

ENLISTMENT RECORD REGULAR ARMY

Jack

BECKA JOHN ANDREW 1301224 WHITE
(Last name) (First name) (Middle name) (Army serial number)* (Race; see Instruction 6)

Home address (None) Grindstone Fayette Pa. 3298
(See Instr. 3) (Number and street or rural route; if none, so state) (City, town, or post office) (County) (State)

*Enlisted at Pittsburgh, Pa. on the 4th day of December 1940 Private 8
(In the grade of)

*by J. A. SIBERT, 2d Lt. Inf. Res. Asst. Rctg. Co. 26th Infantry to serve Three (3) years
(Company, regiment, and arm or service) (Word and figure)

*for service in Plattsburg Barracks, N.Y. Service completed for longevity pay None years None months
(If enlisted for service outside the United States, or in any particular service within his arm or service)

Last enlisted service in the Regular Army or the Regular Army Reserve:
None Date of discharge None (In the grade of)

(Company, regiment, and arm or service)

*To be filled out at place of enlistment. Care will be taken to make place and date of enlistment, name of enlisting officer, and period of enlistment the same as in oath.

DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

(See Instruction 7)

- When and where were you born? September 2, 1920, Collier, Pa. How old are you? 20 years 3 months.
(Date) (City, town, or county) (State or country)
- Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes (If a naturalized citizen, show how, when, and where naturalized) What is your race? White (See Instruction 6)
- What grade or year did you complete in: Grammar school 7th High school 0 College or university 0
- What is your civilian trade or occupation? Laborer How long did you work at it? 2 Years Weekly wage? \$12.00
- What special military qualification or occupation have you? None (For example, cook, company clerk, radio operator, motor mechanic, airplane engine mechanic, supply sergeant)
- Are you single, married, widower, or divorced? Single Is anyone dependent on you for support? No State number and relationship None
- Have you ever been convicted (a) of a felony? No (b) of any offense? No
Have you ever been imprisoned under sentence of a civil court? No If so, where and when? None
Have you ever been discharged other than honorably from the United States military or naval service, the Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or National Guard in an active, inactive, or reserve status? No
- Have you ever served in the United States military or naval service, the Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or National Guard in an active, inactive, or reserve status? No If so, state last service, date, nature, and cause of separation therefrom None
- Have you ever previously applied for enlistment and been rejected? No If so, give date, place, and cause of rejection None
- Do you know that if you are rejected because of any disqualifications known to you and concealed from the accepting officer, you will not be furnished with return transportation to the place of acceptance? Yes
- Have you ever: Used cocaine, heroin, morphine, marihuana, or any habit-forming drug or narcotic; since childhood wet the bed while asleep; had gonorrhea, sore on penis, convulsions or fits, or spells of unconsciousness; raised or spat up blood; had any illness, disease, or injury that required treatment at a hospital or asylum? No If answer to any part of the foregoing is "yes," give dates and ailment to which answer refers.
- To the best of your knowledge and belief, are you now sound and well? Yes If not, give details None
- Do you know that if you secure your enlistment by means of any false statement, willful misrepresentation, or concealment as to your qualifications for enlistment, you are liable to trial by court martial for fraudulent enlistment? Yes
In consideration of being accepted for enlistment, I agree not to marry during the period of this enlistment except as authorized in AR 600-750 or not until I am serving in one of the first three grades. I understand that if I violate this agreement I will not be reenlisted, even though I obtain a divorce.
I declare that I am not now a member of the Army (Regular Army Reserve excepted), Navy, Marine Corps, National Guard, or Coast Guard in an active, inactive, reserve, or retired status; that the foregoing questions and my answers thereto have been read to me; that my answers have been correctly recorded and are true in all respects and that I fully understand the conditions under which I am enlisting.
*I further declare that no promises have been made to me that I would be assigned to a school or that I would be taught to fly or given any flying instruction; that I have not been promised any unusual considerations and I understand that, if I am detailed to a special service school and complete the course, I will not be eligible for discharge by purchase during this enlistment except for dependency of near relatives.

Given at Uniontown, Penna., the place of acceptance, this 2nd day of December 1940

Witness: James Smith Sergeant, DEML-RS • Signature of applicant: John A. Becka
(To be witnessed by recruiting officer) (Grade and organization) (First name) (Middle initial) (Last name)

Verified at Pittsburgh, Pa. by J. A. SIBERT
(Recruiting officer) (Grade and organization) (See Instruction 7)

Canvasser James Smith Sergeant, DEML-RS.

Legal consent from both parents obtained by affidavit herewith. Travel pay on discharge in excess of 500 miles waived. Waiver herewith.

*This part of declaration does not apply to man enlisting as flying cadet or enlisting with the avowed intention of applying for admission to the United States Military Academy, and will be lined out.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AT PLACE OF ENLISTMENT
(MADE BY AN AUTHORIZED MEDICAL EXAMINER)

(Applicant stripped. See Instruction 8)

Eyes Brown Hair Brown Complexion Ruddy Height 67 3/4 inches. Weight 107 pounds.
Girth of chest (at nipples): At expiration 32 1/2 inches. At inspiration 34 1/2 inches.
General examination (physique, skin, head, chest, abdomen, extremities, etc.) negative

General surgical conditions (including hernia, hemorrhoids, varicose veins, and state of abdominal wall and viscera) negative

Organs of locomotion (including bones, joints, muscles, and tendons) negative

Genito-urinary system (including functioning of kidneys) negative

Vision: Right eye 20/20 Left eye 20/20 Eye conditions negative
Hearing: Right ear 20/20 Left ear 20/20 Ear, nose, and throat conditions negative

	(Examinee's)																
	Right								Left								
Teeth	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	(Strike out those that are missing; circle those that may be restored)

Mouth and gums negative

Cardio-vascular system negative

Lungs negative

Neuro-psychiatric examination negative

† Remarks _____

† I certify that I have carefully examined the applicant and have correctly recorded the results of the examination; and that, to the best of my judgment and belief, *he is mentally and physically qualified for service in the Army of the United States, *he is †physically †mentally disqualified for service in the Army of the United States by reason of _____

Place Uniontown, Pa. Signature S.A. Baltz, M.D.

Date December 2, 1940 Name typed or stamped: S.A. Baltz, Lt Col. Med-Res. (Grade), Medical Corps.

* Strike out clause not applicable. † Strike out word not applicable. ‡ See Instruction 9.

FINGERPRINTS—RIGHT HAND

Fingerprint impressions will be made in this space in the case of every man enlisting and reenlisting in the Regular Army.

1. THUMB	2. INDEX	3. MIDDLE	4. RING	5. LITTLE
				

BECKA, John
A. 12-2-40.

REGULAR ARMY

BECKA

(Last name)

13012244

(Army serial No.)

JOHN

(First name)

A.
(Middle initial)

26TH INFANTRY,

PLATTSBURG BARRACKS, NEW YORK, *N.Y.*

(Arm or service for which enlisted or inducted)

Color or race

WHITE

SERVICE RECORD

covering period

From 12-4-, 19 40 to 7 Aug. 1944

For instructions see AR 345-125

W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 24
December 1, 1938

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AGO Hqs. 2d
Hq. 2d, N. C.
2. Rec'd. 23 OCT 1944



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DRAFT RECORD

(This draft record will be filled out only when a man enters the service through induction by draft or select service)

Serial No. _____ Order No. _____
 Date of order to report for military duty _____
 Date ordered to report _____
 Date actually reported _____
 Inducted by local board _____ (Designation of local board)
 Entrained for post, camp, station _____ (Date)
 Arrived at _____ (Date)

RECORDS OF IMMUNIZATION

(See par. 6, AR 40-215, for details relative to immunization records)

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

Date	Result ¹
12/14/40	Vaccinated
6/4/42	IMMUNE
8-31-43	Immune

TYPHOID VACCINATIONS

12-1-40	Completed

OTHER VACCINATIONS

Kind	Date

DIPHTHERIA SUSCEPTIBILITY TEST-SCHICK

Date	Result ²
TRIPLEX Typhoid	6/4/42 6/22/42 6/30/42
TYPHUS	6/30/42 7/6/42 11/10/42
TETANUS TOXOID	6/4/42 6/22/42
	3-1-43

CARRIER EXAMINATIONS

(See AR 40-310)

Date	Parasite examined for	Kind of specimen ³	Positive or negative

¹ Record as vaccinia, vaccinoid, or immune reaction.

² Record as positive, positive combined, negative-pseudo or negative.

³ Record as feces, urine, sputum, blood, etc.

ENLISTMENT RECORD

BECKA J. 1301224
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial)
 Born September 2, 1920, Collier
 (Month, day, and year) (City or town) (State or country)
 Height 5 ft. 3 in. Weight 107 lb. Eyes Brown Hair Brown

Complexion Ruddy Size of gas mask # 1 Size of shoe

Married or single Single Occupation Laborer

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Years in: Grammar school 7 High school 0 College or university

Graduate work None Specialized in None

Speaks *English, French, Spanish, German

OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Laborer, FARMER \$ 12.00
 (Main occupation) (Weekly wage)

Years Two as *apprentice, journeyman, etc.

Just what did he do? General laborer for father

None (Next best occupation) (Weekly wage)

Years None as *apprentice, journeyman, etc.

Just what did he do? None

HOME ADDRESS AND NEAREST RELATIVE

Home address (None)

Grindstone, Pa. (Number and street or rural route; if none, so state)

(City, town, or post office) (State or country)

Name and address of nearest relative Steve Becka (Father) (None) (Name)

(Relationship) (Number and street or rural route; if none, so state)

Grindstone, Pa. (City, town, or post office) (State or country)

Person to be notified in case of emergency Same (Name)

Same (Relationship; if friend, so state) (Number and street or rural route; if none, so state)

Same (City, town, or post office) (State or country)

DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY

(To be entered only from W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 21 or 41)

Steve Becka (Father)

Grindstone, Pa. (Name and degree of relationship of beneficiary)

Mary Becka (Mother)

Grindstone, Pa. (Name and degree of relationship of alternate beneficiary)

(Address) None

(Name and degree of relationship of alternate beneficiary)

(Address) None

CURRENT ENLISTMENT

(See "Remarks—Financial" (par. 3a, AR 345-125))

Age at enlistment 20 years 3 months.

Accepted for service at Uniontown, Pa.

Enlisted at Pittsburgh, Pa. on the

4th day of December 19 4

in grade of Private by J. A. SIBERT

for 26th Infantry, Plattsburg Barracks

to serve Three (3) years.

Completed 0 years 0 months 0 days for longevity pay,

at enlistment. Has over 0 years' service.

Physical defects at enlistment None (Initials of officer)

* Strike out words not applicable.

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PRIOR SERVICE

First show prior service in the Regular Army, then insert headings to show service in the United States Army, Volunteers, Navy, Marine Corps, and National Guard or Organized Militia, in the order named.

from 19 to 19
 (Co., regt., arm, or service)

Discharged as (Grade) (Character) ; By reason of

(Data required by par. 8, AR 345-125)

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MILITARY QUALIFICATIONS

Served as _____ in the United States Army in the World War
(Highest grade held)

Holds commission as _____ in the Officers' Reserve Corps
(Grade) (Section)

Graduate of _____
(Noncommissioned officers' or special service school)

ARMY SPECIALTY

Specialty	*Rating, with date	*Rerating, with date
RIPLEYMAN AUTO. SQUAD LDR	V6-5242 G10-14-42	SX1-544

* Ex=Excellent; VG=Very good; G=Good; F=Fair.

SPECIAL DUTY

[illegible]

ARTICLES OF WAR

(Read to soldier as required by the 110th Article of War)

Date	Initials	Date	Initials
2-11-44	[Signature]	1-26-44	[Signature]
1-23-44	[Signature]		
7-21-42	[Signature]		
8-28-40	[Signature]		

SEX MORALITY

Course completed (see AR 40-235) 2-11-41, 1941

QUALIFICATION IN ARMS

(Special qualifications attained in the use of the various arms and additional compensation therefor)

Qualified as _____, 19____
(Grade designation)

Compensation \$	(Grade designation)	per month	Aggregate or final score
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Compensation \$----- per month. Aggregate or final score -----

Order publishing fact of qualification	(Number)	(Source)	(Date)
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Qualified as _____, _____, 19____
(Grade designation)

Compensation \$_____ per month. Aggregate or final score _____

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Qualified as _____, _____, 19____
(Grade designation)

Compensation \$_____ per month. Aggregate or final score _____

Order publishing fact of qualification -----

Order publishing the questionnaire	(Number)	(Source)	(Date)
Qualified as			19

Qualified as _____, _____, 19____
(Grade designation)

Compensation \$_____ per month. Aggregate or final score _____

Order publishing fact of qualification -----
(Number) (Source) (Date)

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Qualified as			19

Grade designation		
Contribution \$	per month	Aggregate or final score

Compensation \$----- per month. Aggregate or final score -----

Order publishing fact of qualification	(Number)	(Source)	(Date)
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MILITARY RECORD

APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR REDUCTION, WITH
AUTHORITY THEREFOR

Grade	Date	Authority	Initials
Private	12-4-40	AR 600-750	J. A. C.
1st Lt	9/11/41	DR 14 L K 26 H 26	J. A. C.
CORP	10/14/42	RO 288 H 9 26 H 26	J. A. C.
Sgt	9/2/43	SO 122 H 9 26 H 26	J. A. C.
1st Sgt	4/5/44	SO 2 H 9 26 H 26	J. A. C.

SPECIALIST RATINGS

[illegible]

ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH ATTACHED

[illegible]

ORIGINAL ASSIGNMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY ASSIGNED DURING THIS ENLISTMENT PERIOD

[illegible]

INSERT TO SERVICE RECORD

REMARKS—ADMINISTRATIVE—Continued 218

Arrived Normandy France fr UK
6 Jun/44.

Part. in invasion of France fr
6 June to 7 Aug/44.

KIA in defensive position vicinity
St. Fraimbault de Prieres, France.
7 August 1944.

REMARKS—ADMINISTRATIVE—Continued

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REMARKS—ADMINISTRATIVE

Under this heading will be shown all administrative matter not shown elsewhere and not of a character authorizing pay. Show wounds, battles, engagements, etc., and such other entries not set forth elsewhere as may be required to make soldier's record complete.

Intelligence Rating: 16 Years.
Legal consent to enlistment includes consent to reenlistment in the Regular Army or enlistment in the Regular Army Reserve, and indicates no objection to overseas service.

Travel Pay on discharge in excess of 500 miles waived. Waiver herewith.
CANCELLED SERIAL WD CIR #28 JAN 22, 1943
Soldier fingerprinted on FBI Military Fingerprint Card, which was forwarded with the WD, AGO, Form No. 21

Catholic
2(Risk) 3/13/42 SO#102 Hq 26th Inf 5/4/41

4(N-Su) 3/15/41 SO#102 Hq 26th Inf 5/4/41 (130)

1 (G) 12-141 SO#102 Hq 26th Inf 5/4/41

Good 20 (4) 200-10
and 2-11-4

PROVISIONS OF WD CIR NO. 7
JAN. 9-42 RE: GOV. LIFE INS.
FULLY EXPLAINED

WD AGO FORM 65-4, 0-127-79
ISSUED WD AGO FORM 65-4

SOLDIER PARTICIPATED IN THE OCCUPATION OF
ORMAN RECORDS FROM NOV 8 TO NOV 10 1942 INCL

Soldier's name is *WILLIAM W. WILSON*

WD AGO FORM 65-4, 0-127-79
ISSUED WD AGO FORM 65-4, 0-127-79

Hq SOS USAPP

17660

7th Ind.

To _____, 19__

This soldier was transferred to _____

per _____

and left this organization _____, 19__

He was last paid to include _____, 19__

by _____

(Name and grade of finance officer or agent officer, if any)

Due United States; if nothing, so state _____

* Due soldier at date of _____

This soldier ^{has} ~~has not~~ a Class E allotment running which has been deducted from his pay to include _____, 19__

This soldier has authorized a Class D deduction for Government insurance which has been deducted from his pay to include _____, 19__

His character is _____

Efficiency rating as soldier _____

I have personally verified all entries in this indorsement.

(Name)

(Grade and organization)

This soldier reported _____, 19__

*Here enter any amounts due soldier and not paid to date, such as monetary allowance in lieu of quarters and subsistence; if nothing, so state.

†Strike out words not applicable.

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FINAL INDORSEMENT

HEADQUARTERS 26th INF.

(Company or detachment)

A.P.O. #1, U.S. ARMY

(Place)

25 AUGUST

1944

To The Adjutant General:

BECKA

JOHN

A.

13012244

(Last name)

(First name)

(Middle initial)

(Army serial No.)

STAFF SERGEANT

C.O. K-26th INF

(Grade)

(Organization)

was separated from the service by reason of DEATH (KIA)

on 7 AUGUST 1944

at FRANCE authority

(Place)

(Date)

Retained in service 0 days to make good time lost (A. W. 107).

Absent from duty 0 days subsequent to normal date of expiration of term of enlistment.

Retained in service 0 days for convenience of the Government on account of

His character is Excellent

Efficiency rating as soldier Satisfactory

*Final statement furnished. *Paid on final pay roll.

*Discharge certificate furnished, W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 55, 56, 57.

Due United States; if nothing, so state CL E Almt \$35.00 per mo

for mo of Jul/44.

CL N Almt \$1.32 per mo for mo of Jul/44.

CL E Almt \$20.00 per mo for 1 Feb/42 for indef. discount

exp. 31 Jul/44.

CL E Almt \$15.00 per mo for 1 SEPT/42 for INDEF.

DISCONT'D EFF 31 Jul/44

CL N Almt \$1.32 per mo for 1 MAR/42 for INDEF.

DISCONT'D EFF 31 Jul/44

†Due soldier at date of KIA - ACCRUED PAY & ALWS.

DUE EM COMBAT INF PAY FR 1 JAN/44 to

7 AUG/44

BENEFICIARY

Address furnished for future references: STEVE BECKA (FATHER)

(Number and street or rural route)

GRINDSTONE PENNA.

(City, town, or post office)

(State or country)

Signature of soldier:

DECEASED

I have verified the foregoing entries.

Name signed

Name typed or printed GERALD T. MESSEL

CWO-USA - ASST PERM ADJ.

(Grade and organization)

*Strike out words and figures not applicable.

†Here enter any amounts due soldier and not paid to date, such as monetary allowance in lieu of quarters and subsistence; if nothing, so state.

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

This is to identify—

John A. Becka

Inf.

(Arm or service)

(Name)

13012244

(Serial No.)

Army of the United States,
whose signature, photograph, and fingerprints appear hereon.

Edmund

Major General,
The Adjutant General of the Army.

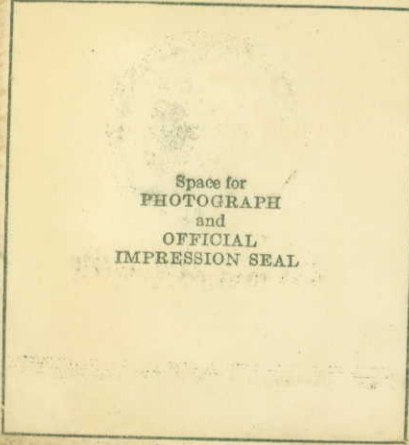
(Signature of bearer)

Countersigned:

(Signature)

EDWARD L. STAMM
(Name printed)
(Grade)
(Arm, service, or organization)

Date of birth Sept. 2, 1920
Color eyes Brown Color hair Black
Weight 115 lbs. Height 5 ft. 7 ins.



Date issued JUL 20 1942
Loss of this card will be reported to The Adjutant General without delay by the individual named hereon, with the circumstances.
W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 65-1
September 10, 1941 GPO 16-20107

FINGERPRINTS—RIGHT HAND



THUMB



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Telegraph "The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.," stating:

1. Name, grade, and serial number of individual as shown herein.
2. Brief details of emergency.
3. Where this individual can be located.

WARNING

This card is issued by the War Department for official use of the authorized holder designated herein. Its use by any other person is unlawful and will make the offender liable to heavy penalty.

The finder of a lost card should promptly place it in the nearest post office or mail box. No envelope or stamp is required.

WAR DEPARTMENT



WASHINGTON, D. C.

Identification Card

No. Q-127699

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
UNITED STATES ARMY
WASHINGTON, D. C.



OFFICIAL STATEMENT of the DEATH

of

JOHN A. BECKA
Service Number 13 012 244

The official records show that Staff Sergeant John A. Becka, service number 13 012 244, was killed in action 7 August 1944 in France. Death occurred in line of duty and was not the result of his own misconduct.

This official statement furnished 15 May 1950 to Mr. Steve Becka, father, 1201 Ogden Avenue, New York 52, New York.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General



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April 18, 1950

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(24)

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Adjutant General
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Would you be so kind as to furnish
me a certified copy of original official
U.S. notification of death of my son
John A. Becka killed in France on
August 7, 1944. His serial number was
13012244 and his rank a staff
sergeant in the Army. This certified
copy is needed by me in order to apply
for World War II compensation from
the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



APR 19 11 05 AM 1950

DISPATCHED

AGO MESSAGE CENTER

1950 APR 19 AM 10:59

RECEIVED

My previous address was Box 112
Grindstone, Pennsylvania but am
now living with my daughter in
New York City.

Sincerely yours

Steve Becka

1201 Ogden Avenue
New York 52, N.Y.

REPORT OF DEATH - HISTORY CARD

DATE January 1945

FULL NAME Becka, John A.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 13 2 244	GRADE PMR 4627 s/Sgt.
HOME ADDRESS Grindstone, Pa.		ARM OR SERVICE Infantry	DATE OF BIRTH 2 Sep 1920
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed In Action		DATE OF DEATH 7 Aug 1944
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 4 Dec 40	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES Over 3 years
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mr. Paul J. Becka, brother, Grindstone, Pa.			
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mr. & Mrs. Steve Becka, father & mother, 1201 Ogden Ave., New York 52, N. Y.			
INVESTIGATION MADE?	IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT	WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS
YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS	OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)
YES NO		YES NO	YES NO

Combat Infantryman

ADDITIONAL DATE AND/OR STATEMENT

Corrected to show combat Infantryman from Extract GO #2, dated 9 Jan 33 Hq. 26th Inf.

☒ BATTLE ☐ NON-BATTLE

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 7 Aug 44 until such absence was terminated on 4 Sep 44, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from the Commanding General, European Area.

James W. Rinkhart
OFFICER'S INITIALS

CLERK WORKING CASE	REVIEWED BY E.M.	FORM 41 REC'D <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	FORM 43 REC'D <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	DATE S/R RECEIVED 10-25-44
RECORDS TO DEMOBILIZED PERSONNEL RECORDS BRANCH		RECORDS TO OFFICERS BRANCH		
CLERK E.M.	DATE 1-3-45	CLERK	DATE	
W.D., A.G.O. FORM NO. 51				
FORM 51	REQUIRED RECEIVED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DATE FORM 51 SENT TO	INVESTIGATION AND CORRESPONDENCE SEC., CAS. BR., A.G.O. DEMOBILIZED PERSONNEL RECORDS BRANCH, A.G.O. OFFICERS BRANCH, A.G.O.	

INSURANCE COMPANY REQUESTS

NAME OF REQUESTING INSURANCE CO.	DATE OF REQUEST	DATE SENT TO D.P.R.B.R.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES
MEMO ROUTING SLIP

To the following in order indicated:

GPO 16-34260-3

<i>D. I. C. Certification Sec.</i>			(Initials)
			(Date)
(Name or title)	(Organization)	(Building and room)	

Re: Becka, John A - 13,012, 244, S/Sgt

Reported KIA - 7 Aug - France.

Telephone call from Mrs Bjork, (Sister) New York.

Phone - Jerome 7-5576 requests address of
parents be changed from:

Mr. Mrs Steve Becka
Strandstone, Penna.

To: Mr. Mrs Steve Becka
1201 Ogden Ave.,
New York 52, N.Y.

No mention was made about changing address
of Paul J. Becka (Brother) shown as E. A. *and*

From

Grafton L. George
1st Lt., A. G. D.

(Name)

(Organization)

(Building and room)

Casualty Info 3048

JAMES W. Reinhardt.
ADD

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1944
(Date)

(Telephone)

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REPORT OF DEATH - WORK SHEET

6 Sept 44

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LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE
Becka, John A.		13 012 244	S/Sgt.
HOME ADDRESS		ARM OR SERVICE	DATE OF BIRTH
Grindstone, Pa.		Infantry	2 Sept 20
PLACE OF DEATH	CAUSE OF DEATH		DATE OF DEATH
European Area	killed in action		7 Aug 44
STATION OF DECEASED		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSE
European Area		4 Dec 40	YEARS MONTHS DAYS over 3 yrs.

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS)

Mr. Paul J. Becka, brother, Grindstone, Pa.

BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS)

Steve Becka, father, Grindstone, Pa.

Mary Becka, mother, Grindstone, Pa.

INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY OTHER)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

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OFFICER'S INITIALS

BATTLE	CLERK WORKING CASE	REVIEWED BY	FORM #1 REC'D	FORM #3 REC'D	DATE S/R RECEIVED
NON-BATTLE			YES NO	YES NO	19/25/44
RECORDS TO DEMOBILIZED PERSONNEL RECORDS BRANCH			RECORDS TO OFFICERS BRANCH		
CLERK	DATE	CLERK	DATE		
Bush	9/8/44				

W.D., A.G.O. FORM NO. 51

FORM 51	REQUIRED RECEIVED	DATE FORM 51 SENT TO	INVESTIGATION AND CORRESPONDENCE SEC., CAS. BR., A.G.O.
	NOT REQUIRED		DEMOMILIZED PERSONNEL RECORDS BRANCH, A.G.O.
			OFFICERS James W. G. Reinhart

INSURANCE COMPANY REQUESTS

NAME OF REQUESTING INSURANCE CO.	DATE OF REQUEST	DATE SENT TO DRR. BR.

AG 201 Becka, John A.
PC-N ET0175

5 September 1944

Mr. Paul J. Becka
Grindstone, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Becka:

It is with profound regret that I confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your brother, Staff Sergeant John A. Becka, 13,012,244, Infantry, who was previously reported missing in action on 7 August 1944 in France.

An official message has now been received which states that he was killed in action on the date he was previously reported missing in action. If additional information is received it will be transmitted to you promptly.

I realize the burden of anxiety that has been yours since he was first reported missing in action and deeply regret the sorrow this later report brings you. May the knowledge that he made the supreme sacrifice for his home and country be a source of sustaining comfort.

My sympathy is with you in this time of great sorrow.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Morgan
Major, A.G.D.

J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.



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CASUALTY BRANCH

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AG 201 Becka, John A.
PC-N ET0175

5 September 1944

Mr. Steve Becka
Grindstone, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Becka:

It is with regret that I inform you of the death of your son, Staff Sergeant John A. Becka, 13,012,244, Infantry, who was previously reported missing in action on 7 August 1944 in France. A telegram announcing his death was sent to his brother, Mr. Paul J. Becka, who was designated by him as the person to be notified in an emergency.

A casualty report has now been received which states that he was killed in action on the date he was previously reported missing in action. Unfortunately reports on our brave men who have given their lives in battle do not reveal details of the heroic action which led to their deaths.

The significance of his heroic service to his country will be preserved and commemorated by a grateful nation, and it is hoped that this thought may give you strength and courage in your sorrow.

I extend to you my deepest sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 14A
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1925

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

AG 201 BECKA JOHN A 2 SEPT 44 SPXPG-N ETO 175 4 SEPTEMBER 1944
ASN 13 012 244

MR PAUL J BECKA

GRINDSTONE PENNSYLVANIA

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES THAT I TENDER HIS DEEP SYMPATHY TO
YOU IN THE LOSS OF YOUR BROTHER STAFF SERGEANT JOHN A BECKA WHO
WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION REPORT NOW RECEIVED
STATES HE WAS KILLED IN ACTION SEVEN AUGUST IN FRANCE LETTER
FOLLOWS

OFFICIAL

ADJUTANT GENERAL



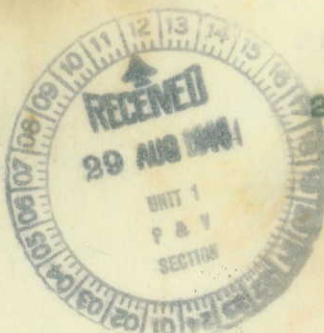
FROM WAR DEPARTMENT

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AG 201 Becka, John A.
PC-N HFO166



29 August 1944

Mr. Paul J. Becka

Grindstone, Pennsylvania

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Dear Mr. Becka:

This letter is to confirm my recent telegram in which you were regretfully informed that your brother, Staff Sergeant John A. Becka, 13,012,244, Infantry, has been reported missing in action in France since 7 August 1944.

I know that added distress is caused by failure to receive more information or details. Therefore, I wish to assure you that at any time additional information is received it will be transmitted to you without delay, and, if in the meantime no additional information is received, I will again communicate with you at the expiration of three months.

The term "missing in action" is used only to indicate that the whereabouts or status of an individual is not immediately known. It is not intended to convey the impression that the case is closed. I wish to emphasize that every effort is exerted continuously to clear up the status of our personnel. Under war conditions this is a difficult task as you must readily realize. Experience has shown that many persons reported missing in action are subsequently reported as prisoners of war, but as this information is furnished by countries with which we are at war, the War Department is helpless to expedite such reports. However, in order to relieve financial worry, Congress has enacted legislation which continues in force the pay, allowances and allotments to dependents of personnel being carried in a missing status.

Permit me to extend to you my heartfelt sympathy during this period of uncertainty.

Sincerely yours,

Gossard
J. A. ULIO
Major General
The Adjutant General



Mr. Becka

March 15, 1945.

My dear Mr. Becka:

The President has requested me to inform you that the Purple Heart has been awarded posthumously to your son, Staff Sergeant John A. Becka, Infantry, who sacrificed his life in defense of his country.

The medal, which you will receive shortly, is of slight intrinsic value, but rich with the tradition for which Americans are so gallantly giving their lives. The Father of our country, whose profile and coat of arms adorn the medal, speaks from it across the centuries to the men who fight today for the proud freedom he founded.

Nothing the War Department can do or say will in any sense repair the loss of your loved one. He has gone, however, in honor and the goodly company of patriots. Let me, in communicating to you the country's deep sympathy, also express to you its gratitude for his valor and devotion.

Please believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Wm. F. WILSON

Mr. Steve Becka,
1201 Ogden Avenue,
New York 52, New York.

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3-8-45 DATE

INITIALS & RM. NO.

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AGPD-R 201 Becka, John A.
13 012 244

17 March 1945

Mr. Steve Becka
1201 Ogden Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Becka:

I have the honor to inform you that, by direction of the President, the Bronze Star Medal has been posthumously awarded to your son, Staff Sergeant John A Becka, Infantry. The citation is as follows:

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

"For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in ***, 7 August 1944."

The decoration will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Second Service Command, Governors Island, New York, who will select an officer to make the presentation. The officer selected will communicate with you concerning your wishes in the matter.

May I again express my deepest sympathy to you in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,



J. A. ULIO
Major General
The Adjutant General

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 THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
 WASHINGTON, D.C.

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AG/201 Becka, John A.

NOTICE OF AWARD OF DECORATION

Date of Action 17 March 1945

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Serial No.	Grade	To be engraved as follows:
Becka	John	A	13 012 244	S/Sgt.	JOHN A. BECKA
Organization	Component		Foreign	Others	
Infantry					
Home address—upon entry into service					
Present station if living; otherwise present status				Station or APO	
Killed in action					
Next of kin (Name & Address)				Relationship	
Mr. Steve Becka 1201 Ogden Avenue New York, New York				Father	
GO AUTHORIZING AWARD		Headquarters			
GO No.	Sec.	Year			
89	II	1944	1st US Inf. Div		
Type of Award and Date				Posthumous	
Bronze Star Medal				Yes	
Oak-Leaf Clusters to the:				Number	Posthumous
Presentation to be made by:				Name of officer recommending award	
Commanding General Second Service Command Governors Island, New York					

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

W. H. FALLON

Adjutant General

CITATION

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BRANCH,
MILITARY PERSONNEL DIVISION, ACO.

Initials **IR** **26**
12-21-44
Date

RECORD OF AWARD OF DECORATION BY AGENCY OTHER THAN WAR DEPARTMENT

Last Name BECKA	First Name JOHN	Middle Initial A.	Serial No. 13012244	Grade S. SGT.
Organization CO. K, 26TH INF.			Foreign	Others
Headquarters 1ST US INF DIV		Station or APO 1	C.O. No. 89	Section II
Type of Award BRONZE STAR MEDAL			Posthumous YES	Date 19 Sept. 44
Oak-Leaf Clusters		Number	Posthumous	DO NOT WRITE IN COLUMN BELOW
By Command of MAJ. GEN. HUEBNER			Amended	Revoked

CITATION

For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in ***, 7 August 1944.

Residence at enlistment: Grindstone, Pennsylvania

Next of kin: Mr. Steve Becka, Father, Grindstone, Pennsylvania.

AGPD-R 201 Becka, John A.
(21 Jan 45) 13 012 244

1 March 1945

Mr. Steve Becka
1201 Ogden Avenue
New York 52, New York

Dear Mr. Becka:

I have the honor to inform you that, by direction of the President, the Purple Heart decoration has been awarded to your son, the late Staff Sergeant John A. Becka, Infantry, who made the supreme sacrifice in defense of his country.

The Purple Heart was originally established by General George Washington at Newburgh, 7 August 1782, during the War of the Revolution. The decoration was revived by the War Department on 22 February 1932, the two-hundredth anniversary of General Washington's birth, thus paying respect to his memory and recognizing his military achievements.

As evidence of the Nations's recognition of military merit and courage, this award is made to honor the memory of a brave soldier who died as a result of enemy action.

Under existing regulations governing the award of this decoration, the President may direct that it be sent to the next of kin of those who give their lives in action. The Commanding General of the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot has therefore been authorized as of this date to send you an appropriately engraved Purple Heart medal. A certificate, representing the award of the Purple Heart to Staff Sergeant John A. Becka, a letter signed by the Secretary of War, and an accolade will also be forwarded to you under separate cover. It is believed that you will receive these decorations within a reasonable time.



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1 Mar 45 DATE *June 908*
INITIALS & RM. NO.

*Memo sent to
PH Act to issue
PH cert, accolade &
Sec of War letter*

May I again extend my deepest sympathy to you in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. ULIO
Major General
The Adjutant General



new york D.T.A.
Jan 21/1944
815 Hill 30

Dear Sir,

I'm writing for my parents
Mr & Mrs Stene Becka whose son
John Becka was reported killed
in action August 7th 1944. They have
been told that they were to have
received a purple Heart and
would like to know if it is
given only to the parents of boys
who have died of wounds or
to those whose boys have also
been killed. We know of quite
a few families that have already
received them and their boys
have been killed long after my

brother. And as yet my parents
haven't received any word of getting
one.

They would appreciate any information
you could give them. They are
now residing with me in New York.

Sincerely yours

Mrs J. Bjork

1201 Ogden Ave
New York, N.Y.



my brother's # is

AG 201 Becka, John A.
PL-N ETO 175



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AG 201 **Becka, John A.**
(21 Jan 45)

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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NOTICE OF AWARD OR DECORATION

Date of Action **1 March 1945**

Last Name Becka	First Name John	Middle Initial A	Seri. No. 13 012 244	Grade S/Sgt	To be engraved as follows: JOHN A. BECKA
Organization Infantry		Component	Foreign	Others	
Home address — upon entry into service					
Present station if living; otherwise present status				Station or APO	DO NOT WRITE IN COLUMN BELOW
Next of kin (Name & Address) Mr. Steve Becka 1201 Ogden Avenue New York 52, New York				Relationship Father	
GO AUTHORIZING AWARD		Headquarters			
GO No.	Sec.	Year			
Type of Award and Date Purple Heart				Posthumous Yes	
Oak-Leaf Clusters to the:			Number	Posthumous	
Presentation to be made by: Ship to next of kin			Name of officer recommending award		

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

L. ZUCKERMAN

Adjutant General

CITATION

Date of death: **7 August 1944**
European Area

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER

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HEADQUARTERS 26TH INFANTRY

APO #1, U. S. ARMY

9 January 1944

Trans 3 Sep 44 384
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EXTRACT
Certif. 5 Sep 44

17. Pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 3, and in compliance with paragraph 4, Circular Number 269, War Department, dated 27 October 1943, it is hereby announced that the following named personnel of Company "K", 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st U. S. Infantry Division, United States Army, are awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy in a major operation as determined and announced by the Theater Commander:

S/SGT JOHN A BECKA, 13012244

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By order of Lieutenant Colonel SEITZ:

JOSEPH J. KOHOUT
Captain, 26th Infantry
Personnel Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

JOSEPH J. KOHOUT
Captain, 26th Infantry
Personnel Adjutant

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DEMOTORIZED PERSONNEL REC. BR.

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DATE

10-1-44

FILE IN EN. BR.

DATE

INITIALS & RM. NO.

10-2-44

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elc/jic 49

AG 201 Becka, John A.
PC-N ET0175

5 September 1944

Mr. Paul J. Becka

Grindstone, Pennsylvania

over 3 yrs

Dear Mr. Becka:

It is with profound regret that I confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your brother, Staff Sergeant John A. Becka, 13,012,244, Infantry, who was previously reported missing in action on 7 August 1944 in France.

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My sympathy is with you in this time of great sorrow.

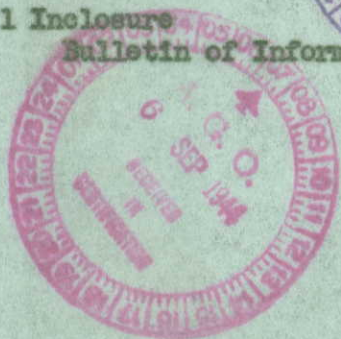
Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Morgan
Major, A.G.D.



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J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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DEATH CASE
CERTIFICATION SECTION
CASUALTY BRANCH
SEND TO

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90AG 201 Becka, John A.
PC-N ET0175

5 September 1944

Mr. Steve Becka

Grindstone, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Becka:

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Sincerely yours,



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Major General,
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CERTIFICATION SECTION
CASUALTY BRANCH

6 September 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NO.....45)

III. AWARD OF SILVER STAR:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the following-named officers and enlisted men are awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action:

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VI. COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT IN ACTION:

Under the provisions of AR 600-55, the following-named officers and enlisted men are commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct in action:

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John A. Becka, 13012244, Sergeant, Infantry.

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For exceptionally meritorious conduct in action. The above-named officers and enlisted men held their positions on the slope of a strategic hill for forty-eight hours despite terrific mortar, artillery, automatic-rifle, and small-arms fire. Their tenacity in holding difficult terrain against overwhelming odds typifies the finest traditions of the service.

By command of Major General HUEBNER:

S. B. MASON,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

LEONIDAS GAVALAS
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

TO ENLISTED BRANCH FOR FILE
ALLAN - D & A BRANCH

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COMPANY "K", 26TH INFANTRY

A.P.O. #1, US Army.

19 August 1944.
(Date)

200.6 Becka, John A.
(Name)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award.

THRU : Commanding Officer, 26th Infantry.

TO : Commanding General, 1st US Infantry Division.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, it is recommended
(AR and Circulars)
that the Bronze Star, be awarded the following EM, for
(Decoration) (O, EM)

Heroic action.

(Distinguishing characteristics of deed for which award is recommended)

1. Personal Data:

a. John A. Becka S/Sgt. 13012244
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Infantry Company "K", 26th Infantry
(Arm or Service) (Organization)

b. Grade, ASN, assignment, and capacity at time of act or service for which award is recommended S/Sgt. 13012244, Company K, 26th Infantry,

Squad Leader.

c. Decorations previously awarded None.

(General order number and Headquarters)

d. No decoration has previously been awarded for this act or service
, and John A. Becka
(Name)

(has not) previously been recommended for an award on the basis of this or related acts. (If previously recommended, give details including action taken by each headquarters to which sent.)

e. The entire service of S/Sgt. John A. Becka (Deceased) since
(Name)
the rendition of the deed or service upon which this recommendation is based was
~~XXXXXX~~ honorable.

f. Entered military service from Grindstone, Penna.
(City and State)

g. Nearest relative Steve Becka Father
(Name) (Relationship)

(None) Grindstone, Penna.
(Street & No. or RFD) (City) (State)

2. General Data:

a. Does the officer recommending this award have personal knowledge or was he an eye-witness of the act or service upon which the recommendation is

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based? Yes.

(If "no", testimony in form of certificate or affidavits of at least two persons who have personal knowledge, or were witnesses must accompany the recommendation) - (In form of inclosure) See Incl. No. _____.

b. Is recommendation supported by official records? No
(If "yes", give details) _____

3. Specific Data:

a. Exact date of act or period during which service was rendered:

August 7, 1944.

b. Location at which act was rendered: Vicinity St. Fraimbault de Prieres, France.

c. (In recommendations for combat decorations, the following information must be given:)

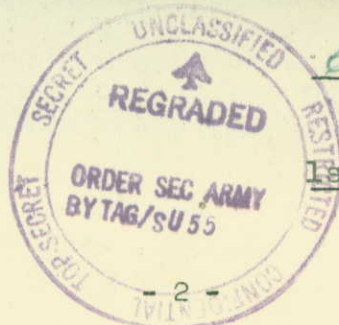
- (1) Character of terrain, of hostile observation, and of enemy fire: Low rolling terrain, good observation,
machine gun fire.
- (2) Visibility, time of day, and atmospheric conditions: Visibility excellent, 1130 hours, clear and bright.
- (3) Location of enemy: East of St. Fraimbault de Prieres,
France.
- (4) Morale -- that of our forces and of the enemy: Ours
excellent. Enemy good.
- (5) Casualties sustained: 1 KIA.
- (6) Effect or result of deed in question: His bravery and
devotion to his comrades cost his life but saved
three others.
- (7) Detailed resume (using operations maps, and narrative statement) giving complete description of action: See Incl. No. _____
See reverse side.

d. In case of service awards, a complete description of services rendered should be listed in detail, (Do not use general statements; be specific) and the following statement included, "The accomplishment of the duty for which award is recommended has been completed."

(If "No", explain)

See Incl. No. _____.

Incls. (List)



Carl T. Garrison
(Signature)
CARL T. GARRISON

1st Lieut., 26th Infantry,
(Grade and Organization)

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Detailed resume:

S/Sgt Becka was given the mission of leading a patrol to reconnoiter an area in front of the Battalion positions and down to a road junction about a mile away. While scouting the area, movement was observed in the open field. Leaving one man behind, S/Sgt. Becka directed two of the men to work around the right flank while he advanced across the open field. The first to spot the enemy machine-gun nest, he fired at the enemy group, drawing the enemy fire and enabling the patrol to note the location of the enemy strongpoint. He was killed while still advancing towards the enemy machine gun in an attempt to destroy it. His courageous actions and devotion to duty under fire were commendable and inspired the members of the patrol.

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201-Becka, John A. (Enl) 1st Ind. RAB/bps
Company "K", 26th Infantry, APO #1, US Army 19 August 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 3rd Bn., 26th Infantry.

Approved and highly recommended.

Robert A. Baker
ROBERT A. BAKER
1st Lieut., 26th Infantry,
Commanding.

201-Becka, John A. (Enl) 2nd Ind. JTC/bps
Hq. 3rd Bn., 26th Infantry, APO #1, US Army 19 August 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 26th Infantry.

Approved and highly recommended.

John T. Corley
JOHN T. CORLEY
Lt. Colonel., 26th Infantry,
Commanding.

201-Becka, John A. (Enl) 3rd Ind. JFRS/bps
Headquarters 26th Infantry, APO #1, US Army 19 August 1944.

TO : Commanding General, 1st U.S. Infantry Division.

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John A. Becka, 13012244, Staff Sergeant, Company K,
26th Infantry.

For heroic achievement in connection with military
operations against the enemy in the vicinity of St. Fraimbault
de Prieres, MAINE, France, 7 August 1944.

RESIDENCE AT ENLISTMENT: Grindstone, Pennsylvania.

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While reconnoitering enemy territory, Sergeant Becka fearlessly crossed exposed terrain and deliberately drew machine-gun fire to determine location of hostile emplacements. In the performance of his heroic deed, Sergeant Becka was mortally wounded.

