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To The A. G. O.

rvg

DATE 7/26/22

1. NAME BUCHANAN, Matthew L.

DEC 1-1925

SERIAL No. 730-39

RANK Cpl.

ORGANIZATION

Co. I. 104th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION French Civ. Cty VIGNOT, Meuse

8 DIVISION 26

#130

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

6

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

Not known

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

Nothing of record

CONCENTRATED TO

Not known

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Apr 10, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Massachusetts

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS 4/8-21

6

130

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

Information taken from 16-A .

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR rhj



Wm M. CLINE

Captain Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 7/26/22

10

16

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

Block

PLOT

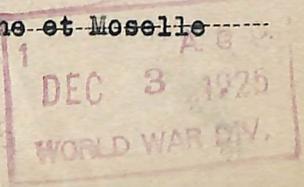
auth 2nd from Europe 7/18/23 C 80B 9/12/23

AUDITED BY 101 5-23-23

St Mihiel American Cty # 1233 Thiaucourt Meurthe et Moselle

CEMETERY

Robert O. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General





# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

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

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Co. I , 104th Inf.  
26th Division

BUCHANAN, Mathew - Cpl. 73039  
Home: 93 Western Ave.  
Lynn Mass.

Killed in action by shell fire 4-10-18 at Sub-Sector Giron-  
ville. Buried 4/12/18 at Church Cemty at Vignot Grave#6 (French)

Cpl. Buchmann was instantly killed by a shell fragment in  
the battle at Apremont. On night before he seemed to know of his appre-  
aching fate, and spoke of home and his mother and sister. Always a brave  
soldier and his loss is deeply felt in the company.

Informant: Gray, Joseph - Cpl.  
Co. I, 104th Inf.  
Home: Northampton, Mass

Searcher: Ret. Newell G. Flood  
Co. I, 104th Inf.

Emergency address:  
Mrs. H.F. Buchanan (mother)

MT

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Third Court, (M et M)

Date April 8, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Matthew L. Buchanan SERIAL NUMBER -----

RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. I. 104 Inf,

2. Disinterred (date): April 8, 1921. From (give complete location): Grave 6. French Civilian Cem. 130

By: Group 2 Unit Section 9.

3. Reburied (date): April 8, 1921. In (give complete location): Grave 6. French Civilian Cem. 130.

By: Group 2 Unit Section 9 Nature of reburial In burlap in wooden box. Bottle record placed with body.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
In blanket in wooden box,  
Badly decomposed.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Tag badly corroded. Impossible to read.  
Identified by adjacent graves,

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?  
2-3-14-M.B.D.  
12-M.A.D.  
15-16-badly decayed.

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) do

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) do

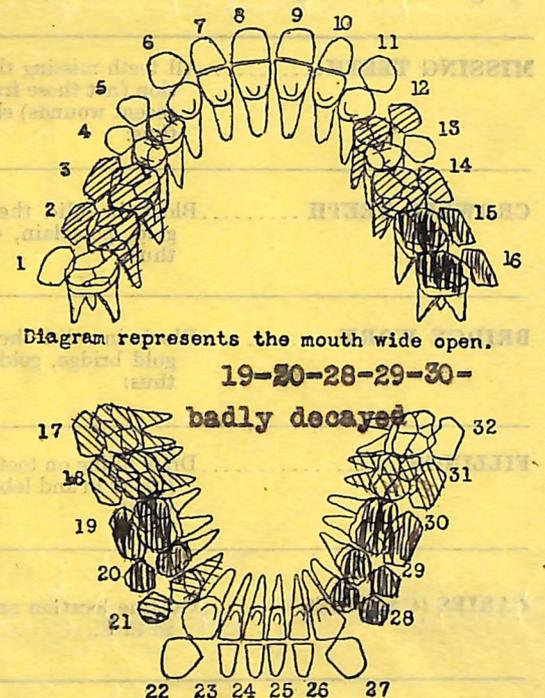


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.

19-20-28-29-30-

badly decayed

17-18-21-M.A.D.

31-M.B.D.

7. Disinterment supervised by Glenn A. Ross, Capt. Q.M.C.

Approved: F.L. Herron,  
(Title) Capt. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by Glenn A. Ross, Capt. Q.M.C.

Approved: F.L. Herron,  
(Title) Capt. Q.M.C.

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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."

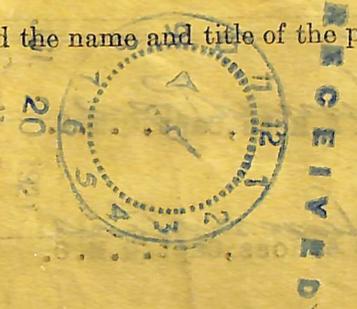
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying 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.

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



JOHN MATHEW BARRY  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
NOTARY PUBLIC AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

JOSEPH L. BARRY

SECURITY TRUST COMPANY BUILDING  
23 CENTRAL AVENUE  
ROOMS 207 AND 208  
TELEPHONE 1548

LYNN, MASS.,

May 17, 1918.

To Quarter Master General's Office,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:-

I am writing at the request of Mrs. Catherine E. Buchanan, the late  
93 Western Avenue, Lynn, Mass., who is the widowed mother of <sup>late of Lynn.</sup> Sergeant  
Matthew Leo Buchanan, who was killed in action in France on April 10,  
1st, 1918. He was a member of Co. I, 104th Infantry, American Expedi-  
tionary Forces, in France. Will you kindly have returned to her as  
soon as possible his personal belongings, or arrange that this be  
done by his Commanding Officer?

Yours very truly,

John M. Barry



293.3 Buchanan, Matthew L.

In answer refer to file No. 293.3-A-Cemeterial

May 21, 1918.

From: The Quartermaster General of the Army.

To: Mrs. H. F. Buchanan, 95 Western Avenue, Lynn, Mass.

Subject: Shipment home of remains of Matthew L. Buchanan, Corporal, Co. I, 104th Inf.

1. This office is in receipt of your request through Mr. John M. Barry for the shipment to you at Lynn, Mass., ----- of the remains of your son, Matthew L. Buchanan, Corporal, Co. I, 104th Inf., who died April 10, 1918, in France.

2. In reply I regret to inform you that it will be impracticable to comply with your request as the Secretary of War has decided, on the recommendation of the Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces, that bodies of deceased officers and soldiers will not be shipped from France to the United States during the continuance of the War. This policy has been adopted in view of the difficulties in shipping the remains home, and the Department is unable to deviate from the policy which has been adopted.

3. You are advised, however, that if in the future it is found to be practicable to ship the remains home in accordance with your request, it will be done. If your address as indicated above is not correct, or you should desire that your request for shipment home of the remains be canceled, this office should be advised accordingly.

4. Under existing regulations the necessary steps will be taken by the military authorities in France to mark the grave of each soldier who dies or is killed in battle, and to register the number and location of the grave and to establish beyond a doubt their identity should it become desirable subsequently to disinter the remains for removal to the United States. You should apply to the Adjutant General of the Army, War Dept., Wash. D. C., for your son's personal effects.

G. B. Wood, S.

Acting Quartermaster General.

COPY to the  
Depot Q. M.,

Army Bldg.,

N. Y. City, N. Y.

By:

H. R. Lemly,  
Major, Q. M. Corps, U. S. Army.

MAILED

MAY 21 1918

Entered on list

France

Buchanan, Matthew L.

Corpl., Co. I, 104th Inf.

Killed in action April 10, 1918.

Emergency address: Mrs. H. F.  
Buchanan, mother, 93 Western Ave.,  
Lynn, Mass.

A.G.O. 4/17/18

May 17/18 Mr. John M. Barry, Lynn,  
Mass., in behalf of Mrs. H. F. Buchanan  
93 Western Ave., Lynn, Mass., applies  
for remains

(293.3)

May 21/18 DQM, N.Y. City, directed to  
ship when rec'd.

(293.3)

REC'D

APR 17 1918

O. Q. M. G.

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# MEDICAL RECORD

Buchanan, Matthew L.

Cpl. Co I, 104 Inf.

Station: Nancy Port of

Date: July 13<sup>th</sup> 1930

Name Buchanan Mrs Catherine

Home address 93 Western Avenue Lynn Mass

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mrs J. Sheehan neighbor

95 Western Ave Lynn Mass

Religion Catholic

Age 73

History of Present complaint : 13/7/30 Constipation

13/7/30 Nervous & emotionally upset

**INSTRUCTIONS.** — This card will be started ~~only~~ in cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) Emotional Imbalance, Mod sev.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) 13/7/30 C.C. pills ii Milk of Mag 30cc

15/7/30 Brandy 30cc Bromides tab i

16/7/30 Brandy 30cc

Disposition: (include dates) Resumed Tour Feels Well

Remarks:

July 26. 30 Tocherbourg - Beach.

Ben F. Sharpton  
Capt. M. C.

Name..... BUCHANAN, Mrs C.E.

Paris Hôtel..... ~~HOTEL DE PARIS~~ HOTEL LUTETIA  
..... ~~BOULEVARD DE LA MADELEINE~~ BOULEVARD RASPAIL

Home address..... 93 Western Ave., Lynn, Essex County, Massachusetts

Party..... J..... Group..... 3..... Unit ~~§§.~~ AMERICA,

Date of arrival..... July 11, 1930..... Date of departure ~~§§.~~ HARDING, July 24, 1930.

Relationship..... Mother

Name of deceased..... BUCHANAN, Mattew L.

Rank..... Cpl..... Organization..... Co. I, 104th Inf.

Cemetery..... ST. MIHIEL..... Grave IO Row I2 Block C.

REMARKS



Party "J" - Itinerary - St. Mihiel Group.

Sailed July 2, 1930 on the AMERICA. Major Rolland Walsh in charge. Arrived Cherbourg 5.30am July 11th. Tender arrived 5.40am bearing Maj. Dailey and Kinderman; Capt. Saulnier; Lts. Freeman, Gregory, Yarborough and Moroney; 3 nurses; 2 civilian employees. Train left 8.22am. Arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, at 2.15pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff; a detail of interpreters; nurses.

July 12th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Left hotel by bus at 3pm for Arc de Triomphe. Wreath laid by Mrs. J. M. Frosthalm for party. Other wreathes laid by Mrs. Comeau and Mrs. Greene. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Returned to hotel for dinner. Evening free.

July 13th. Morning free. Sightseeing in afternoon. Dinner at hotel.

July 14th. Left 8.30am for Bar-le-Duc via Rozoy-en-Brie- Sezanne, Lunch at Hotel de France, Vitry-le-Francois. Arrived 6.30pm. Hotel de Metz.

July 15th. Left 9.30am for Nancy via Thiaucourt, lunch Hotel de Metz. St. Mihiel Cemetery. Arrived Nancy 6.15pm. Grand Hotel.

July 16th, Made daily trips from Nancy to the St. Mihiel American  
17th, 18th. Cemetery. Also visited Monument on Mont Sec and Metz.

July 19th. Left Nancy 7.45am for Troyes via Toul, Neufchateau, lunch Hotel du Commerce at Bar-sur-Aube. Arrived 4.45pm. Grand Hotel.

July 20th. Left Troyes 8.30am for Paris via Sens, Lunch Hotel Legris at Fontainebleau (visited Chateau.) Arrived Paris 6.00pm. Dinner at hotel.

July 21st. Sightseeing trip Paris Notre Dame. Lunch at hotel. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel. Nite sightseeing trip.

July 22nd. Free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Versailles-Belle Cycliste-Suresnes. Dinner at hotel.

July 23rd. Louvre. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.

July 24th. Boat train for Cherbourg. Lunch on train. left 11.44am. Arrived Cherbourg 4pm. PRESIDENT HARDING sailed 5.40pm. Arrived New York August 1st.

Mrs. C. E. Buchanan

June 5th, 1930.

Mrs. C.E. Buchanan,  
93 Western Avenue,  
Lynn, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star with the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge:

Arrived N.Y. 4:15 PM - July 1  
Train 11 - N.Y. to Wash  
Capt. Herbert

Enclosures:  
2 tags.

George F. N. Taylor,  
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

present Mrs. Annie Newber  
went above  
Cabin 238-C  
on Handing

2 bags

WAR DEPARTMENT  
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
ROOM 901  
225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

BUCHANAN, MATTHEW L. ST. M.

Party ..... J  
Number ..... 1861

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. C. E. BUCHANAN ..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
Name of Traveler

LYNN, ESSEX COUNTY, ..... New York, to LYNN, MASS.  
Home Address

MASS. .....

\$ 1.50 to Boston  
No pullman beyond.

New York, to LYNN, MASS. .....  
Destination

Via N. Y. N. H. & H. TO BOSTON - B. & M. TO DEST. .....

LIMIT - AUG 31-30 ..... AUGUST 2, 1930 .....  
Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time <i>arr</i>	<del>Lower</del> or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	GR CENT TERM	NYNHH						
AR	<u>Boston</u>	<u>2K</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>67-1022542</u>
LV								<u>1.50</u>
AR				<u>230</u>	<u>pm</u>			
LV	<u>Boston</u>	<u>Bm</u>	<u>2217</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>pm</u>		
AR	<u>Lynn</u>	<u>Bm</u>			<u>319</u>	<u>"</u>		
LV								
AR								
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TOTAL .....

Remarks:

Transfer at Boston - South to North Station  
Capt. Frank

NAME BUCHANAN, MRS. C. E.

S. HARDING

AUG 1 1930

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1861

HOME LYNN, ESSEX COUNTY, MASS.

R.R. N Y N H & H to Boston

STATION B & M to dest.

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME Aug - 31 - 30

DATE Henry Buchanan  
50 Astor St,  
West Lynn, Mass.

CHH

WAR DEPARTMENT  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS  
225 WEST 34TH ST., N. Y., N. Y., ROOM 90

VIA WESTERN UNION

JOS. F. COTTRELL  
Major, C.A.C. (DOL.)

August 1, 1930

Mrs. William Bauman  
Melrose Avenue  
Burlington, New Jersey

YOUR MOTHER IS STAYING AT HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA PLEASE GET  
IN TOUCH WITH HER FOR STOPOVER WITH YOU

COLONEL WILLIAMS

(Mrs. Catherine E. Buchanan, Party "J", Hotel Pennsylvania)

CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

# WESTERN UNION

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- NM = Night Message
- NL = Night Letter
- LCO = Deferred Cable
- NLT = Cable Night Letter
- WLT = Week-End Letter

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Received at ARCADE 225 WEST 34 ST

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N88 DH=PH NEWYORK NY 1

COLONEL WILLIAMS=

ROOM 901 225 WEST 34 ST=

TIME SENT  
129 516 M  
N J T

YOUR TELEGRAM OF AUG 1 1930 TO MRS WILLIAM BAUMAN AT BURLINGTON NEWJERSEY IS UNDELIVERED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON MRS BAUMAN IS UNKNOWN AND THERE IS NO SUCH AVENUE AS MELROSE AVE IN BURLINGTON NJ IN COMMUNICATING WITH US BY TELEPHONE ABOUT THIS MESSAGE PLEASE CALL PENN 5000 AND ASK FOR WESTERNUNION=

THE WESTERNUNION TELEGRAPH CO.

SA A M T AUG 08

275p  
closed



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JT NEW YORK

CODE SLIP

10-7 sub

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Buchanan	3	2 12 1 3
	Matthew L		
	CEMETERY	1	3
BURIED	GRAVE	2	10
	ROW	2	2
	BLOCK	1	3
STATE	Mass	2	25
RANK	Cpl	1	2
DIVISION	26	2	26
ORGANIZATION	104	3	104
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Mrs. C.E. Buchanan	3	2 12 1 3
	STATE	2	25
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	05
	CITY	3	081
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY		1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. 1930	1	
ACCEPTANCE	Yes	1	
29/514	Age 73		

*Blue ink scribbles and handwritten notes, including '1930'.*

**AUDITED**  
OCT 5 1941  
RS

73  
Cms

STATE

MASSACHUSETTS.

BUCHANAN, Matthew L

M.

NAME Buchanan, Mrs. C. E.

93 Western Ave., Lynn,

HOME ADDRESS Essex County

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN

Henry Buchanan 50 Astor St.  
West Lynn, MassARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE

July 1

HOTEL

New Weston

ROOM NO.

504

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

JUL 2 1930

S/S AMERICA

DATE

VESSEL

CABIN NO.

102-C

DESTINATION

Cherbourg, France

CEMETERY

St. Mihiel.

RETURN NEW YORK

AUG 1 1930

DATE .....

M.

NAME Buchanan, Mrs. C. E.

HOME ADDRESS 93 Western Ave., Lynn. Essex County, Mass.

RETURN ON S. S. **S/S HARDING**

HOTEL **PENNSYLVANIA** ROOM NO. 880

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE AUG 2 1930

ROAD NY SA/H. TRAIN 10 CAR 20 BERTH or SEAT S1

REMARKS .....

Party J

# MEDICAL RECORD

A. Murat, R.N.

Nancy

Station :

Date: July 13, 1930

Name Buchanan, Mrs. Catherine

Home address 93 Western Av. Lynn, Mass.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Neighbor, Mrs. G. Sheehan  
95 Western Ave., Lynn, Mass.

Religion Catholic

Age 73

History of Present complaint: Constipation,  
15th, emotionally upset, nervous.

(over)

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Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) . . . . .

Emotional imbalance, mod. sev.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

July 13th, cc pills ii, milk of magnesia 30 cc

15th, brandy 30 cc, bromides tab.i

16th, " 30 cc

Disposition: (include dates)

Resumed tour, feels well, B.T.S.

Remarks:

7/24/30 to Cherbourg, Beach.

AUG 1 1930

QIC.

E. S. HARDING  
Thomas Bellard M.D.

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party: 'J'

S. S. Pres Harding Eastbound  
Westbound

Name Buchanan Mrs Catherine

Home Address 93 Western Ave Lynn Mass.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Neighbor Mrs. J. Sheehan

Religion Catholic

Age 73

History of present complaint:

1/26/30. Constipation - very nervous -

(OVER)

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

7/16/30 - R+S. 3<sup>11</sup>

Rest in Bed -

Light diet.

Disposition: (include dates) Acl to travel Aug. 1/30.

Remarks: Well -

OK  
AUG 1 1930  
S. HARDING  
Thomas Beardus

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party: "J"

S. S. HARDING \* Eastbound  
Westbound

Name BUCHANAN, Mrs.

Home Address

Name and address of nearest relative or friend

Religion Age

History of present complaint:

July 25, 1930  
27,  
29.

Constipation-- Cabin  
Chronic " "  
Epigastric pain "

(OVER)

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

*Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)*

*Treatment and Progress: (include dates)*

*Disposition: (include dates)*

*Remarks:*

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party: "J" .....

S. S. August 6, 1930 .....

Eastbound  
Westbound

Name MRS. C. E. BUCHANAN .....

Home Address LYNN, MASS. ....

Name and address of nearest relative or friend .....

Religion ..... Age .....

*History of present complaint:* A highly emotional nature. One day the pilgrimage was the greatest thing our government had ever done and words could not express her appreciation etc., the next day everything was wrong. Fortunately we docked at N.Y. on one of her good days. Roland Walsh, Major, Q.M.C. Liaison Officer.

(OVER)

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*Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)*

*Treatment and Progress: (include dates)*

*Disposition: (include dates)*

*Remarks:*

NAME Buchanan, Mrs. C.E.

ADDRESS 93 Western Ave., Lynn, Mass.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED

TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Mrs. C. E. Buchanan

WAR DEPARTMENT



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Buchanan, Matthew L. -1233 M  
America 7-2

Mrs. C. E. Buchanan,  
93 Western Avenue,  
Lynn, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Henry A. Buchanan *noted*  
Name  
50 Astor St W. Lynn Mass  
Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Buchanan, Matthew L. 1233 M

April 11, 1930.

Mrs. C. E. Buchanan,  
93 Western Ave.,  
Lynn, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

America

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Buchanan, Matthew  
L.

I Accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

**Mrs. C. E. Buchanan**

(Name)

**93 Western Ave., Lynn, Essex County, Massachusetts**

(Town or City)

(State)



*See on page 22*

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Buchanan, Matthew L.

March 13, 1930.

Honorable William F. Connery, Jr.  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Connery:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 6, 1930, relative to the desire of Mrs. Catherine E. Buchanan to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Corp. Matthew L. Buchanan, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

The records of this office show that Mrs. Buchanan is eligible under the law to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son and desires to make the journey in 1930.

A formal invitation setting forth the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made for her and the date of sailing together with detailed information relative thereto will be forwarded her within a reasonable length of time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

January 18, 1930

Buchanan, Matthew L. 1233-M

Mrs. C. E. Buchanan,  
93 Western Ave.,  
Lynn, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <u>Yes</u> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <u>Yes</u> (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) <u>No</u> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	<u>73</u> <u>Good</u> Age Health (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <u>Yes</u> (No) Other language <u>No</u> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 28, 1929.

Buchanan, Matthew L.  
1233

Mrs. C. E. Buchanan,  
93 Western Ave.,  
Lynn, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 27, 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:

Never Married

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

Mrs. C. E. Buchanan

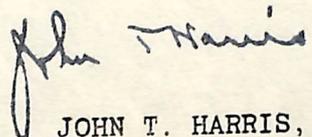
93 Western Ave., Lynn, Mass.

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

Mother--Yes

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Buchanan, Matthew L

May 27, 1929.

Mrs. C. E. Buchanan,  
93 Western Ave.,  
Lynn, Mass.

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 Corporal Matthew L. Buchanan, Co. I, 104th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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.

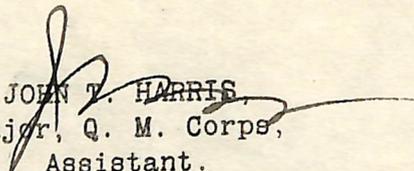
In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M

Buchanan, Matthew L. - Cpl.  
Co. I, 104th Inf. - Buried:  
St. Mihiel Amer. Cem., France.

June 16, 1931..

Mrs. Catherine E. Buchanan,  
93 Western Avenue,  
Lynn, Mass.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request,  
instructions have been issued to forward you a  
flag in honor of the above named decedent, pro-  
vided a flag has not previously been furnished  
for him.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

BY FOR: Commanding Officer,  
Washington Q. M. Depot,  
20th & C Sts, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.  
FOR INFORMATION & COMPLIANCE.

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93 Western Avenue  
Lynn, Massachusetts  
June 10, 1931

War Department  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

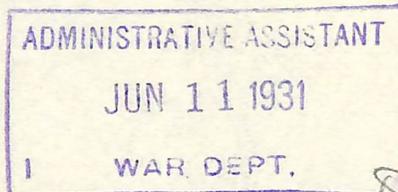
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Will you kindly advise me where I should make application for the customary American flag which was given to the nearest of kin of the deceased war veterans. My son, Matthew Buchanan, was killed in service during the World War and I have never received this flag.

I am Thanking you in advance for an early reply,

Very truly yours

*Ans* (Mrs.) Catherine E. Buchanan  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Buchanan, Matthew L. 1233-M

June 12, 1930.

Mrs. C. E. Buchanan,  
93 Western Ave.,  
Lynn, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Buchanan, Matthew L. - 1233

June 9, 1930.

Mrs. C. E. Buchanan,  
93 Western Ave.,  
Lynn, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Lynn	B&M	Train No. 224	9:37 AM	(EST)	July 1
Ar. Boston (No. Sta.)	"	" "	9:58 AM	"	" "
Lv. Boston (So. Sta.)	NYNH&H	" " 11	10:45 AM	"	" "
Ar. New York (G.C.T.)	"	" "	4:15 PM	"	" "

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

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

May 13, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Buchanan, Matthew L. -1233 M  
America 7-2

Mrs. C. E. Buchanan,  
93 Western Avenue,  
Lynn, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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Name

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Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Buchanan, Mathew L. 1233M  
America 7-2

May 6 1930

Mrs. C. E. Buchanan,  
93 Western Ave.,  
Lynn, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 11, 1930.

Buchanan, Matthew L. 1233 M

Mrs. C. E. Buchanan,  
93 Western Ave.,  
Lynn, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

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"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Buchanan, Matthew L. 1235-M

March 25, 1930.

Mrs. C. E. Buchanan,

9 Dear Madam:ve.,

Lynn, Mass.

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.  
Regulation.

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QM 293 A-C  
Buchanan, Matthew L.

March 13, 1930.

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Honorable William P. Connery, Jr.  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Connery:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 6, 1930, relative to the desire of Mrs. Catherine E. Buchanan to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Corp. Matthew L. Buchanan, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

The records of this office show that Mrs. Buchanan is eligible under the law to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son and desires to make the journey in 1930.

A formal invitation setting forth the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made for her and the date of sailing together with detailed information relative thereto will be forwarded her within a reasonable length of time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WM. P. CONNERY, JR.  
SEVENTH DISTRICT  
OF  
MASSACHUSETTS

COMMITTEE ON LABOR  
COMMITTEE ON WORLD WAR  
VETERANS' LEGISLATION  
COMMITTEE ON REVISION  
OF THE LAWS

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

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COMM  
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Mrs. Buchanan  
William P. Connery

Major General B.F. Cheatham,  
Quartermaster General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D.C.

6th March 1930

Dear General Cheatham:

I am writing to you in behalf of one of my constituents, Mrs. Catherine E. Buchanan, of 93 Western Ave., E. Lynn, who is the mother of the late Matthew L. Buchanan, the first boy from Lynn, Mass., to be killed in action. Mrs. Buchanan has filed her application for a trip to France with the Gold Star Mothers and has as yet heard nothing from the War Department. She is anxious to secure any available information.

With kindest regards for your interest, and thanking you sincerely, I am,

Cordially yours,

William P. Connery, Jr.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

January 18, 1930

Buchanan, Matthew L. 1233-M

Mrs. C. E. Buchanan,  
93 Western Ave.,  
Lynn, Mass.  
Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 28, 1929.

Buchanan, Matthew L.  
1233

Mrs. C. E. Buchanan,  
93 Western Ave.,  
Lynn, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 27, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Buchanan, Matthew L

May 27, 1929.

Mrs. C. E. Buchanan,  
93 Western Ave.,  
Lynn, Mass.

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 Corporal Matthew L. Buchanan, Co. I, 104th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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.

DISPATCHED

COMM. 27 PM 5 24

January 2, 1924

Mrs. C.E. Buchanan,  
93 Western Ave.,  
Lynn, Mass.

Dear Madam: The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested;

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

✓ 1- Incl.  
Record card.

C.O.M.G.  
Central Mail & Files Bx

✓ Assistant.  
R.L. FOSTER RD



JAN 21 1924

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293 Buchanan, Mother's

QM 293 C-R

ORIGINAL PAPER FILED  
Leach, Henry W. Pvt.

Unknown U.S. Soldier U-3845  
Staxrud, Ole Pvt.

CROSS INDEX

June 14, 1923.

O. Q. M. G.

293 Buchanan, Matthew S

SUBJECT: Discrepancies.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service,  
Q.M.C. in Europe.

1. You are advised that the following discrepancies appear on the records of this office:

Leach, Henry W. Pvt. #73634, Co. L, 104th Inf. - Forms 1-A and 114-B report this soldier buried in Gr. 33, Row 16, Block C, Cty. 1233, while Forms 16-A and 114-A report Grave 33, Row 12, Block C.

Buchanan, Matthew L. Cpl. #73039, Co. I, 104th Inf. - Forms 1-A and 114-B report this soldier buried in Grave 10, Row 16, Block C, Cty. 1233, while Forms 16-A and 114-A, reported Grave 10, Row 12, Block C.

Staxrud, Ole Pvt. 2559885, Co. M, 137th Inf. - Forms received report this soldier buried in Grave 13, Block G, Row 14, Cty. 1232, while Forms received for Unknown U-3845, reported this soldier also concentrated into the same grave location.

2. Information is requested as to the correct grave locations for these soldiers.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

H. J. CONNER,  
Assistant.

LN

Reply in cty corres  
cty 1232

Buchanan,

(Surname.)

Matthew L.

(Christian name in full.)

73,039

(Army serial number.)

Cpl.

Co. I, 104 Infantry.

(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?

No

(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.)

93 Western Ave

Dynor

Mass

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Catherine E Buchanan

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.



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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

*Exhumed 4/11/22  
for Concentration  
St. Michael 1233  
att 4/26/22*

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #1508

(a) Name BUCHANAN, Matthew L. Ser. No. 73,039  
(b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. I, 104th Infantry  
(c) Date of death 4/10/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DMA

CKR. B.J.

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

(a) Grave No. 6 Row --- Plot --- Sec. --- TYP. DMA  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. H. F. Buchanan (mother) 93 Western Ave., Lynn, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases \_\_\_\_\_ CKR. B.J.

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

*ok-card-  
(1-20-21)*

Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Name Mrs. Catherine E. Buchanan (b) Relationship mother  
(c) Address 93 Western ave., Lynn, Mass.  
(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 ace Date 1-12, 1920.

## V. A. G. C. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from \_\_\_\_\_

no correspondence, dated \_\_\_\_\_  
confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials ace Date 1-12, 1920.

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

No request for  
Disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? \_\_\_\_\_

*EM*

Examiner's Initials the SMP Date 1-13-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 130 SHEET No. 1-10

CARDED

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

*Reviewed 3/21/21-EP*

*ok-see 1-20-21  
C*

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

RECEIVED

MAR 18 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION



FEB 7 1921

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on *1/22/21* **Cemeterial Division**  
**Overseas, 1920 Sub-Section**

*Par. # 2 - not to be returned.*  
*mcH.*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *2/24/21* F-120 Mrs. Catherine E. Buchanan, (mother), next of kin, 93 Western Ave., Lynn, Mass. wishes body to remain in France. H-3/1/21-rmj

*3/10/21 Hoboken advises Mother her wish will be complied with. 3/21/21 EP.*

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY**  
*Mar 18, 1921* **TO REMAIN IN EUROPE** *Sub R.*

Name.....

Rank.....

Serial No. ....

Name.....  
Rank.....  
Serial No.....  
Org.....  
Remarks.....

A. G. O. Card & Corr. *Clark 1-12*

Discrepancies

Name.....  
Rank.....  
Serial No. *✓*.....  
Org.....  
Remarks.....

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name.....  
Rank.....  
Serial No.....  
Org.....  
Remarks.....

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Discrepancies

Name.....  
Rank.....  
Serial No.....  
Org.....  
Remarks.....

*Handwritten notes in green and red ink:*  
*84-14*  
*check 1-12*  
*1-12-12*



# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Vignot (Meuse)

Date Feb. 20, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF Buchanan, Matthew L. SERIAL NUMBER --- 73039  
RANK Private, Cpl ORGANIZATION Co. I. 104th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb. 20, 1922. From (give complete location): Gr. 6. Cty. 129.130 Vignot (Meuse)

By: Group 1 Unit F.S. 8.

3. Reburied (date): July 26 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 10 Bk.C Row 12  
Cty. # 1233

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

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Wooden box and blanket. Body badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes (Corroded) On grave marker? GRS Plaque on  
Cross

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

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Unable to determine

(c) Hair—Color Light brown

Quantity Heavy

Characteristics navy

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location

Quantity

(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

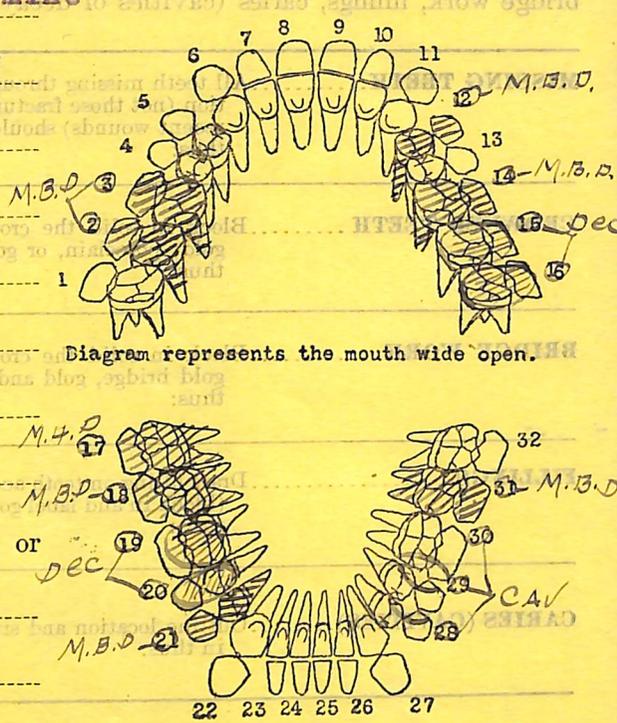
Checker: C.L. Hall

7. Disinterment supervised by W.C. Föllmer

Approved: D.E. Lowry  
(Title) 1st Lieut. OMC.

8. Reburial supervised by H.L. Kramer

Approved: A.E. Dewey  
(Title) 1st Lt. OMC



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

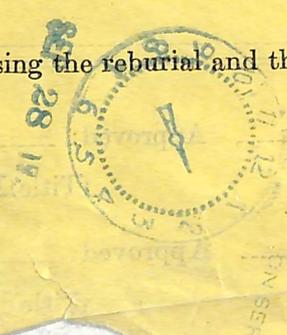
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

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



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb. 20, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT rvg

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BUCHANAN, Matthew L.

10. Name

2. No. 73039

11. No.

3. Rank Cpl.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. I. 104th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. April 10th 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.D. No disc.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 6 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No disc.

18. Cemetery Franch Civ. Cty

19. Commune or town Vignot

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 130

23. Disinterred (Date) Feb. 20, 1922.

By W.C. Follmer

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Matthew L. Buchanan

Serial No. ---

Rank Cpl.

Organization Co. I. 104th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? GRS Plaque On body? Yes (Corroded)

C.L. Hall  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

C.L. Hall

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).

Bottle record checks

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and uniform.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Feb. 20, 1922. By W.C. Follmer

31. Casket sealed by W.C. Follmer

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

W.C. Follmer

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box )

Box No. C-24149



32. Designation of body:

Name Matthew L. BUCHANAN

Serial No. . . .

Rank Cpl.

Organization

Co. I. 104th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty #1233 - THIAUCOURT - M-et-M.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date)

Feb. 20, 1922.

By W.C. Follmer

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

D.E. Lowry, 1st Lieut. QMC

36. Remarks

Disc on body entirely corroded. G.R.S. Plaque on cross.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

Feb. 20, 1922.

To point of Concentration

St. Mihiel Amer. #1233. Thiaucourt, M-et-M

Convoyer

*F. J. Stubb*

(Name)

Signature Shipping Officer

*D.E. Lowry*

D.E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC

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

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

21 FEB 1922

G.R.S. Representative

*A. E. Dewey*

41. Reinterred: July 26 1922

(Date)

42. Grave No. 10

Section

43. Plot Bk. C

Row 18

G.R.S. Representative

A E Dewey 1st Lt. QMC

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

March 14, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Branch.  
(BUCHANAN, Matthew L.)

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

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery 130.  
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 1977.

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

REFERENCE NO:

1-10 Buchanan, Matthew L., Corporal, Serial Number 73039, Company I, 104th Infantry.

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

BY:

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

1 Incl.

Checked by: 293-2939  
Cemeterial Division

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MAR 18 1921

Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section



Executives Overseas  
E. C. BURTON

*[Handwritten signature]*

Office in Charge  
Cemeterial Division  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF WAR

1-1007

per 12028, combined 1, 101st Infantry  
Division, 2nd Army, 1st Cavalry, 1st Infantry

1-10

REFERENCE NO:

to be kept in file:  
records pertaining to the records of  
the case are retained in the file  
1. The records pertaining to the

SUBJECT:

Administrative Memorandum Number 1 - 1811  
History of records - Cemetery 120

PERSONNEL NO:

Washington, D. C.  
Capt. Samuel H. Watson, U. S. Army

(Distribution, 1st Army)  
File No. 582.2 Gen. Div. Col. Plans

MAR 18 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
QUANTICO, VIRGINIA

March 10th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div., Corr. Branch,  
(BUCHANAN, Matthew L.)

Mrs. C. E. Buchanan,  
93 Western Ave.,  
Lynn, Mass.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated February 24th, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Corporal Matthew L. Buchanan, Serial Number 73039, Company I, 104th Infantry, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your desire, the remains will be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Mailed - O.F.D.

MAR 17 1921

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

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

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Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 2/21/21-68

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

130-1-10-el

WASHINGTON  
HOBOKEN, N.J.

FEB 17 1921

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

To: Mrs. Catherine E. Buchanan, 93 Western Ave., Lynn, Mass.

SUBJECT: Remains of Cpl. Matthew L. Buchanan, Ser. No. 73039 Co. I, 104th Inf.

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

*no change*

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			
Soldier's children. { 1			
(Name oldest first.) { 2			
{ 3			
Father			
Mother	93 Western Ave.	Lynn	Mass.
Brothers. { 1	45 St. Stephen St.	"	"
(Name oldest first.) { 2	81 Highland St.	"	"
{ 3	103 Main St.	Quakertown	"
Sisters. { 1	5 Oxford St.	Lynn	"
(Name oldest first.) { 2	93 Western Ave.	"	"
{ 3			

*Noted 4/15  
X-2/2/21*

Date Feb 24 1921

Signature Mrs. C. E. Buchanan

Address 93 Western Ave.

Relationship Mother

*Feb 27*

1927

I, the undersigned, am the *Widow* 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.)

1281 25 931

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_

(R. R. station.)



(Name)

(State.)

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

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CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

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

Signature

*Wm C. E. ...*

**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.

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OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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Buchanan 73039 Matthew I.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Corp. Co. I. 104th Infantry  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL April 12, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL French Cemetery

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

FILE

Vignot.

NOTED IN STAT DIVISION

GRAVE NUMBER //6

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?

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

REPORTED BY :

Chaplain  
Walter S. Danke

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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H. A.  
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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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Buchanan 73039 Mathieu L.

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

Corp. Co. I, 104th Infantry

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL April 12, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL French Cemetery

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

At Vignot.

GRAVE NUMBER #6

HOW MARKED : Name Peg? Plato & Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body? Yes.

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

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

REPORTED BY :

Chaplain  
Walter S. Danber

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

December 3rd, 1918

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service  
A.P.O. 717, American E. F.

TO : C.O. Co. I 104 Inf.

SUBJECT: Query as to Identification Tag

1. This office has received from  
EFFECTS DEPOT.

identification tag as follows:

Name: BUCHANAN 73039 MATHEW L.

Rank: ~~Sgt~~ Organization: 104 Inf.

*Cpl.*

2. It is possible that the wearer of this tag was killed in action. If so, will you please fill out, as far as possible the enclosed Grave Location Blank, and furnish any other information available which will tend to establish the place of his death and burial, and mail same promptly to this office, C.E.S., Hdqrs. S.O.S., with return of this paper.

3. If he was not killed in action please advise as to present status, by notation hereon.

CHARLES C. PIERCE

Lieut. Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

mass tags.

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G. R. S.

# RAVE LOCATION B'

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Buchanan 73939 Mathew E  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Col Co I 104 Inf  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: .....

CAUSE OF DEATH: ..... killed in action  
4/10/18  
unknown

DATE OF BURIAL: .....  
unknown

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

GRAVE NUMBER: .....

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:  
Was one buried with body? .....  
Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? .....  
If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:  
.....

NEAREST RELATIVE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY:  
Allen Swain, Captain 104 Inf  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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



# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Buchanan      73039      Mathew #  
(Surname).      (Number).      (First Name and Initials).

Cpl      Co I      104 In.  
(Rank).      (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: ..... ?

CAUSE OF DEATH: ..... killed in action

DATE OF BURIAL: ..... 4/10/18  
..... unknown

PLACE OF BURIAL: ..... unknown

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

GRAVE NUMBER: ..... ?

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

Headboard? ..... ? ..... Bottle? .....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? ..... ?

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

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

?

NEAREST RELATIVE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY:

Allen Evans Jr. Chaplain 104 Inf.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

## CORRESPONDENCE

G.R.S. Form No. 8; Central Records Liaison.

January 17th, 1919.

MEMO FOR : G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

SUBJECT : Information required for G R S.

I. Items checked are to be completed :

- ( ) Surname : Buchanan  
 ( ) Number : 73039  
 ( ) First name : Mathew L.  
 ( ) Rank : Cpl  
 (✓) Company : 9  
 ( ) Organization : 104th Infantry  
 (✓) Date of death : 4-10-18  
 (✓) Cause : K2a  
 (✓) Place :  
 Buried 4-12-18 St. P. Family Cem  
 Location of hospital : Niquet
- Number » »  
 Class » »
- (✓) Relative : Mrs H F Buchanan  
 (✓) Relationship : mother  
 (✓) Address : 93 Western Ave  
 Lynn Mass
- (✓) Authority :  
 Cablegram No :  
 Telegram from :

dated :

- (✓) Reported to Washington : 98  
 C.C. Nos :

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

- (✓) Remarks : Present Status

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
 Lieut-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

Initials of reporter : *act*

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G. R. S.

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

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Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

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G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 1/14/21

*Special*

File No. Requisition.

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 **Buchanan** *OK*
- b. Christian name **Matthew L.** *OK*
- c. Serial Number **---** *73,039* *(?)*
- d. Organization **Co. I, 104th Infantry** *OK*
- e. Rank **Cpl.** *OK*
- f. Date of death **4/10/18** *OK*
- g. Cause of death **K/A** *OK*
- h. Authority (C.O.#) *Mrs. H. F. Buchanan*
- i. Emergency address **93 Western Ave. Lynn, Mass.**
- j. Relationship *Synon, Mass.*

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight

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

Date of Enlistment *July 10/14*

Place of Enlistment *Lynn, Mass.*

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

*SM*

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CEMETERY NO: 130

SHEET NO: 1-10

TYPED BY: JBC

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*Donnelly JH  
enl. Pers file  
Wg. 8, 1-15-21*

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

BY:

*H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

*Rec'd World War Div.  
Date..... 1.15.21*

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Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 1/14/21

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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 **Buchanan** *OK*
- b. Christian name **Matthew L.** *OK*
- c. Serial Number **--- 73,039** *OK*  
( ? )
- d. Organization **Co. I, 104th Infantry** *OK*
- e. Rank **Cpl.** *OK*
- f. Date of death **4/10/18** *OK*
- g. Cause of death **K/A** *OK*
- h. Authority (C.O.#) **Mrs H. F. Buchanan**
- i. Emergency address **93 Western Ave Lynn, Mass.**
- j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION  
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight

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

Date of Enlistment *July 10, 14*

Place of Enlistment *Lynn, Mass.*

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

*SM*

ISSUED BY MAIL

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CEMETERY NO: 130

SHEET NO: 1-10  
TYPED BY: JBC

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in Pers file  
Wgpt 1-15-21*

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

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Information requested of A.S.G.  
G.S. Form E-W-4-0

DATE: 1/17/21

File No. Registrar's file.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Comptroller General)

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 305 B Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information requested for G.S.

It is requested that the items checked below be furnished, in accordance with the conditions of all information thereon.

- a. Name
- b. Christian name
- c. Social Number
- d. Organization No. I, 1918 Intellig. Emergency Act
- e. Rank
- f. Date of enlistment
- g. Grade of enlistment
- h. Number (I.O.N.)
- i. Relationship

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION (See Physical Report Form) (See Physical Report Form) (See Physical Report Form)

BODY DESCRIPTION (See page 23 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eye
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old treatment or disease)
- g. Place of enlistment
- h. Date of enlistment
- i. Service on the line
- j. Color of eye
- k. Color of hair
- l. Height
- m. Weight
- n. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old treatment or disease)
- o. Place of enlistment
- p. Date of enlistment

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W. B. FORD,  
Quartermaster General, U. S. Army

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Headquarters 104 Infantry.  
France, January 9 1919

Office of the Chaplains.

From : Allen Evans Jr  
To : Chief, Graves Reg. Service  
Subject : Burrials

1. Enclosed are the Blanks for three men of this Command, with all the data obtainable regarding their burrials.

2. There is no Record in this Office of Cpl Gammard having been hurried by the Chaplains of this Command. Cpl. Amarat died in the Hospital and the Records can be obtained from the Hospital only. Cpl Buchanan was killed prior to my joining the Regiment and there is no Record of his place of Burrial.

Allen Evans Jr  
Chaplain 104 Inf.

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

File Number 1508

From:- *[Signature]*

Date: 2/1/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:-

NAME BUCHANAN, MATHEW L

NUMBER 73039

RANK *Corp.* ORGANIZATION

*104th Inf.*

No.	Question	Reply
1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS
2	Date of Death	<i>1</i> Yes. <i>es d.</i>
3	Cause and place of death	<i>2</i> 4-10-18
4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	<i>3</i> N/A.
5	Date buried	<i>4</i> #98
6	Grave location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required	<i>5</i> 4-12-18
7	Who reported burial?	<i>6</i> <i>ETY. 130. Grave No#6</i>
8	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	<i>7</i> FRENCH MIL AT VIGNOT, FRANCE.
9	Report as to grave marker	<i>8</i> No.
10	Report as to identification tags	<i>9</i> Cross
11	Who is nearest relative?	<i>10</i> WALTER S. BAKER CHAPLAIN
12	Has N/R been notified? (Give date)	<i>11</i> No.
13	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	<i>12</i> <i>one buried with body</i>
14	What is the photograph No.? <i>YMCA. letter sent 8-9-18</i> <i>ref. grave being denoted 5-30-18</i>	<i>13</i> Mrs. H.F. BUCHANAN (Mother) 93 WESTERN AVE. LYNN, MASS
		<i>14</i> YES. 4-21-18.

*[Signature]*  
2/3/19

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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$300.

Buchanan, Matthew  
73039-  
Corp. Co J. 104 Inf

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PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$300.

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Corp. Co J. 104 Inf