

G.R.S. Form #114-B

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293

FULL NAME DEKKER, John A. ✓

RANK Pvt 1/c ✓ SERIAL 2382183 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Med. Det. 60th Inf. ✓ 5 Div. ✓

DATE OF DEATH Oct 27/8 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Michigan ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 5 15 A
Date Grave Row Block

Suresnes, #34

Cemetery

REC'D WORLD
SEP 25 84

23/306/ARK

Dekker

John A

2,382,183

(Surname.)
Pvt 1 Cl

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

~~Class 60 Obs Balloon Co~~ Mex. Dept

(Rank and organization.)

60th Inf.

State your relationship to the deceased Friend

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

(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) David C. Stucky

152. Grand Blvd St Detroit Mich.

(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Pm

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REVIEWED
CSP SS.

Am. 11-13-70

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Dek</i>	3	45 ⁰ 1
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>34</i>	1	6
	GRAVE <i>5</i>	2	05
	ROW <i>15</i>	2	15
	BLOCK <i>a</i>	1	1
STATE	<i>Mich.</i>	2	26
RANK	<i>Private</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>5</i>	2	05
ORGANIZATION	<i>60</i>	3	060
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>(Friend) No</i>	1	2
NAME	<i>Stucky, David</i>	3	
RESIDENCE	<i>Detroit City Rescue Mission 428 Rivard St. Detroit, Mich.</i>	2	
STATE		2	
COUNTY		2	
CITY		3	
RELATION	<i>(Sister in) Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER	<i>(Holland)</i>	1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>no fm lead</i>	1	6
NATIVITY	<i>no fm</i>	1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	SEP 23 1932
DATE OF	MO.	1	<i>RS</i>
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
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AUDITED

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 6, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Dekker, John A.

Mr. David Stucky,
City Rescue Mission,
Detroit, Mich.

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 ^{friend of the} mother of the late Private, ~~First class,~~ John A. Dekker, Medical Detachment, 60th 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 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

September 5, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R #58250-

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Pvt. 1st class John A Dekker,
Med. Dept. 60th Inf.

TO: Mr. A. Dekker, #24 Spykerlaan, Arnhem, Holland.

File

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 5 Row 15,
Block A, Suresnes American cemetery at 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.

For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

SEP 5 1922

G.R.S.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Assistant.

MS
GL

DATE Oct 24th, 1921.

1. NAME DEKKER, John A. SERIAL No. 2382183

RANK Pvt.1/C1. ORGANIZATION 60th Observation Balloon Co.

GRAVE LOCATION American Cemetery MERIGNAC (Gironde) CTY. NAME 27 NUMBER

84 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 84 Merignac, (Gironde) GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES None.

CONCENTRATED TO Oct. 28, 1918. 84 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
Merignac, (Gironde) CEMETERY 27 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 [Signature]
W, R. Nichols, Major, C.A.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct 24th, 1921. 5 Block A. 15 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

gc SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY # 34 (Seine). CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
84/8 7/12/22

RECEIVED
REGISTRATION BRANCH
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Merigues #27

Date Sept. 21, 1921

1. REMAINS OF DEKKER, John A. SERIAL NUMBER 2382183

RANK Pvt. 1/c1. ORGANIZATION Med Dept. 60th Observation Balloon Co.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 21, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr.#84, Cem.#27

By: Group 1 Unit _____

3. Reburied (date): October 24th, 1921. In (give complete location): Suresnes Cemetery. - Block A - Row 15 - Grave 5.

By: Group Field Operations Branch. Unit _____ Nature of reburial Metal Casket and Blanket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Pine box & uniform - Badly decomposed - Features not recognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Disc on body read John A. Dekker 2382183 U.S.A. - Disc on grave marker read: John A. Dekker 2382183, Pvt.1/c Med. Dept. U.S.A.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity None

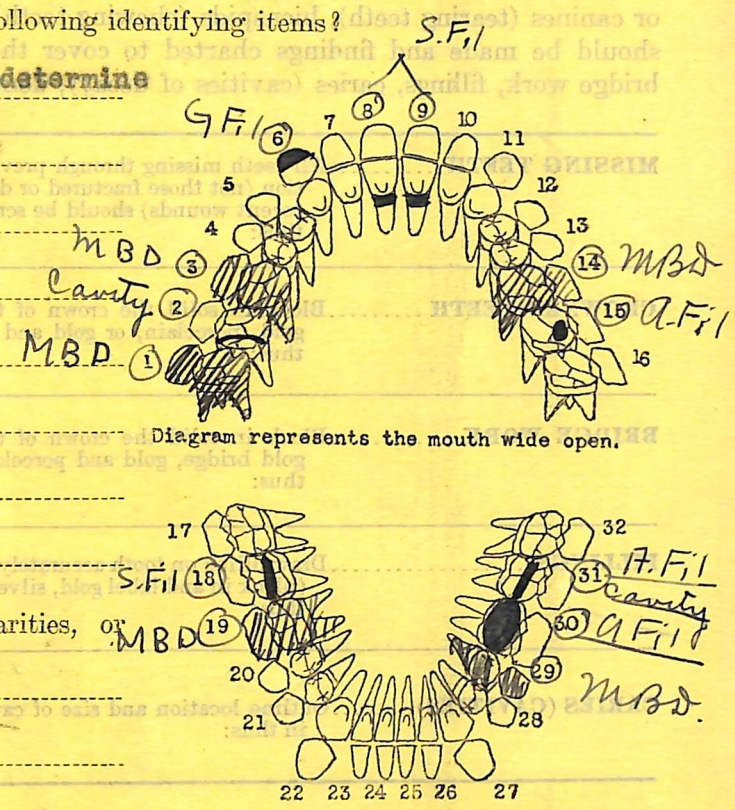
Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location None

Quantity None

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



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

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E. S. PARKER

7. Disinterment supervised by Gen. A. Bradford Approved: [Signature]






8. Reburial supervised by R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C. Approved: [Signature] R. P. HARBOLD, Major, Q.M.C.

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

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

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

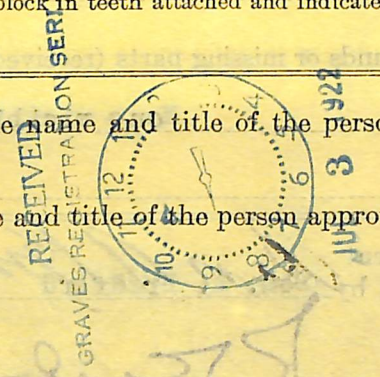
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There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

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

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

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

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



Merignac, Gen. 27

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE

Sept. 21st, 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 DEKKER, John A.
 2. No. 2382183
 3. Rank Pvt. 1/C1.
 4. Org. 60th Observation Balloon Co. *Inf. med Dept.*
 5. D.D. 10-27
 6. C.D. WRIA

10. Name John A. Dekker (on tag on body)
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 84 Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____
 18. Cemetery American Cemetery
 20. Dept. or County Gironde
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 27

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. _____
 19. Commune or town MERIGNAC
 21. Country France.

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 21st, 1921

By Ben A. Bradford

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name John A. Dekker
 Rank Pvt. 1/c

Serial No. _____
 Organization _____

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker?

On body? Yes

Signature E. A. Parker
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).

Disc on gr. John A. Dekker, Pvt. 1/c Med. Dept. U. S. A.

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Flimsy box and uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See item 10.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 21st, 1921 By Ben A. Bradford

31. Casket sealed by Ben A. Bradford

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Ben A. Bradford

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-2144

32. Designation of body: _____

Name DEKKER, John A. Serial No. 2382163

Rank Pvt. 1/Cl. Organization 60th Observation Balloon Co.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY # 34

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 21st, 1921 By Ben 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 C. S. Denny, 1st Lt., C.A.

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 21st, 1921

To point of Concentration Bassens (Gironde)

Convoyer E. B. Chapin Signature Shipping Officer S. D. Campbell, Capt., Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 21 SEP 1921

By G.R.S. Representative W. R. NICHOLS Major G. 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. 24th 1921. To Permanent Cemetery No. 34, American, Suresnes (Seine) by Shipping Officer, Conveyed by:

H. L. WARD
Major, Q.M.C.

42. Grave No. 5. Section _____

43. ~~Plot~~ Block A. Row 15.

G.R.S. Representative

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

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-2144

32. Designation of body:

Name DEKLER, John A. Serial No. 2382183
Rank Pvt. 1/Ct. Organization 60th Observation Balloon Co.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34

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Permanent Cemetery Paris Morgue

Convoyer Jack Roberts Signature Shipping Officer W. R. Nichols

Received: Date October 24th, 1921

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

Interred Suresnes Cemetery. October 24th, 1921. (Date)

42. Grave No. 5. Section

43. ~~Plot~~ Block A. Row 15.

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #58250

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Decker, John A. Ser. No. 2382183
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization 60th Observation Balloon Co. TYP. ILH
 (c) Date of death 10-27-18 of death DWRIA CKR. SP

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

(a) Grave No. 84 Row -- Plot --- Sect. --- TYP. ILH
 (b) Emerg. Address -----

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

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name David C. Stucky (b) Relationship Friend
 (c) Address 152 Randolph St., Detroit Mich
 (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 SP Date 7-22-20

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

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

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials m Date 4-30 1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes - aa
 Examiner's Initials aa Date 5-1- 1920

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

CEMETERY NO. 27

SHEET NO. 73

Make Form #114

Rechecked
mm - 11-13-20

*10-10-21
concentration
11-8-21*

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, _____ 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- { cable on _____, 1920
letter on MAY 11, 1920

not to be returned Per 2 MAY 10th

IX. CORRECTIONS

IX.

CHANGE OF ADVICE

ACTION TAKEN

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

See E.A.

7/28/20 Letter to Europe correcting name to Dekker, John A. A.D.
8/24. Letter to Mr. A. Dekker, Arnhem, Holland,
asking his wishes in regard to remains of late
John A. Dekker, D.S.

*Not Returned per policy approved by
Col. Price Oct 12, 1920 - 1828 10/30/20*

9/7/20 A. Dekker, Spyerlaan 24, Arnhem, Holland,
(Brother) requests body to remain in France. 11/13/20

(Copy)

Arnhem Sept. 7, 1920.

File No 293.8 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.
Dekker, John A.

Mr. Charles C. Pierce,
Major, U.S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

Noted on Form No. 115
Date 11/13/20 led

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of August 24 about the reburial of my brother, the late John A. Dekker, who died in France October 28, we thank the American Government for the cares it has for his dead soldiers, but, where a reburial in Holland should be cause that all sorrows we have had by losing our brother were to bear once more, we concluded to ask the American Government to let remain his body in France.

We shall be glad when you will give yourself the trouble to write us.

With respectfull sentiments and hearty thanks for your kind words you wrote us - I remain

(Sgd) A Dekker

Spykerlaan 24
Arnhem, Holland.

*Original answered
forwarded
by Inquiry Branch*

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August 24, 1920.

File No: 293.8 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.
(DEKKER, John A.)

Mr. A. Dekker,
24 Spyerlaan,
Arnhem, Holland.

Dear Sir:

The American Government is undertaking to remove the bodies of its soldiers who died in the late war to such places as the relatives may desire, and accordingly you are requested to advise whether you wish the body of the late Private 1/c John A. Dekker, Medical Department, 60th Infantry, United States Army, to remain buried in France, in the care and custody of the United States, or delivered to you for reburial in Holland, or returned to the United States and placed in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia, where the grave is assured constant care by the American Government. This Government bears all expense in connection with the transfer of the body.

Should you desire to have the body removed to Holland for reburial such transfer will be subject to the health regulations and sanitation laws of France and Holland and any intervening countries through which the body may have to pass en route, and should the operation of such instrumentalities prevent the removal of the body in the manner desired, it will remain in the care and custody of the American Graves Registration Service in Europe and will be cared for under the supervision of this Government.

Envelope for use in making reply is enclosed herewith.

The Department wishes to convey to you its assurance of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

H. M. GWYNN,
Major, Infantry.

OSP:SS
Cor. & Stat. Dept.

SUSPENDED UNTIL

SEP 24 1920

Suspended until Oct 15

Suspend 30 days

Suspended until Sept. 23

*8/26
Noted on 11/5
JHL*

Miss Greenberg

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

@-150927

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

^K
Dekker, John A., Pvt. 1/c

27 - 73

July 6, 1920

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

2382183

60th Observation Balloon Co.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE July 20, 1920

NAME OF BENEFICIARY A. Dekker

RELATIONSHIP ?

24 Spykerlaan, Arnhem, Holland

Address: _____

NS-8438/JC

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

58250

Decker, 2382183, John A.
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Pvt. 1st Cl. 60th, Obser. Ballon.
(Rank) (Organization)

Base Hospital #114.

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH: Gun Shot Wounds.

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct 29th 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: A.E.F. Cemetery #27.

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

Merignac Gironde.

GRAVE NUMBER: 83.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: Yes

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: None given.

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

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

58230

John A. Decker

2382183

PVT

60th, Balloon Co.

D.D. 10/27/18

D.B. 10/28/18

Grave #84. Cross.

American Cemetery Merignac.

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Previously rept n Cty 27.

Title # 58250

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G. R. S.

November 4, 1920.

293.8 Cem. #58250 (Dekker, John A., Pvt. 1/c)

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division)
To: Mr. A. Dekker, Spijkerlaan #24, Arnhem, Holland.
Subject: Disposition of remains.

1. In reply to your letter of Sept. 7, 1920, requesting that the remains of the late Pvt. 1/c John A. Dekker, Med. Dept., 60th Infantry, be permanently interred in France, you are advised that instructions will be issued that your wishes be complied with provided there is no relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over yours.

2. You are advised however, that the American Cemetery at Merignac, Department of Gironde in which the remains of this soldier are now interred, will not be maintained as a permanent American Field of Honor. It will be necessary for the government to transfer the body at some future date to one of the permanent American Cemeteries in France referred to in Paragraph 9 of the enclosed Cemeterial Division Bulletin #10-FW. Upon the transfer of the remains of this soldier from their present resting place to a permanent Field of Honor referred to in the preceding paragraph the legal next of kin will be duly advised of the new grave location. This office assures you that the grave of this soldier will always be fittingly and tenderly maintained by the United States Government.

3. It is the intention to mark all graves of American Military dead with a suitable headstone and this work will be taken up as soon as a few remaining details are worked out.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

M. N. GEEBLEY,
Captain, Q.M.C.

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yellow delisted for funeral
SPM 11/10/20

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MAILED
11/10/30

November 10, 1930

298.8 Com. #58250 (Dokter, John A., Pvt. 1/c)

The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division)

From:

Mr. A. Dewber, Sgt. Major #24, Arrhen, Holland.

To:

Disposition of remains.

Subject:

1. In reply to your letter of Sept. 7, 1930, requesting that the remains of the late Pvt. 1/c John A. Dokter, Med. Dept., 80th Infantry, be permanently interred in France, you are advised that instructions will be issued that your wishes be complied with provided there is no relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over yours.

2. You are advised however, that the American Cemetery at Arrhen, Department of Graves in which the remains of this soldier are now interred, will not be maintained as a permanent American Field of Honor. It will be necessary for the government to transfer the body at some future date to one of the permanent American Cemeteries in France referred to in Paragraph 9 of the enclosed Cemeterial Division Bulletin #10-74. Upon the transfer of the remains of this soldier from their present resting place to a permanent Field of Honor referred to in the preceding paragraph the legal next of kin will be duly advised of the new grave location. That the grave of this soldier will always be properly and tenderly maintained by the United States Government.

3. It is the intention to mark all graves of American Military dead with suitable headstones and this work will be completed as soon as a few remaining details are worked out.

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TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 10-30-20.

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME **DEBBER, John A.**

Serial Number

RANK

ORGANIZATION

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1. No. DEKKER, 2382183, John A. Pvt. 1/cl., Med. Dept. 60th Inf.
2.	Date of Death.	2. 10-27-18.
3.	Cause and place of death	3. DWRIA.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4. CC# 327.
5.	Date buried	5. 10-29-18.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Grave 84, Amer. Cty., #27, Merignac, Gironde. ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	9. Cross.
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10. (a). Yes. (b). Yes.
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11. Mr. David Stucky, (Friend) City Rescue Mission, Detroit, Mich.
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	Also: A. Dekker, (Beneficiary) #24 Spijkerlaan, Arnhem, Holland.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	12. Yes. 107-7-26-20.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	14. K-211.
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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File No. 293. 8 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.
Hebber, John L.

File No. 9318
Cemeterial Div. U.S. Army
M. G.

Mr. Charles C. Pierce,
Major, U.S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

Dear Sir: Answering your letter of August 24 about the reburial of my brother, the late John L. Hebber, who died in France October 10, 1918, I thank the American Government for the care it has for his fallen soldiers.

Noted on Form No. 115
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but, where a reburial
in Holland should be
cause that all sorrows
we have had by losing
our brother were to bear
once more, we concluded
to ask the American
Government to let remain
his body in France.

We shall be glad when
you will give yourself
the trouble to write us,
how his grave is marked.

With respectfull
sentiments and hearty
thanks for your kind words
you wrote us. I remain

Whecker

Spijkenlaan 24
Amsterdam
Holland.



Information requested of A.C.O. **WAR DEPARTMENT**
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

Date July 23, 1920.

File No. 58250 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.P.S.

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

- a. Surname **DEKKER or DECKER**
- b. Christian name **John A.**
- c. Serial number **2382183**
- d. Organization **60th Observation Balloon Co.**
- e. Rank **Pvt. 1/c**
- f. Date of death **10/27/18**
- g. Cause of death **DWRIA**
- h. Authority (C.C.#) **327**
- i. Emergency address **David Stuckey, City Rescue Mission, Detroit, Mich.**
- j. Relationship **Friend**

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age at Enlistment
- b. Color of Eyes
- c. Color of Hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHART

(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							

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Per 1129

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,
Director of Purchase & Storage.

By:

H. J. Conner

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

Records incomplete
date of death taken from
index for States Records Bureau
Warhelly B. F. S.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 6, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Dekker, John A.

Mr. David Stucky,
City Rescue Mission,
Detroit, Mich.

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 mother of the late Private, first-class, John A. Dekker, Medical Detachment, 60th 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 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.