, Battery E, 304th Field Artillery.
- 1482 ✓ Wood, Herbert C., Sergeant, Serial Number 1702285, Company G, 306th Infantry.

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

BY:

F. C. Pallas
F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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Re 3/7/21 K

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OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

- 1462 Combined C. 20000 Individual.
- 1463 Doos, William C. Baltimore, Baltus Number 1402222
- 1464 Bessie E. Boston Baltus Number 1412222
- 1465 Walter, George Baltus, Baltus Number 1412222
- 1466 Combined C. 11000 Individual.
- 1467 Peter, William H. Baltus, Baltus Number 2120124
- 1468 Number 1402222 Combined C. 11000 Individual.
- 1469 Bessie, John E. Baltus Baltus Number 1412222
- 1470 Combined C. 20000 Individual.
- 1471 George, William Baltus, Baltus Number 1402222
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MEMORANDUM NO:

Letter to Bureau:
Detailed description of the records file to
be sent to the Bureau, to include
the records pertaining to the following

REMARKS:

William H. Baltimore Number H - 1402222
Name of record - Combined C.

MEMORANDUM NO:

William H. Baltimore
Bureau, Cemetery Division, O.C.H.C.

NOTE NO. 243'S C. BALTIMORE DIVISION

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Feb. 28th, 1921.

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(Decker, Stanley V.)

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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Noted on Form No. 115
Date 3/8/21 *LF*

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MAR 6 1921
G. H. S.

Date
11/10/21
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OFFICE IN CHARGE
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MAILED



RE:

OFFICE IN CHARGE
OF THE
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Best Regards

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

Hoboken, N. J.

JAN 27 1921

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

To: Mrs. Helen H. Decker, 37 Lake Ave., Middletown, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Remains of Sgt. Stanley V. Decker, Ser. No. 561475, M. G. Co, 59th Inf.

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

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

Was soldier married? No

	NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<u>not married</u>			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 <u>no children</u> 2 3	<u>Noted 7-115</u> <u>2-17-21 m. m. c.</u>		
Father	<u>dead</u>			
Mother	<u>Mrs. Helen St. Decker</u>	<u>37 Lake Ave</u>	<u>Middletown</u>	<u>Ny</u>
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <u>Ray E. Decker</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
	2 <u>F. Arthur Decker</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
	3 <u>Harry V. Decker</u>	<u>29 East 6th St</u>	<u>Oswego</u>	<u>Ny</u>
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <u>Mrs. R. H. La Rue</u>		<u>Malden</u>	<u>Pq</u>
	2			
	3			

Date January 30 1921

Signature Helen St. Decker

Address 37 Lake Ave Middletown Ny

Relationship Mother

January 30, 1921

I, the undersigned, am the Mother 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 Helen H. Leeber

FEB 3 1921

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT

DA-568

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Killed Aug 10/18

G.R.S. FORM NO. 12

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.
TO : C.O. M.G. Co. 59th Inf.
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Graves Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Harry Decker.

Relationship: Brother.

Address: 37 Lake, Middletown, N.Y.



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Classification

Adjustment

CEMETRIAL DIVISION
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
REGISTRATION SECTION

File # 17066

Qty 617

Date 9/8/20

FILE

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files

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Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		
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Organization			Notified Nearest Relative <i>518</i>		✓
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablgram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files 9-11-20-2ew

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Cemetery Audit Department
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By *Johnson*

1 Cards attached.

FROM: O. C. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1131

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date Sept. 1, 1920.

File No. 17066 Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C.
Subject: Information required for G R.S.

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

- ✓ a. Surname DECKER, ✓
- ✓ b. Christian name Stanley V. ✓
- ✓ c. Serial number #561475 ✓
- ✓ d. Organization M.G. Co. 59th. Inf. ✓
- ✓ e. Rank Sergeant. ✓
- ✓ f. Date of death 8-10-18 ✓
- ✓ g. Cause of death K/A. ✓
- ✓ h. Authority (C.C.#) 253. ✓
- ✓ i. Emergency address Mrs. Helen Decker
37 Lakes Ave.
Middletown,
N.J.
- ✓ j. Relationship Mother

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(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,

BY:

H J Conner
H. J. CONNER,
Captain, Q.M.C.

Rec'd World War Div.
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Rec'd World War Div.
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G.R.S. Form No. 121

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Cemetery Audit Department
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By E. N. Y.

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