

To The *Guine* *131*

DATE 9/29/21

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1. NAME *Burch, Ralph W. <sup>William</sup>* **AUG 31 1926** SERIAL No. **120088**  
 RANK **Pvt.** ORGANIZATION **95<sup>th</sup> Co. D 6th Mar.**  
 GRAVE LOCATION **Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 1232, Sec. 98**

CTY. NAME NUMBER

**70 - Sec. 98**

**2**

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

*Grave 69 - Amer. Cty. St. Etienne, Ard.*  
**Nothing of record**

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

**Nothing of record**

CONCENTRATED TO

**6-16-19**

**70**

**Sec. 98**

**2**

DATE

GRAVE

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**Meuse Argonne**

**1232**

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 *10/5/18*

Data from Form 1

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Utah*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *None*

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

*ejr/sxtm*

DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

*Wm M. Cline*

**Wm M. CLINE**  
**Captain Q.M.C.**

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

**9/29/21**

**23**

**36**

**G**

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

~~Block~~  
**Block**

**Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.**

CEMETERY

MM

**AUDITED BY**  
*Rev. 5-2-22*



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

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

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Burch, Ralph W.

Number: 120088

Rank: Pvt.

Organization: Supply Co. 6th. Reg't. U.S.M.C.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 2 Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) April 1, 1919. From: (Give complete location)

Isolated Grave #21, Bissell Sketch #41, Map 34 S.D. N281.85 E266.3

Reburied (Date) April 1, 1919. in: (Give complete location)

Grave #63, Plot B, American B/A Cemetery #1129

34NE N283.6 E264.9

1129

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

Buried in shallow grave. Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

11277

11277

Note:

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

Supervised by: Sgt. F.B. Callahan

HERBERT G. BISSELL  
C.O. Group 2 Unit 304

CONTINUED Next



Burch, Ralph Wm. <sup>Prot. P.F.C.</sup>  
 " Waldo P.F.C.

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY May 6, 1930- 1931

Love County, State of Oklahoma

Name Burch, Mrs. Ola May ( A-7 )

Address Marietta, Okla

Route going: GC & SF Purcell, AT&SF Chicago, Erie New York

Return: Same route

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	Lv	Marietta	GC&SF	28	6:02 PM	May 2
	Ar	Chicago	AT&SF	22	7:45 PM	" 3
	Lv	"	Erie	2	8:45 PM	" 3
	Ar	New York	"	"	9:25 PM	" 4
	Lv	( Jersey City )				
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Accommodations: ➔ Standard sleeper Marietta, Okla to Chicago, Ill and Chicago, Ill to New York, N.Y.

Elapsed Time: 50 Hours and 23 minutes 2 1/4

Extra Fare: ➔ \$4.80 Chicago, Ill to New York, NY. Transportation request to be drawn on GC & SF Ry.

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*Yed*

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL:

Remains of:

Name BURCH, Ralph W.

Number: 120088

Rank Pvt.

organization: Supply Co. 6 Regt. USMC

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit:

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

16, June 1919

Grave# 63 Plot B. B/A CTY. ST. ETIENNE A ARNES,

ARDENNES, (Map Unknown)

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

16, June 1919

Grave# 70 Section 98 Plot 2

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE.

1232

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

Burial good. Body buried in uniform and badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No

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

12083

Note:

CONFIRMED No. 10

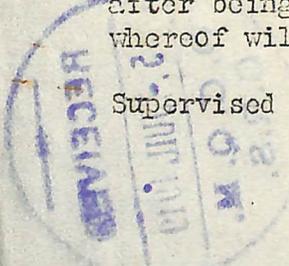
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Supervised by Lt. Armitage,

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C.O.Group

Unit





1919 JUL 5

THE RECEIPT IS VALID ONLY WHEN SIGNED BY THE PROPER OFFICER AND THE AMOUNT IS PAID IN FULL.

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Received of:

BEFORE ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_

1919 JUL 5

1919 JUL 5

1919

# MEDICAL RECORD *Burch, Ralph William*

Party A,

*Post 95 Co 6 Marines*

Station: Washington,

Date: Eastbound

Name Burch, Mrs. Ola Mary

Home address Marietta, Okla.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Miss Mary Burch,  
same address.

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Age 54 M

## History of Present complaint:

May 6th: Severe pain in heart region, radiating down left arm to elbow. Attack 6 mos. ago.

7th: Abd. distress

8th: Heart attack.

(over)

**INSTRUCTIONS.** — This card will be started in all 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.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

May 6th: Angina Pectoris

7th: Constipation

8th: Angina Pectoris, Valvular Heart Disease, Chronic Myocarditis.

10th and 11th.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

6th: Morph: grs.  $\frac{1}{2}$  at 1 a.m.

8 a.m., condition improved. Complains of weakness & soreness in heart region. (Maj. Ashcroft)

7th, Milk Magnesia oz  $\frac{1}{2}$

8th: M.S. grs.  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Amyl Nitrite Amp ii

10th, Condition satisfactory

11th, " "

12th, " improved

13th, " greatly improved. Up and about.

Disposition: (include dates)

Pt has had 2 typical anginal attacks since leaving home.

Remarks: Responded well to Amyl Nitrite inhalant and morphia s.q.

Advise close watching of patient.

E.H. Linnehan, M.D.

Party A  
E. Harper, B. N.

**MEDICAL RECORD** Burch, Ralph William  
Post 95 Co 6 Maine

Station: Hotel Ambassador  
Paris

Date: May 15, 1931

Name Burch, Mrs Ola

Home address Marietta, Oklahoma

Address of Nearest friend or relative Daughter, Mrs Mary Burch  
(Same address)

Religion Protestant

Age 5-5-

History of Present complaint: May 15<sup>th</sup> Heart trouble. Coughing

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Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) *Angina Pectoris (Dignosis boat)*

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

May 15<sup>th</sup> Seen by Major Kemmer

Triple Bromide 10 a.m. & 9 P.M.

" 16<sup>th</sup> " " a.m. & p.m.

" 17<sup>th</sup> " " a.m. & P.M. Cough med.

" 18 " " a.m. & P.M. Seen by Major Campbell

May 26 Same treatment followed for entire time

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks: Refused to go to Verdun by train

May-28-31- To Cherbourg- Beach-

Party "A" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group.

Burch, Ralph Wm  
Waldo

Sailed May 6, 1931 on "WASHINGTON", Captain A. J. Funk in charge. Arrived Cherbourg at 6:30am May 16. Special tender arrived 6:30 am bearing Colonel Ellis, Majors Geo. C. Beach, Francis M. Pitts, R. C. Rutherford, Capt. E. Greinger William Hesketh, W. J. Conway, Lt. Charles E. Morrison, Hugh F. T. Hoffman, Noble J. Wiley, Brendan M. Crowley; Miss Blanche Hulon, Capt. A. M. G., four nurses and three civilian employees. Train left 6:25 am and arrived Gare des Invalides 2:10pm. Met by Lt-Col. S. C. Bartlett, executive officer and members of the Paris staff. Taken in busses to hotels.

May 16th Morning free - Conference with Conducting officer. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe, wreath laid by Mrs. Mary C. Bentley for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.

May 16th 10:00AM - Notre Dame. 12:00 - 2:00PM - Lunch at hotels. 2:15PM Depart for Versailles. 7:00 - 9:00 PM - Dinner at hotels.

May 17th 10:00 - 12:00m - Free or church. 12:00 - 2:00PM - Lunch at hotels. P. M. free (pack baggage). 7:00 - 9:00PM - Dinner at hotels.

May 18th 7:15 AM leave Paris via Porte de Pantin. Arrive 10:00 Montairal (rest stop Hotel Vert Gallant). Arrive Chalons s/Marne 1:00PM lunch Hotel Haute-Mere-Dieu. 5:45 PM Arrive Verdun.

May 19, 20, 21 Daily visits to cemetery. All lunches at cemetery. All dinners at Verdun Hotels.

May 22nd 7:30AM leave Verdun. 8:45AM arrive St. Remond (rest stop Modern Hotel. Leave via Suippes. 12:00 - 2:00PM - Reims - Lunch, Hotel Bristol Crystal. 4:15 Arrive Chateau-Thierry (rest Restorerie du Bonhomme) 7:45 Dinner at hotels Paris.

May 23rd Morning free, lunch at hotels. PM free. 9:00 - 11:00PM night sight-seeing.

May 24th AM - Free or church. lunch at hotels. 5:00PM Paris sightseeing.

May 25th 9:15AM - Sacre Coeur. 12:00 - 2:00pm - Lunch at hotels. 2:30 Napoleon's Tomb. 7:00 - 9:00 PM Dinner at hotel.

May 26th Morning free or shopping. Lunch at hotels. 2:30 - Louvre or free. Dinner at hotel.

May 27th 9:30AM Colonial exposition. Lunch at hotels. P. M. - Free, pack baggage. Dinner at hotel.

May 28th Boat train for Cherbourg. Left Gare des Invalides 11:25AM. Arrived Cherbourg 4:00PM. Sailed "AMERICA" May 28th, 1931. Arrived NY June 5th.

Mrs. Ola May Burch

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**  
 225 West 34th. St. New York, N.Y.

Party ..... A .....  
 Number 20 .....

**REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.**

..... Burch, Mrs. Ola May .....  
 Name of Pilgrim  
 ..... Marietta, Okla. .....  
 City Home Address County  
 .....  
 State

Actual cost of  
 Through Pullman at the  
 Lower Berth Rate.

New York, to Marietta, Okla......

Destination of Ticket ... Marietta, Okla......

\$..... 19.13 ✓

via ... Erie to Chicago, Ill. - Sante Fe to Purcell, Okla. - G.C. and Santa Fe to Marietta, Okla.

June 7, 1931  
 Date of Departure

July 11, 1931  
 Expiration Date of Ticket

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
Lv. <u>Jay City</u>	<u>Ev</u>	<u>#1</u>	<u>6/26</u>	<u>9.10 AM</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>		<u>9.00</u>
Ar. <u>Chicago</u>			<u>6/27</u>	<u>8 AM</u>				
Lv. <u>Chicago</u>	<u>Santa Fe</u>	<u>#9</u>	<u>6/27</u>	<u>10.20 AM</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>W7-1025233</u>	<u>10.13</u>
Ar. <u>Marietta Okla</u>			<u>6/28</u>	<u>5.21 PM</u>				
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Excess Fare New York, to Chicago Cost \$ 4.80 W7-1,025,234 Total 19.13  
 Stop Over Extra fare used account connections at Chicago. Through Rate 4.80  
 Excess 4.80

Escorted to train by Lt. C. R. Smith

Mrs. Ola May Burch  
Marietta, Okla.

PARTY "A"  
April 23rd, 1931.

Dear Madam:

There are enclosed herewith two tags and four identification pasters which have been prepared for the purpose of protecting your baggage while in transit, and to insure its safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece of your baggage and place a paster on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home.

Upon your arrival in New York City, you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will be in uniform. During your sojourn in New York before sailing for Europe, and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel McAlpin, Broadway and 34th Street, New York City.

All mail intended to reach you between May 6th, 1931, the day you sail from the United States, and May 28th, 1931, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,  
c/o American Pilgrimage,  
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,  
Paris, France.

PARTY "A"

In making reservations for your journey home from New York City, it is necessary for this office to furnish the railroads with the exact time and date of your departure. The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your accommodations will be made with the railroads by this office accordingly. Upon your return from Europe, it will therefore be necessary for you to remain in the hotel to overnight as a guest of the United States Government, to insure safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece. There is also enclosed herewith information relative to the cemeteries in Europe. before leaving your home.

*met by Capt. C. F. O'Kiefe*  
Upon your arrival in New York City, you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will be in uniform. During your sojourn in New York before sailing for Europe, and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel McAlpin, Broadway and 34th Street, New York City.

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,  
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)

7 Incl:

2 Baggage Tags intended to reach you between May 6th, 1931, the day you sail from the United States, and May 28th, 1931, the day you leave Europe.  
4 Baggage Pasters  
1 Copy Cameterial Information in care of American Pilgrimage, 146

Burch, Ralph Wm  
Burch, Waldo

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*J. J. [unclear]*

VIA POSTAL TELEGRAPH  
Miss Mary Burch

Marietta, Okla.

June 5, 1931

MRS. OLA MAY BURCH WILL ARRIVE AT FIVE TWENTY ONE P M  
VIA SANTA FE RAILROAD JUNE EIGHTH STOP PLEASE MEET HER  
COLONEL POPE

AA 66.

Name BURCH, Mrs. Ola May

Paris Hôtel HOTEL AMBASSADOR  
BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

Home address Marietta, Love Co., Oklahoma

Party A Group  Unit SS. GEO. WASHINGTON

Date of arrival May 14 ; 1931 Date of departure SS. AMERICA, May 28 , 1931

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased BURCH, Ralph Wm. Pvt. 95th Co., 6th Marines 23-G 36

BURCH, Waldo PFC Co. B, 142nd Inf. G-31-D-22

Rank  Organization

Cemetery Meuse-Argonne

## REMARKS

On account of physical condition Mrs. Burch went by train, Monday May 18th, to Verdun , and will be quartered at the Nouvel Hotel in Verdun. Miss Amy Hoover, R.N. to accompany party.



PARTY ..... FILE NO. ....

NAME *Burch, Mrs. Ola May*  
*Marietta, Okla.*

**ROUTE OF TICKET**

*Evie* ..... to *Chicago Ill.*

*Santa Fe* ..... to *Purcell Okla.*

*S. C. & Santa Fe* to *Marietta Okla.*

..... to .....

Expiration date *July 11, 1931* .....

The following stop overs are requested.

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(Signature of Pilgrim)

Burch, Mrs. O. M.

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

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

SIGNS

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Received at Arcade 225 West 34th St., New York

1931 MAY 7 PM 12 23

NAH17 23 RADIO VIA RCA=SS GEORGE WASHINGTON N. CHATHAM 7

PILGRIMAGE=

W M AND W 225 WEST 34 STREET NEWYORK (NY)=

MRS BURCH COMPLETELY RECOVERED ALL PILGRIMS IN GOOD

PHYSICAL CONDITION MORALE. EXCELLENT=

FUNK.



FHP:JVR

R A D I O - VIA WESTERN UNION

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S/S GEORGE WASHINGTON

F. H. POPE,  
Colonel, Q. M. CORPS

AT SEA

May 7, 1931 GOVERNMENT

WIRE CONDITION OLA MAY BURCH STOP YOU ARE REMINDED THAT SHE IS AN HONORED  
MOTHER HAVING LOST TWO SONS PCSM ONE HUNDRED ONE

POPE

1. DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER:  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS-1931

*Information on file*  
*MP*

DATE..... May 6th, 1931.

Case No.....7.....

PARTY....."A" EASTBOUND.....

NAME. Mrs. Ola May Burch, .....

HOME ADDRESS..... Marietta, Oklahoma. ....

HOTEL..... McALPIN .....

DIAGNOSIS..... Myocarditis-Anginal attack .....

DISPOSITION..... Sailed on S/S "WASHINGTON" May 6th, 1931. ....

REMARKS..... Most severe attack of Dyspnea and pain in left chest and  
arm extending to  
and left elbow lasting for two (2) hours. Seen in  
consultation with Dr. Babcock last night & again  
this AM, May 6th, 1931, much improved. ....

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE:..... HOWELL BABCOCK, M. D. ....

McALPIN HOTEL .....

MEDICAL OFFICER .....

*J. H. Ashcraft*  
JAMES H. ASHCRAFT,  
Major Medical Corps, USA.

MAY 6 1931

F. H. P.

Howell H. Babcock

Hotel McAlpin, New York City  
Hogel McAlpin New York City  
May 4th 1931

May 6th 1931

May 4	Mrs Margaret Gatewood	Gastro-intestinal	5 00
" 4	Mrs Annie Morstad	Infected Toe, Incised	5.00
" 5	Mrs Annie Morstad	" "	5.00
" 6	Mrs Ola Burch	Cardiac	5.00
" 6	Mrs Annie Morstad	Infected toe	5 00
" 6	Mrs Hill	Pharyngitis	4.00
" 6	Mrs Apostal	Pharyngitis	4.00
" 6	Mrs Ola Burch	Second Visit	5 00
" 6	Mrs Gatewood	Gastro, Intestinal	5.00

43.00

2 Sons

CODE SLIP

other son - Waldo Burch - 1232



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Burch	3	2 12 8
BURIED	Ralph William		
	CEMETERY	1232	1
	GRAVE	23	2
	ROW	36	2
	BLOCK	G	1
STATE	Utah	2	52
RANK	Pvt	1	4
DIVISION	2	2	02
ORGANIZATION	6	3	006
ARM	Marines	1	X
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Burch	3	2 12 8
RESIDENCE	Mrs. Ola May		
	STATE	Okla	2
	COUNTY	Love	2
	CITY	Marietta	3
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS	Two	1	2
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	May	1
	YR.	1931	2
ACCEPTANCE	Yes	1	1

*Sailed May 6, 1931*

**AUDITED**  
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Ans 54 Yes

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Burch, R. W. - m-a

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From ~~BOX~~ MARRATIVE REPORT 'PARTY "A"' <sup>West</sup> ~~WEST~~ 1931

IMPORTANT EVENTS AT SEA - EASTBOUND

On May 9th, Mrs. Ola May Burch had another heart attack. The nurse and doctor were in attendance for over an hour, and the pilgrim showed marked improvement. The sea became rough and about fifty per cent of the pilgrims were suffering from mal de mer in the evening.

On Sunday the 10th of May, during divine services the Memorial wreath was dropped overboard by Mrs. Dode Hill whose son was lost on the "Cyclops".

Mrs. Jennie E. Randall fell on deck and fractured her wrist. The ship's surgeon attended her and she experienced no undue pain.

IMPORTANT EVENTS AT SEA - WESTBOUND

On June 3rd Mrs. Marie M. Guese had a gastric hemorrhage and was immediately put under the care of the surgeon.

Burch, Joseph Wm. (MA)

A7

Europe's  
From Chronological Report PARTY "A" SS GEO WASHINGTON May 6, 1931

FROM MEDICAL REPORT

Mrs. Carrie Estes, of the M.A. Group, was unable to return from the cemetery by bus due to an acute exacerbation of a chronic arthritis. She returned to Paris with the Pilgrims making the journey by train, improving rapidly, rejoined group activities upon reaching Paris.

TRANSPORTATION

The following pilgrims left their party temporarily to make trips at own expense. All returned in time to join their party prior to sailing for US

Mrs. M. Dugener: Left party to visit Domeldengen, Luxembourg, May 20, and returned to Paris May 23 to sail to the U.S. with Party.

Mrs. T. Folda: Left Verdun for Paris May 20 and left for Prague, Czechoslovakia, same day; rejoined party in Paris May 27 and sailed with party to US.

Mrs. L. S. Jessup: Returned from Verdun by train at own expense to wait in Paris for remainder of party. Sailed to United States with party.

Mrs. Loretta Jones: Returned to Paris from Verdun and left for Bertholining (France) May 21, rejoining party in Paris May 22. Sailed with Party to U.S.

Mrs. Sadie Thompson: Left Paris May 24 to visit Vervier, Belgium, and returned May 25. Sailed to U.S. with party.

Mrs. J. Vogl: Left Paris May 16 for Vienna, returned to Paris May 25 and made visit to Aisne-Marne cemetery at own expense. Sailed with party to US

R. R. Tickets were purchased for five pilgrims and one nurse: Paris to Verdun and return, upon recommendation of medical officer:

~~Mrs. Olga May Burch~~

(other four previously noted)

Burch, Ralph W  
M-A

From Narrative Report PARTY A

- A-5 Gatewood, Mrs. Margeritta Ill en route to New York; Doctor and nurse called upon her arrival in New York; improved, taken to boat by medical supervisor in Taxicab.
- A-7 Connor, Mrs. Emma M. Exhausted upon arrival but recovered before sailing
- A-18 Morstad, Mrs. Annie P. Infected toe treated - Met at pier with wheel chair not serious.
- ✓ A-7 Burch, Mrs. Ola May Heart attack night May 5, Hotel McAlpin. Taken to pier in Taxicab and put aboard in wheel chair.
- A-19 Hill, Mrs. Dede , Treated for sore throat
- A-4 Apostal, Mrs. Helen " " " "
- A-13 Baser, Mrs. Ellen Seen in consultation with nerve specialist. It was considered ~~was~~ safe for her to continue trip.
- A-4 Prousgaard Mrs. Florence B. Fainting spell about midnight May 5; Recovered and sailed.

**MEDICAL RECORD**

*Thrombosis*

*M-A*

Party: .....

**MCALPIN**

S. S. ....

WASHINGTON  
AMERICA

*Eastbound*  
*Westbound*

Name Burch, Mrs, Ola May (Pvt. Ralph Wm. Burch 23, 36, G.  
Pfc. Waldo Burch, 31, 22, D.

Home Address Marietta, Okla.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Burch, Miss Mary,

Marietta, Okla.

Religion .....

Age 54 - M

History of present complaint: May 6, 1931 - East. Coronary Thrombosis, J.H.A.

*May 6/31 - Severe pain in heart region - radiating down left arm to elbow.  
attack 6 months ago.*

*5-7-31 Abdominal Distress*  
*5-8-31 Heart Attack*

(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) May 6/31. CORONARY THROMBOSIS, J.H.A.

May 6/31 - Angina Pectoris 8760  
5-7-31 Constipation  
5-8-31 Angina Pectoris - Valvular Heart disease - Chronic Myocarditis  
5-10-31 " "  
5-11-31 " "

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

May 6/31... Morphine Sulphate 1/2 - 1 am.  
9 am - Condition improved - Complains weakness & soreness in heavy <sup>Askeroff</sup> <sub>rogiro</sub>  
5-7-31 - Milk Mag. 3/35  
5-8-31 Morph. Sulph. 1 gr. 1/2 Amyl Nitrate Ampules ii  
5-10-31 Condition Satisfactory. 5-12-31 Condition improved.  
5-11-31 " "  
5/14/31 " "  
5/13/31 " "

Disposition: (include dates) greatly improved. Up & about to-day.

Pt. has had 2 typical Anginal attacks since leaving home.

Remarks:

Responded well to Amyl Nitrate Inhalant & Morphine. s.g.  
Advise Close watching of Patient.

6-3-31 - no attacks during voyage - A.J. Hall & N. L. Hume has wd.

Party A,  
E. Harper, R. N.

# MEDICAL RECORD

Station: Hotel Ambassador

May 15, 1931.

Date: .....

Name Burch, Mrs. Ola

Home address Marietta, Oklahoma.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Daughter, Mrs. Mary Burch

same address

Religion Prot.

Age 55

History of Present complaint: May 15th, Heart trouble. Coughing.

**INSTRUCTIONS.** — This card will be started in all 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*)

Angina Pectoris (Diagnosis from boat)

Treatment and Progress: (*include dates*) May 6, 1931.

May 15th, Seen by Maj. Kenner, Trip. Bromides 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.

16th, Trip. Bromides a.m. and p.m.

17th " " " " " Cough Med.

18th " " " " " Seen by Major Campbell

26th, Same treatment followed for entire time.

Disposition: (*include dates*)

Remarks: Refused to go to Verdun by train.

May 28th, to Cherbourg, Beach.

PARTY

EASTBOUND

GROUP

A

STATE

M.A.

54 - M

OKLAHOMA

Mrs. Burch, Ola May. Address Marietta, (Name of Pilgrim) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

Oklahoma, Love. (State) (County)

Miss Mary Burch Address Marietta (Name of Nearest Kin) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

Okla. (State) (County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. Erie Train No. 2 Date May 4, 1931 - 9:25 P.M.

Hotel Mc Alpin Room No. 1029

Roomed with Mrs. S. F. Snyder

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date May 6th, 1931 Vessel GEO. WASHINGTON Cabin No. 74 C

In Cabin with Mrs. M. Gatewood & Mrs. J. C. Pickens Mrs. S. F. Snyder

(Over Westbound)

**WESTBOUND**  
**ARRIVAL NEW YORK**

Date ~~May~~ **JUNE 5** 1931 ..... Vessel **AMERICA** ..... Cabin No. **137 E** .....  
In Cabin with ~~Alone~~ *Mrs. Susie Snyder* .....  
Hotel **Mc Alpin** ..... Room No. **1393** .....  
Roomed with **Mrs. S. F. Snyder** .....

**DEPARTURE NEW YORK**

VIA. R.R. **Erie** ..... Train No. **1** ..... Space **L 7** ..... Car No. **11** ..... Date **6-6-31** .....

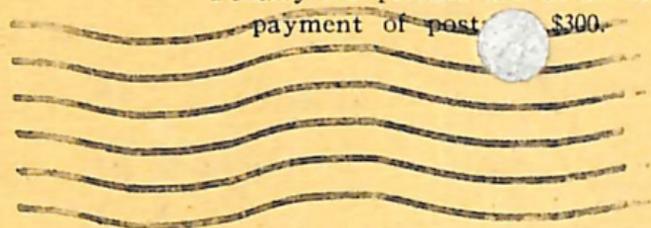
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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**

**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

NAME ..... **Burch, Mrs. Ola May** .....

ADDRESS ..... **Marietta, Okla.** .....

DATE ..... *June 9* .....

TO:                    **Officer-In-Charge,  
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. W. A. Burch* .....

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RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. Washington 5/6/31

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Mrs Ola May Burch.  
(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery April 13, 1931

Form 3811

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Burch { Ralph  
Waldo

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RETURN RECEIPT

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Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

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(Signature of addressee's agent)

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April 13, 1931

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MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Burch, Ralph

1232 M

April 6, 1931

Mrs. Ola May Burch,  
Marietta, Oklahoma

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.	Marietta	GC&ST RR	No. 28	6:02 PM	May 2
Ar.	Chicago	AT&ST RR	No. 22	7:45 PM	" 3
Lv.	"	Erie RR	No. 2	8:45 PM	" 3
Ar.	New York (Jersey City)	"	"	9:25 PM	" 4

Standard sleeper Marietta, Okla. to Chicago, Ill. and Chicago, Ill. to New York City.

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,

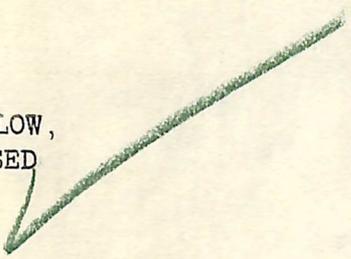
Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

*May 6*

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,  
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED  
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.



Mrs. Ola May Burch

Burch, Ralph Wm. 1232 Okla. Love County

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find  
the name and address of the person in the United  
States whom I desire to be notified in case I be-  
come seriously ill or other emergency arises while  
I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs Mary Burch  
Name

Marietta Okla  
Address

Very truly yours,



(Your name) *Mrs Ola May Burch*

(Your address) *Marietta Okla.*

Q# 295 A-M  
Burch, Ralph Wm. 1232

February 20, 1931

Mr. Crawford W. Cameron,  
Service Officer Burch Bros. Post No. 136  
American Legion,  
Marietta, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 9, 1931, relative to instructions for securing passport application blanks, in behalf of Mrs. Ola Mae Burch, who desires to make the pilgrimage to the American Canisteries in Europe, sailing on the S. S. GEORGE WASHINGTON, May 6, 1931.

The matter has been taken up with the State Department and the necessary blanks and instructions have been forwarded to the Clerk of the District Court at Marietta. Mrs. Burch should call at the Office of the Clerk at her earliest convenience, in order that there may be no delay in the issuance of this passport.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1232

Burch, Ralph Wm.

Plt. 95th Co. 6th Marines

acc. Wash. May 6, 31

R. A. KELLER

C. W. CAMERON

KELLER & CAMERON  
LAWYERS  
MARIETTA, OKLAHOMA

*Capt S*

February 9, 1931.

1232

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*Lane Co*

War Department,  
Office of the Quarter Master General,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

No. QM 293 A-M  
Mrs. Ola Mae Burch, mother of Ralph W. Burch  
No. 1232 Love County, Oklahoma, Pilgrimage  
to France.

293

Mrs. Burch is the mother of Ralph W. Burch, deceased ex-service man and is to make the pilgrimage to France beginning May 6th. She has instructions from you in reference to the matter and we note what you say in reference to the pass port. We do not have a Federal Court here and it will be necessary to appear before the Clerk of the District Court, however, they do not have any forms for making application for a pass port. Please advise us how the application for a pass port can be secured, or send us blank application for a pass port to be executed by Mrs. Burch.

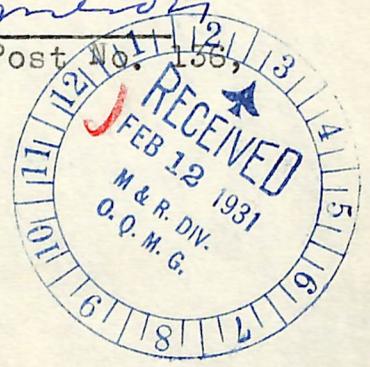
Please advise me in reference to the matter at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

By *Crawford W. Cameron*

Service Officer Burch Bros. Post No. 156,  
American Legion.

CWC:EG



George Washington

5-6-31

1232

Burch, Ralph Wm.

Burch Waldo

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 pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Ola May Burch

(Name)

Marietta, Love Co., Oklahoma

(Town or City)

(State)



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burch, Ralph William 1232-M

May 28, 1930;

Mrs. Ola May Burch,  
Marietta, Okla.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

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

Yes ✓  
(Write answer here)

*Mrs Ola May Burch,*  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burch, Ralph William

June 29, 1929.

Mr. W. H. Burch,  
Marietta, Okla.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Ralph William Burch, 95th Co., 6th Marines, whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

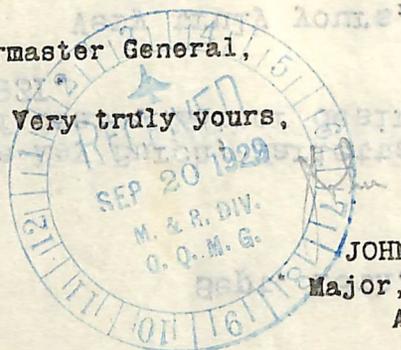
Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.



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

Sept. 16th. 1929

Survived by Mother Ola May Burch, Marietta, Oklahoma:  
Had no wife at time of death. Mother desires to make  
pilgrimage about May 1931.

Very truly yours,

*Crawford W. Cameron*

Service officer Burch  
Bros. Post American Legion  
# 136, Marietta, Okla.

*[Faint, mostly illegible text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]*

Dear Sir:

Very truly yours,  
Crawford W. Cameron

Very truly yours,

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QM 293 A-M  
Burch, Ralph Wm. (MA) M

June 17, 1931.

Mrs. Ola May Burch,  
Marietta, Oklahoma.

Dear Mrs. Burch:

I have the letter of June 2nd which you and the other mothers and widows who recently made the pilgrimage to Europe were so kind as to send me in appreciation of the courteous care and attention you received throughout the journey.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice during the late war, and it would seem from the generous expressions contained in your letter that the effort has not been in vain.

I am delighted to know that you were pleased with the arrangements made for your comfort and welfare and that the personnel as a whole rendered such satisfactory and commendable service. I feel however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows themselves.

You are assured that the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery will be perpetually maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it, as it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps, which is charged with the care of all National cemeteries, to make it a fitting resting place for the heroes who are buried there.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,  
The Quartermaster-General.

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X 330.13 PILGRIMAGE, GOLD STAR

April 6, 1931

Burch, Ralph 1232 M

Mrs. Ola May Burch,  
Marietta, Oklahoma

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.	Marietta	GC&SF RR	No. 28	6:02 PM	May 2
Ar.	Chicago	AT&SF RR	No. 22	7:45 PM	" 3
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Ar.	New York (Jersey City)	"	"	9:25 PM	" 4

Standard sleeper Marietta, Okla. to Chicago, Ill. and Chicago, Ill. to New York City.

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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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE  
DIVISION

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO <sup>D</sup> QM 293 A-C

April 10, 1931.

~~Burch, Ralph Wm. (M A) M Pvt.~~

\* ~~Burch, Waldo (M A)~~

Mrs. Ola May Burch,  
Marietta, Okla.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No 590956 in the amount of \$ 22.50 to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

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APR 10 1931  
C. C. M. G. - 1-7-1931

Q1 293 A-M  
Burch, Ralph Wm. 1232

February 20, 1931

Mr. Crawford W. Cameron,  
Service Officer Burch Bros. Post No. 136  
American Legion,  
Marietta, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 9, 1931, relative to instructions for securing passport application blanks, in behalf of Mrs. Ola Mae Burch, who desires to make the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S. S. GEORGE WASHINGTON, May 6, 1931.

The matter has been taken up with the State Department and the necessary blanks and instructions have been forwarded to the Clerk of the District Court at Marietta. Mrs. Burch should call at the Office of the Clerk at her earliest convenience, in order that there may be no delay in the issuance of this passport.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burch, Ralph William - 1232 M

June 27, 1930.

Mrs. Ola May Burch,  
Marietta, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the Mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age

Condition of Health

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:

Envelope

Act

Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burch, Ralph William 1232-M

May 28, 1930;

Mrs. Ola May Burch,  
Marietta, Okla.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Burch, Ralph William 1232 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Ola May Burch,  
Marietta, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burch, Ralph William

June 29 1929.

Mr. W. H. Burch,  
Marietta, Okla.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Ralph William Burch, 95th Co., 6th Marines, whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burch, Ralph William  
1232

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mr. W. H. Burch,  
Marietta, Okla.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 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.

QM 293 C-R

October 13, 1923.

Mr. W.H. Burch,  
Marietta,  
Okla.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private Ralph William Burch, 95th Company, 6th Marines, is Grave 23, Row 36, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, 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.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

R. L. FOSTER  
Assistant.

RD

WPK



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# Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,

Washington, April 29, 1921.

From: The Major General Commandant.

To: The Chief, Cemeterial Division, Office of Quartermaster General of the Army.

Subject: A. E. F. dead: Confirmation or revision of G. R. S. record of disposition status.

Reference: Form No. 124, File No. 39747 dated 4-28-21  
 Case of BURCH, Ralph William Private #120088  
 95th Co., 6th Marines. 1232-Sec. 98-22

1. It is requested that the remains of the above-named man be disposed of as follows:

DISPOSITION: Return of remains not desired.

CONSIGNEE: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NEXT OF KIN: Name: W. H. Burch,

Relationship: Father

Address: Marietta, Oklahoma.

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

H. LAY  
Lt. Col., U.S.M.C.  
Asst. Adjutant & Inspector. #

By \_\_\_\_\_

Burch, Ralph William, Pvt. 120088  
Supply Co., 6th Bgt., Marines.

Disposition: Return of Remains,  
Not Desired.

Next of Kin: W.H. Burch, Rel Father.  
Marietta Oklahoma.

checked  
70-426-21

Drawn by - bER  
1232- See 98-22  
4-25-21

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 39747

(5/3/21 mep)

marine

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BURCH, Ralph W. William Ser. No. 120088  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization 95th Co. D, 6th Marines  
(c) Date of death 10-5-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. IBM  
CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 70 Row ----- Plot 2 Sec. 98 TYP. IBM  
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. W. H. Burch (father), Marietta, Okla.

~~III. Files of soldiers dying from influenza~~ CKR. 30

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -----

(a) Name W. H. Burch (b) Relationship Father  
(c) Address Marietta, Okla.  
(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 BOR Date 4-25-1920

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

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

Examiner's Initials ----- Date -----, 1920.

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? -----

Examiner's Initials BOR Date 4-25-1920

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 98 SHEET No. 22

ACP 5/12/21

checked 5/12/21 mep

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

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

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 5/6/21, 1920

Section # 98  
Par # 2 - Not to be returned - Marine -  
Burch - Ralph William

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	
Form 124 to Marine Corps	Form 840 from Marine Corps

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Date Sent 4/28/21

Date Rec'd 4/29/21

Form #840 - Return of remains not  
desired - N. of Hon. W. H. Burch (Father)  
Marietta, Oklahoma. 5/3/21 m.e.B.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

## DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name Burch, Ralph W.

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. No. 120088

11. No. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

4. Org. 95 Co. 26th Mar.

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

5. D.D. Oct. 5th '18

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 70 Sec. 98

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot 2 Row \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

17. \_\_\_\_\_

18. Cemetery Argonne American19. Commune Ronayon-sous-Montfaucon20. Dept. or County House21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1832 - Sec. 98

23. Disinterred (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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

J. B. Foster  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

## PREPARATION

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

27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_

28. Nature of burial \_\_\_\_\_

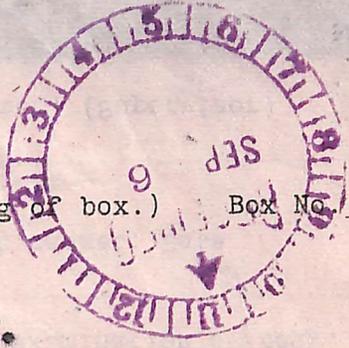
29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

31. Casket sealed by \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) W. J. Durisoe

AUDITED BY



0-6720

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

32. Designation of body: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Burch, Ralph W. Serial No. 120088

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D 6th Mar.

33. Consigned to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amer. Cty 1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector [Signature]

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole  
(Name) J. GERALD COLE  
Captain, C. A. C.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred House Argonne Can. 1232, 1st/36/11/44/911/25/ Sept. 29, 1921.  
(Date)

42. Grave No. Row 36 Bl. G. Gr. 23. Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

MM

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]  
JAMES W. YOUNGER  
CAPT. U.S. ARMY

Place Romagne Sous Montfaucon

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 27, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BURCH, RALPH W. *William* SERIAL NUMBER 120088

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION 95 Co., D. 6th Mar.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 27, 1921. From (give complete location):

Gr. 70 sec 98 Pt 2, Meuse-Argonne Cem., #1232.

By: Group Durisoe Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

Sept. 29, 1921. Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232, Row 36 Bl. G. Gr. 23.

By: Group Reburial Sec. Unit Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

In wooden box, U.S. uniform and burlap. body badly decomposed

features unrecognizable.

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

body tag reads: "Ralph W. Burch, sup. Co., 6th Reg. U.S.M.C. 120088.

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

None

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp to det.

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity None

Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

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

missing parts) None visible

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

Right hip ~~scars~~ shattered.

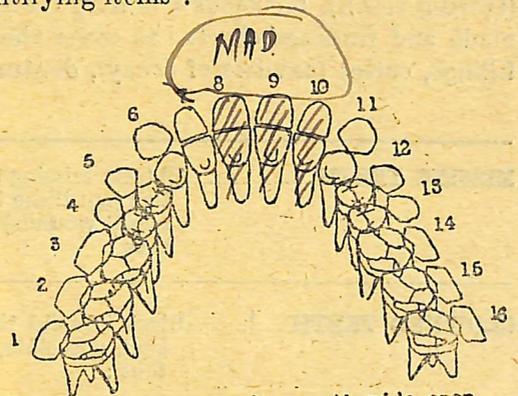
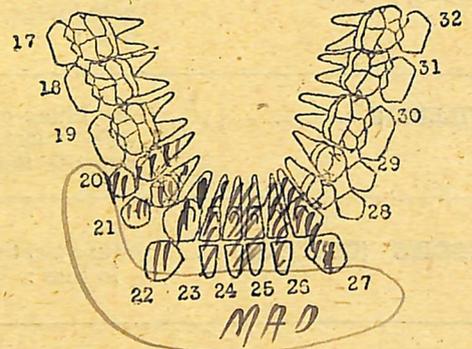


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by *W. G. Durisoe*  
W. G. Durisoe S. E.

Approved: *Richard*  
R. Richard 1st. Lt. QMC.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by *W. B. SHELDON*  
W. B. SHELDON

Approved: *James W. Younger*  
JAMES W. YOUNGER  
(Title) CAPT QMC.

**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".

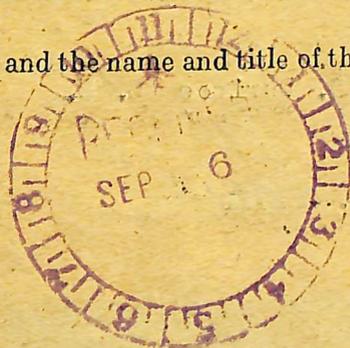
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying 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), bicuspid (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><b>CROWNED TEETH</b> ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	
<p><b>BRIDGE WORK</b> ..... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	
<p><b>FILLINGS</b> ..... Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	
<p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b> ..... Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	
<p><b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b> ..... Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."</p>	

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.





39747  
Soldier's No. 120088

Name : Burch, Ralph W.

Rank : Co. Sup. Co Reg

Died :

Buried : Oct. 9th, 1918.

Cemetery: Battlefield, isolated graves

Commune of ST. Etienne-a-Arnes .

Grave No 9 Avery sketch No 8.

Grave found reported as No 2, should be  
19 as per sketch .

How marked ? Name peg tag attached

If name unknown, no tags missing, give  
marks and description .

Map reference : Map ~~35 S.E.~~

281.1 N. 268.7 E.

Name of chaplain or burial officer .

Signed - *Cpl. J.E. White*  
Group One, Unit "B", G.R.S.

(ARDENNES)  
CMMB. ST. ETIENNE-A-ARNES  
E-268.65  
N-282.55  
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