

MAR 10 1926

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1. NAME BURDA, Ben SERIAL No. 1385335

RANK PFC ORGANIZATION Co.A.123rd MG Bn.

& DIVISION 33

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer.Romagne-s-Montfaucon, Meuse #1232, Sec.2

199 CTY. NAME NUMBER

160 Sec.2 4

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 15 Damevoux, (Meuse)

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35NE, 280.5N, 316.1E

CONCENTRATED TO 4/19/19 199 160 2 4

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

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.

None Tag on body

(Auth. Cas. List) AGO 201, 8WA GLB

DATE OF DEATH

Sept 4, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ill

Data Form 1

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. Birdseye

M. B. BIRDSEYE 1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 3/15/22 14 9 B

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

MEUSE ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

CEMETERY,

Major General,

The Adjutant General.

By Iva

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Capt

Burda *E?* *1385-335* *Ben*
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials.)

Private 1st Co. A. 123rd M. I. Bn
(Rank) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Oct 4, 1918*

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

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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:

REPORTED BY:

H. H. Sullyards Chaplain, 1st Lt.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

OK. Arthur Stumate
This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.
at Lieut. Adjutant.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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Burda *1385335* *Ben*
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Co. A. 123 M. I. Bn
(Rank) (Organization.)

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL *Oct 8 - 1918*

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

280.2 - 316.4

GRAVE NUMBER: *12*

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:

A. J. A. Whelan Chaplain 130 Inf.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Date 2, June 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Burda.

Name: ~~BURDA~~, Ben

Number: Unknown *1385335*

Rank: Pvt *1cl*

Organization:

~~Co A 150 M G Bn~~ *Co A. 123 M G Bn*

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

19, April 1919

Grave #15 B A Cemetery DANNEVOUX MEUSE

35NE E316.1 N280.5

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

19, April 1919

Grave #160 Sec 2 Plot 4

Argonne Am Cemetery #1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

1232

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

Burial good, buried in uniform, body slightly decomposed.

Remains of:

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No

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

Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt Caswell

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.

C.O. Group

Unit

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R. H. ROSENTHAL

Approved by: [Signature]

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C O D E S L I P

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BURDA	3	21280
	BEN.		
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 14	2	14
	ROW 9	2	09
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Ill	2	13
RANK	Port 1/c	1	2
DIVISION	33	2	33
ORGANIZATION	123	3	123
ARM	MGB	1	2
MARITAL	Yes	1	1
NAME	Burda	3	21780
	Mrs Anna		
RESIDENCE	STATE Ill	2	13
	COUNTY Cook	2	16
	CITY Chicago	3	028
RELATION	Widow	1	5-
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No	1	2
29/514	38		38 mtl

AUDITED
DEC 17, 1981

2517 So Sawyer Ave
Mother dead

Age

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Burda, Ben (MA)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. Anna Burda,
2514 S. Sawyer Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

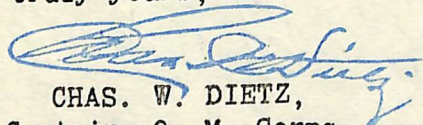
1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	No
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: 38 Health: Fairly good
3. Do you speak English?	Yes
4. What other language do you speak?	Bohemian

(Mrs) Anna Burda
Sign here

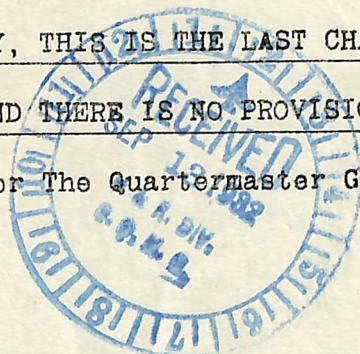
NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


CHAS. W. DIETZ,
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-M

Burda Ben (MA)

July 8, 1932

Mrs Anna Burda
2514 So Sawyer Ave
Chicago Ill

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

X_c 103 861 Burda, Ben.

date ^{of} Mothers death not in V.B. files she was alive in 1918

Widow - Anna Burda-

Father dead

Benf- Brother - Stanley Burda - 5504 Gettysburg Pl. Chicago, Ill

Separated from wife $3\frac{1}{2}$ years before enl. He and his child made

home with the brother whom he made his ins to.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Burda, Ben PFC (M-A) W

June 11, 1931.

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Mrs. Anna Burda,
2514 S. Sawyer Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

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

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

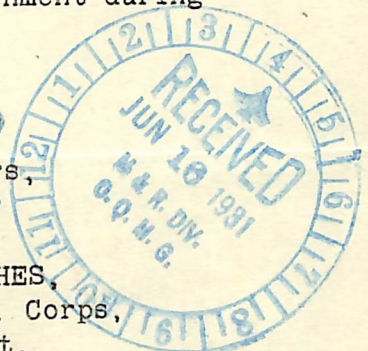
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932?

No
Write answer here

(Mrs) Anna Burda

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burda, Ben PFC 1232-W

November 7, 1930

Mrs. Anna Burda,
2514 S. Sawyer Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

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 Widow 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.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

11/10/30
Sorry I cannot take advantage of this trip
Anna Burda

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE October 17, 1930

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Burda, Ben	PFC	1385335	Co. A. 123rd MG Bn	10-4-18

STATE	CTY. NO.	GRAVE	ROW	BLOCK
ILL.	1232	14	9	B

	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	
NAME AND ADDRESS	MOTHER	:	:	✓	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">XC 103-861</p> <p style="margin: 0;">10/27</p> <p style="margin: 0;">10</p> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <p style="margin: 0;">W Mrs Anna Burda 2514 So Sawyer Ave Chicago, Ill</p>
	STEPMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	
	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	:	:	:	
	WIDOW (Who has not remarried)	:	:	✓	

Veterans Bureau Claim Number 29/156/

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Burda, Ben Pvt 1 Cl 1232 W

October 11, 1930

Mrs. Anna Burda
2847 South Spaulding Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

*Co. A, 123rd M. G. Bn
13853-25
10-4-18
Pl. 14, Row 9, Bl. 23*

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, 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,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Burda, Rex
IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Anna Burda,
2847 So. Spaulding Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

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 widow of the late Private, 1st class, Rex Burda, Co. A, 1st Infantry, who is now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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,

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-M

Sept. 7, 1932.

Burda, Ben (MA)

Mrs. Anna Burda,
2514 S. Sawyer Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
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-M

Burda Ben (MA)

July 8, 1932

Mrs Anna Burda
2514 So Sawyer Ave
Chicago Ill

Dear Madam:

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

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Burda, Ben

December 17, 1931.

SUBJECT: Correction in Headstone Listing.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service in Europe, 20
rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. It is requested the headstone listing be corrected and the stone recut for the following case in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery:

Grave 14, Row 9, Block B, should read

Ben Burda - Pvt. 1 cl. - 123 M.G. Batt'n. - 33 Div. - Illinois - Oct.
4, 1918

2. It is requested this office be advised when action has been taken.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

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1931 DEC-17- PM 2:53

QQMG M&R BR

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EUROPE: CORRECT DATE OF DEATH

Grave 14, Row 9, Block B, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery

Ben Burda - Pvt.1cl. - 123 M.G.Batt'n. - 33 Div. - Illinois - Oct. 4, 1918

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

QM 293 A-M
Burda, Ben PFC (M-4) W

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Anna Burda,
2514 S. Lawyer Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____

Write answer here

Sign here

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burda, Ben PFC 1232-W

November 7, 1930

Mrs. Anna Burda,
2514 S. Sawyer Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

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 ^{Widow} 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,

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

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Burda, Ben ~~Qv~~ 93 43M 1232 W

October 11, 1930

Mrs. Anna Burda
2847 South Spaulding Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the ^{widow} of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, 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.

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For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
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

June 3, 1930.

Burda, Sen. -1232 W

Mrs. Anna Burda,
2847 So. Spaulding Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Burda, Ben
1232

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mrs. Anna Burda,
2847 So. Spaulding Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burda, Ben

June 29 1929.

Mrs. Anna Burda,
2847 So. Spanliding Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

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 widow of the late **Private, 1st class, Ben Burda, Co. A, 123rd M. G. Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother 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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

His wife turned this over to me to answer Burda S. Burda

Dup ✓

Burda

Ben

1,385,335

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt. 1st cl

Co A 123 MG Bn

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased:

Brother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Stanley Burda

(Number street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

5504 Gettysburg Place Chicago Ill

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card

Kraunby PF

3-23-21

1232 - Sec 2 - 208

Checked
3/23/21
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In reply refer to:
QM - 293 C-R

July 24, 1923.

Mrs. Anna Burda,
2847 South Spaulding Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Private 1/c Ben Burda, Company A, 123rd Machine Gun Battalion, is Grave 14, Row 9, Block B, 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 headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.



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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
8, AVENUE D' IENA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE.

HW
HW

File No: 293.8 City 1232

PARIS, France,
January 4th, 1923.

SUBJECT: G.R.S. Forms.

TO: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building,
Washington, D. C.

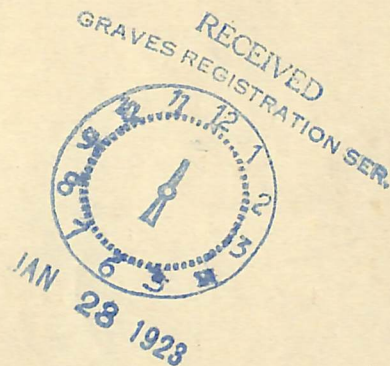
1. Attached hereto are G.R.S. Forms 1- A, 114-A, 16-A and 114-B covering the permanent concentration in Meuse Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse of the following soldier:

BURDA 1385335 Ben, Pvt. 1st Cl. Co. A. 123rd M.G. Bn.
Grave 14, Block B, Row 9.



4 incls.

R. P. Harbold
R. P. Harbold,
Chief.



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 **MAR 23 1921**, 1920

Sec. II

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:

~~ADJUSTMENT RECORD. 3-23-21 records showed that A.G.O. did not confirm the name of Ben Bunda recorded as buried in Grave #160, Plot 4, Section 2. 3-23-21 (letter of transmittal) Europe advised not to return body. 3-17-21 Audit Department amended records to show that Ben Burda was buried in Grave #160, Plot 4, Section 2. 5-4-21 Form 115 covering Ben Bunda was cancelled and filed. A.G.O. confirms the name of Ben Burda. HCJ. 5-4-21.~~

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Mar. 3, 1922

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 BURDA, Ben
 2. No. 1385335
 3. Rank Pvt. 1. cl.
 4. Org. Co. A. 123rd M.G. Bn.
 5. D.D. 10-6-18
 6. C.D. KIA

10. Name _____
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 160 Sec. 2
 8. Plot 4 Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. 199 Sec. 2
 16. Plot 4 Row _____
 17. Found under cross of "Alfred P. Chappell, Pvt. Co. C., 123rd M.G. Bn."

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer

19. Commune or town Romagne-s-Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232, Sec. 2

23. Disinterred (Date) Mar. 3, 1922

By H.E. Strong

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name CHAPPELL, Alfred P.
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 2055426
 Organization Co. C., 123rd. M.G. Bn.

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

A. Lewis
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
A. Lewis

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). Tag found on ~~body~~ body reads: Ben Burda, 1385335.
 Collar ornaments "Co. A., M.G."

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable
U.S. Uniform; blanket; unlined case.

28. Nature of burial _____

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None Yes. See item- 15. and 24.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Mar. 3, 1922 By H.E. Strong

31. Casket sealed by H.E. Strong

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor H.E. Strong)

B.W. (S.W.)
6/2/22

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-24938

32. Designation of body:

Name Ben BURDA Serial No. 1385335

Rank Pvt. 1. cl. Organization Co. A. 123rd M.G. Bn.

33. Consigned to:
Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. 1232, Romagne-s-Montfaucon, Meuse

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Mar. 3, 1922 By H. E. Strong

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]
H. E. Strong, Capt. QMC

36. Remarks G.R.S. Forms corrected per instructions of the Section Commander to agree with G.R.S. Forms P-1 and 16-1, covering the transposition of Pvt. 1/Cl., BURDA, and Pvt., Alfred P. Chappell remains.

Note: -Body ~~XXXX~~ supposed to be Ben Burda originally exh. from Gr. 160 Sec. 2 Mar. 3, 22 was reburied Mar. 6th, 1922 in Gr. 11 Block "B" Row 16. These remains exhumed March 15th, 1922; identified as Alfred P. Chappell and placed in Morgue.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Mar. 3, 1922

To point of Concentration Romagne Morgue
Convoyer P. H. Doran (Name)
Signature Shipping Officer [Signature] G. F. Spain Capt. QMC. JB

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 _____
G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, ~~MEUX 6, 1922~~ March 15, 1922.
(Date)

42. Grave No. ~~XXXXX~~ 14 Section _____

43. Plot ~~XXX~~ Block B Row 9 ~~XXXXX~~

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]
A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.

Place Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Mar 15, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BURDA, Ben. SERIAL NUMBER 1385335
RANK Pvt. 1/c ORGANIZATION Co. A. 123rd M.G.Bn.

2. Disinterred (date): Mar 15, 1922 From (give complete location):
gr 199, sec 2, plot 4. Cty. 1232.
under cross inscribed: Alfred P. Chappell, Pvt. Co. C.
By: Group Maire. Unit sec 1. 123rd, M.G.Bn.

3. Reburied (date): March 15, 1922. In (give complete location):
House Argonne Cemetery # 1232. Gr. 14, Pl. B, Row 9.
By: Group reburial Unit reburial Nature of Reburial lined casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
U.S. uniform, ~~in~~ blanket, and unlined case, 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:

body tag reads: Ben Burda, 1385335. Collar ornaments Co. A. M.G.

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

(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

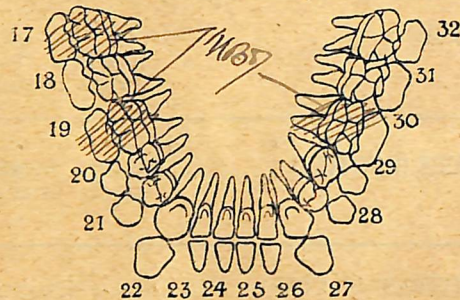
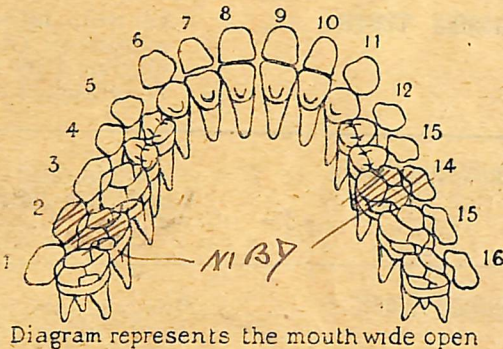
Location do

Quantity do

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

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

base of skull fractured.



7. Disinterment supervised by E. Maire
E. Maire.

Approved: [Signature]
R. Richards, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W.B. Shields
W.B. Shields

Approved: [Signature]
J.H. Joffe, 1st Lt. Q.C.
(Title)

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.

2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.

3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

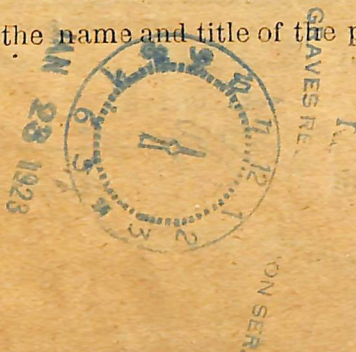
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

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

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
DENTURES (PLATES)	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"	

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

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



March 17, 1921

ADDITIONAL REPORT ON CTY #1232 (Sect.2)

	BURIALS				
	W.C.		Unk.	B.C.	
	Con.	Uncon.		Con.	Uncon.
Section 2 - Reported 3-3-21 reading	207	0	0	1	0
B/C -BUNDA, Ben, identified as BURDA, 1385335, Ben. - - - - -	+ 1			-1	
Section 2 reads this date - - - - -	208	0	0	0	0

March 17, 1921

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BURIALS
W.C. B.C.
Con.Uncon. Unk. Con.Uncon.

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B/C -BUNDA, Ben, identified as BURDA,
1385335, Ben. - - - - -
Section 2 reads this date - - - - -

207 0 0 1 0
+ 1 -1
208 0 0 0 0

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File 32690

(a) Name BURDA, Ben Ser. No. 1385335
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. A, 123rd M.G. Bn. } TYP. B
 (c) Date of death 10-4-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } Est

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

Sub 3
 (a) Grave No. 199 Row 160 Plot 4 Sec. 2 TYP. B
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Anna Burda (wife) 2847 So. Spaulding Ave., Chicago, Ill.
 III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases wait 3-23-21 CKR. Est

IV. Information on which advice to Europe in letter of transmittal was based:

1/15/21
A.G.O. #201 gives E.A. (brother) as on card.
A.G.O. Card - Stanley Burda (brother)
5504 Gettysburg Place, Chicago, Ill. requests
body not returned to U.S. also states that
sollier's wife" turned this over to him." ins 3/28/21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on MAR 23 1921, 192
Sec. II
Par. # 2 Not To Be Returned
MEH

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., _____, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. _____, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

AP 3/28/21

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

Cty 1232

6/11/23
Date ~~12/27/20~~

File No. **84120** Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., 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. *Burda* ~~BUNDA~~ ✓
- b. Christian name. **Ben** *OK*
- c. Serial number. **1385335** *OK*
- d. Organization. **Co. A 123rd M.G. Bn** *OK*
- e. Rank. **Pvt.** *OK*
- f. Date of death. *Oct. 4 1918* ✓
- g. Cause of death. *Killed in action* ✓
- h. Authority (C. C. No.) **287**
- i. Emergency address. *Stanley Burda 5504 Gettysburg Place Chicago Ill* ✓
- j. Relationship. *brother* ✓

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Age at enlistment.

Date 9 '11
b. Color of eyes.

c. Color of hair.

d. Height.

e. Weight.

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. *None* (Old fractures or breaks.)

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.							

JAN 11 1920

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

By *HJ Conner*

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

JWS
Rec'd World War Div.
Date *2/17*
Room
Date *1/15/21*

Rec'd World War Div.
Date *1/10/21*

Rec'd S & S Div. AGO
JAN 10 1921

Rec'd World War Div.
Date *1/11/21*

Donnelly 2117
End. Pers. Sec.
Aug. 8, 1-19 21.

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REV OF MAIL

11 31
BOSTON MASS DIA

RECEIVED
H. T. COZYER

DATE: 11 11 21
BOSTON MASS DIA
[Handwritten signature]

BA
H. T. COZYER

JAN 20 1921
RECEIVED

CHARACTER OF SERVICE
[Handwritten: ...]

1. Height
2. Height
3. Color of hair

Home No. 21024351
Office No. 21024351
Home No. 15342012
Office No. 15342012

[Handwritten: ...]

4. State of residence

5. Description of the service record
6. Description

7. Present report of examination prior to enlistment
8. Description

9. Rank: P4
10. Organization: CO 4 12290 113 81
11. Social number: 1229232
12. Christian name: BEN
13. Surname: BANDA

14. Description
15. Employment address
16. Uniform (C. C. No.)
17. Color of hair
18. Date of death

If it is requested that the items checked below be completed: Furnish continuation of all information

Subject: Information required for C. H. S.

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 2145 and B Streets NW, Washington, D. C.

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

File No. 84120

Reference

CAF 1225

Date 12/21/20

[Handwritten: 11/11/21]

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WAR DEPARTMENT

Information required for C. H. S.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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

Date 6/11/23

File No. 32690 Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname Burda ✓
- b. Christian name Ben ✓
- c. Serial Number 1385335
- d. Organization Co. A, 123 M. G.
- e. Rank Sgt 1/c ✓
- f. Date of death 10-4-18 ✓
- g. Cause of death I.A. ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address anna Burda
2847 S. Paulding ave
Chicago Ill
- j. Relationship wife

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

- ~~a. Age of enlistment~~ 25 2/12
- ~~b. Date~~ Sept 19, 17
- ~~c. Color of eyes~~
- ~~d. Color of hair~~ nek. Brown
- ~~e. Height~~ 69 inches
- ~~f. Weight~~ 148

DENTAL CHARTS Local Bt mobil
(See Physical report of Charts
~~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

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



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

CEMETERY NO:

SHEET NO:
TYPED BY:

S/3310/LML

Handwritten: Room 2117

BY:
Charles J. Wynne,
Captain, Q.M.C., U.S.A.



Handwritten signature: Benjamin Alford
Acting The Adjutant

Address reply to

WAR DEPARTMENT
PURCHASE, STORAGE, AND TRAFFIC DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

Division

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE
Munitions Building

No:
From:
To:
Subject:

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9/11/33

B

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burda 1385335 Ben

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

Private Co. A. 123 M. Gun

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 8 - 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Bois de Reptourges

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

280.2 - 316.4

J 4150 FILE #

GRAVE NUMBER: 12

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle? Yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? No

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? No

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

(MEUSE)

CMME. GERCOURT-ET-DRILLANCOURT

(C-211) SUIT. 35 N.E. COORD. {E-316.4}
NEAREST RELATIVE: {N-280.2}

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

W. J. H. Whelan Chaplain 130 Inf.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

RECEIVED
21 Nov 18 P.M.
G. C. C. R.
G. R. S.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2. Soldier's No.

3. Bunda Ben
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials4. A 123rd. M.G.
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Date of Burial Cemetery
B.A.C.7. Dannevoux Meuse
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department8. 15 A
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter9. Name Peg? Cross? ¹ Headboard? Bottle?
Check Method of Marking10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker?
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

12. "A" sketch 42
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer
Signed. Sgt. Horsley

GROUP No. 2 Group Unit G. R. S.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burda 1385-335 Ben
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private 1st Co. A. 125th Inf. I. Bn
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Oct. 4, 1918*

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

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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:

MMP. PANNEVOUX (MEUSE)
239) SHT 35 N.E. COORD E 316.1
N 280.6

REPORTED BY:

H. H. Sullyard, Chaplain, 1st Lt.
OK. (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.
1st Lieut. Adjutant.

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INVESTIGATION AND ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

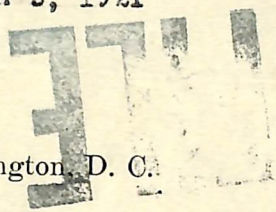
Date March 3, 1921

File No. 32690 Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., 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. BURDA or ~~BUNDA~~
- b. Christian name. Ben
- c. Serial number. 1385355
- d. Organization. Co. A. 123rd M. G. Bn.,
- e. Rank. Pvt. 1 Cl.,
- f. Date of death. 10-4-18
- g. Cause of death. K/A
- h. Authority (C. C. No.) 287 AG 201
- i. Emergency address. Stanley Burda
5504 Kettysburg Place
- j. Relationship. brother

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

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

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Strike out teeth missing:

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Upper right.								Upper left.							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Lower right.								Lower left.							

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

By

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

Date March 3, 1921

Registration

File No. 32690

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW, 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 RUDA or RUDY
- b. Christian name Ben
- c. Serial number 1382352
- d. Organization Co. A, 123rd M. G. Bn.
- e. Rank 1st Lt.
- f. Date of death 10-4-18
- g. Cause of death K/A
- h. Authority (C. G. No.) 287 AG 201
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

DENTAL CHARTS

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

- a. Age at enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Strikes out teeth missing:
 - Upper right: 27654321 12345678
 - Upper left: 27654321 12345678
 - Lower right: 27654321 12345678
 - Lower left: 27654321 12345678

A. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (old fractures or breaks)

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Quartermaster General, U. S. A.

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1st Lt., Quartermaster, U. S. A.

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Information requested of A. G. O.

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WASHINGTON

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Date March 11, 1921

File No. ~~84133~~ Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., 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.

See Papers of Burda, Ben

- a. Surname. BUNDA
- b. Christian name. Ben
- c. Serial number.
- d. Organization.
- e. Rank.
- f. Date of death.
- g. Cause of death.
- h. Authority (C. C. No.)
- i. Emergency address.
- j. Relationship.

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

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

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

- a. Strike out teeth missing:
- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| Upper right. | Upper left. |
| 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |
| Lower right. | Lower left. |

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

By

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

Mr. Wilson
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cannot identify. No Ben Burda on file.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
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Date March 11, 1921

File No. 24130 Registration

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW, Washington, D. C.
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Custodial Division)

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

It is requested that the information shown below be completed. Request confirmation of information shown.

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- a. Surname BUNDA
- a. Christian name Ben
- a. Serial number
- a. Organization
- a. Rank
- a. Date of death
- a. Cause of death
- a. Authority (C. C. No.)
- a. Emergency address
- a. Relationship

DENTAL CHARTS
(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

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

- a. Age at enlistment
- a. Color of eyes
- a. Color of hair
- a. Height
- a. Weight
- a. Strike out teeth missing:
- Upper right 87654321 12345678
- Upper left
- Lower right 87654321 12345678
- Lower left

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

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

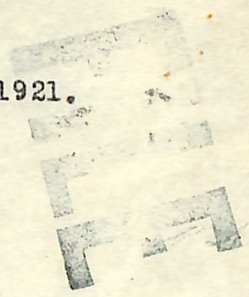
By

H. J. COZZER
Assistant Quartermaster, U. S. A.

Mr. Wilson
DTB

File 32690

March 2, 1921.



TO: INVESTIGATION & ADJUSTMENT.

FROM: CEMETERY AUDIT DEPARTMENT.

Subject; Case of; File # 84120. Cty. 1232
BUNDA, Ben.

File # 32690 Cty. C-239
BURDA, 1385335, Ben.
Pvt. 1/C Co. A. 123rd. M. G. Bn.

1. D-5605, C-239 records BURDA, 1385335, Ben Pvt. Co. A. 123rd. M. G. Bn.

2. D-2861, Cemetery 992 records BUNDA, Ben, Co. A. 123rd. M.G. Co. in grave #15.

3. D-10529, Cemetery 1232, records BUNDA, Ben, Pvt. Co. A. . 130th M. G. Bn. in grave 160, plot 4, section 2.

4. Form #16-10529 records burial from Cemetery 992, grave #15, into Cemetery 1232, grave 160, plot 4, section 2, No tags with body.

5. Since referring to the R.B. Skeyches on Dannevoux, Meuse, this Department cannot determine whether the grave #15, Cemetery 992 was considered an isolated grave in C-239 and so reported by one unit. And a second unit reported it as in Cemetery #992; again it seems as if there might be two burials under similar names near each other.

6. The Audit Department is herewith submitting cases for further investigation.

M. Elmore
M. ELMORE.
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Copies for;
LT. HANSON.
MISS NEES.
MDE/lmp

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FILE

Co. A, 123rd M.G. Bn.
33rd Div.

Burda, Ben - Pvt. 1385335
Home: 5504 Gettysburg Place,
Chicago, Ill.

We were going out of the lines at Hill 281 to Bois de la Cole
Lemont, where we were to take up new positions. We had gone a short
distance when an enemy barrage opened up. A piece of an enemy shell
struck Private Burda in the back of the head, just below the helmet,
killing him instantly. This happened about 4.00 P. M., October 4, 1918.

Informant: Sasgen, Albert A. - Pvt. 1st Cl.
XXXXXXXX 1385430

Home: Co. A, 123rd M.G. Bn.
1325 East 71st Pl.,
Chicago, Ill.

Signed: Culbertson, Albert L. - Major, Inf.

Emergency Address:
M. Stanley Burda,
5504 Gettysburg Place,
Chicago, Ill.

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ADJUSTMENT MADE

JAN 21 1921

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON

AG201 (Burda, Ben)WW

January 15, 1921.

IN REPLY
REFER TO

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Date of death of Pvt. 1st Class Ben Burda.

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that Private 1st Class Ben Burda, #1,385,335, Company A, 123rd Machine Gun Battalion, was killed in action October 4, 1918.

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted Sept. 19, 1917, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Stanley Burda, (brother), 5505 Gettysburg Place, Chicago, Ill.

D C Harris
The Adjutant General.
Per: *m. J. K.*

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File 84120

March 2, 1921.

TO: INVESTIGATION & ADJUSTMENT.

FROM: CEMETERY AUDIT DEPARTMENT.

Subject; Case of; File # 84120 Cty. 1232.
BUNDA, Ben.

File #32690. Cty. C-239
BURDA, 1365335, Ben.
Pvt. 1/C Co. A. 123rd. M.C. En.

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LT. HANSON.
MISS NERS.

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Sigma Corps, United States Army. 84120
Telegram. 452

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CHIEF GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

TOURS

RETEL G 14 C AND G 178 C PRIVATE BEN BUNDA BURIED BATTLE AREA CEMETERY

COMMUNE DANNEVAUX PERIOD G 481 R

STATEN

1237PM



84120¹⁹¹
9:15 am

FILE

84120

Jan 26, 1919.

Capt C E Staten
Graves Registration Officer
Neufchateau

No reply received our G 14 C as follows quote Retel G 246 R period
Is Pvt Ben Sunda comma Co A 123rd MG Bn comma buried in a Battle
Area Cemetery comma commune of Dannevoix period unquote. G 178 C.

ROGERS.

O. B.

C. C. HUTCHISON, JR
2nd Lieut., QMC
JRP/ WK
10:00 AM

Copy to:
T & C ✓
G R S ✓
Sgt Daly ~~Original~~

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84120

January 13th, 1919.

Capt. Staten
Graves Registration Service,
Neufchateau.

Retel G 246 R. period is Pvt Ben Bunda comma Co A 123rd M G Bn comma buried in a
Battle Area Cemetery comma commune of Dannevoux period G 14 C

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ROGERS

Copy to: T & C
G R S
Daly.

Reply.

C.M. NOETZEL
2nd Lieut. Q.M.C., U.S.A.
COH/pf.

Received at

56 FN 72 0B WZ

NEUFCHATEAU DEC 26 1918

CHIEF GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

TOURS.

RETEL G SEVEN EIGHT ONE C PERIOD BEN BUNDA COMMA COMPANY A ONE TWO THREE
 MACHINE GUN BATTALION COMMA REPORTED BY UNIT A GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
 COMMA BURIED IN GRAVE NUMBER FIFTEEN COMMA PLOT A COMMA COMMUNE DANNEVOUX
 DEPARTMENT MEUSE COMMA MAP NUMBER THREE FIVE NORTHEAST COMMA EAST THREE ONE
 FIVE POINT SEVEN COMMA NORTH TWO EIGHT NAUGHT POINT FOUR PERIOD G 246 R.

STATEN....845 P



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COMMUNE. DANNEVOUX (Meuse)
 (G-239) SHT. 35 NE COORD E 315.7
N 280.4

35 NE 315.7
 280.4

84120

Dec 14, 1918.

Capt C E Staten
Graves Registration Officer
Neufchateau

Confirm grave location Pvt Ben Burda 1385355 Co A 123 MG Bn
reported buried grave 12 Bois de Septsarges (Meuse) map 35 NE
comma E 316 point 4 comma N 230 point 2 G 781 C.

O. B.

ROGERS.

C. H. HORTZEL
Snd Lieut., ENG.
AOL/WE
4:10 PM

Copy to;
T & C
G R S
Sgt Daly

Original

Susp
~~8/10/19~~
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To

FIELD BURIALS

Q. M. Form No.

Report No.

Sheet No.

Commune and Department

Army Sector No. *Date* *Map Reference*

Place of burial

Location of grave or Trench

Nature of marking employed

NAME	RANK	DIVISION REGIMENT COMPANY	POSITION IN TRENCH	DISPOSAL OF TAGS

~~810~~
84120

The following confirmed information received regarding Pvt.
Ben Bunda comma 123rd M G Bn period Buried in grave number 15
comma plot A comma American Battle Area Cemetery comma Commune of
Dannevaux Department Meuse Map reference 35 NE comma E 315-point 7
comma N 280 point 4

Records

Burial Data Recorded

2-4-19

RPB