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G.R.S. Form #114-B

MAR 24

FULL NAME. BURDEN, Mila C.

RANK. Pvt.

SERIAL. 3355381

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION. Company L, 18th Infantry

1st Div

DATE OF DEATH. 10/4/1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME.

Ohio

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

Cited in G.O. 1st Div dated Jan 1/20

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 2/2/26

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Date

Grave

Row

Block

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery # 1232

Cemetery

24/292/EYS

AUDITED BY

Robert O. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General,
By Eva 7/3 - 2/27/26

A. C. C.
MAR 24 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

100/100/100

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MAY 29 1908
M. & R. BRANCH
D. C. M. G.

100/100/100

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME BURDEN	BUR	3	218
Mila C.	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE 7	2	07
	ROW 43	2	43
	BLOCK H	1	8
STATE	Ohio	2	41
RANK	Priv	1	2
DIVISION	1	2	01
ORGANIZATION	18	3	018
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME Burden,	BUR	3	218
Mrs. Sherman	STATE Ohio	2	41
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Allen	2	02
Route # 3	CITY Harrod	3	XXX
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	bed	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR. no	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

AUDITED

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Burden, Mila C. (MA)

Sept. 7, 1932.

Mrs. May Burden,
Route #3,
Harrod, Ohio

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")	<i>No</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

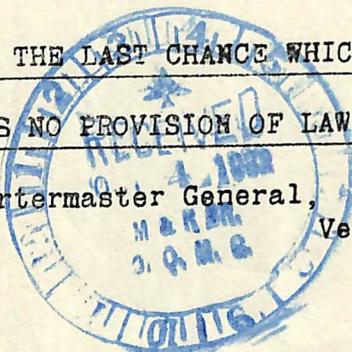
Mrs May Burden

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Burden Mila C (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Sherman Burden
Route #3
Harrod Ohio

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, Jr.
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.



2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? undecided
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Sherman Burden.

my health is not very good and a year is a long time away

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burden, Mila C. NA M

December 16, 1931.

Mrs. May Burden,
Route #3,
Harrod, Ohio

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

November 2, 1931

Burden, Mila C. M-A M

Mrs. May Burden,
Route #3,
Harrod, Ohio

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that 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. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage
in 1932?

NO ✓

2. Please state your age and condition
of health:

Age:

Health: *not very good*

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

May Burden
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-M
IN REPLY REFER TO
Burden, Mila C. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

(May)
Mrs. Sherman Burden,
Route #3,
Harrod, Ohio.

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.

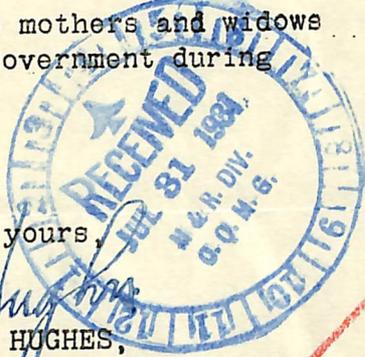
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or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

Undecided
Write answer here

Mrs. May Burden
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burden, Mila C. 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Sherman Burden
Route #3,
Harrod, Ohio.

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?

No, sir
(Write answer here)

I am not able to go and thank you very much.
Mrs. Sherman Burden.
(Sign here)



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Burden, Mila C. 1232 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Sherman Burden,
Route #3,
Harrod, Ohio.

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.

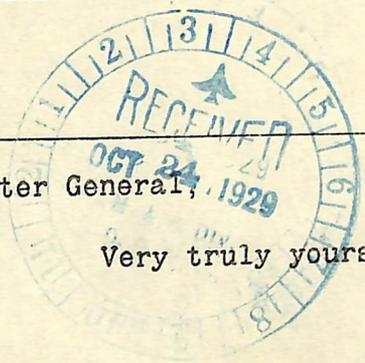
In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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 <u>50</u> Health <u>not very</u> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language <u>American</u> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General, 1929

Very truly yours,

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



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July - 19 - 1929

John F. Harris

Major I. M. Corps, Assistant.

Sir, Milam Burden, Co. I, 18th. Inf.,

Mother is living but is not able
to take a trip like that.

Thanking you kindly for your
invitation.

present address { Mr. Sherman Burden
R. 3.
Starrod Ohio

P.S. he was not married.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burden, Mila C.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Sherman Burden,
R. #, 3
Lima, Ohio.

Harrod

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 Mila C. Burden, Co. L, 18th Inf., 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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Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Burden, Mila C. (MA)

Sept. 3, 1932.

Mrs. May Burden,
Route #5,
Harrod, Ohio

Dear Madam:

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Sign here

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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

Burden Mila C (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Sherman Burden
Route #3
Harrod Ohio

Dear Madam:

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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) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burden, Mila C. MA M

December 16, 1931.

Mrs. May Burden,
Route #3,
Harrod, Ohio

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

November 2, 1931 kw

Burden, Mila C. M-A M

Mrs. May Burden,
Route #3,
Harrod, Ohio

Dear Madam:

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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-AMM
Burden, Mila C. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Sherman Burden,
Route #3,
Harrod, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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For The Quartermaster General,

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A. D. HUGHES,
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Assistant.

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burden, Mila C. 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Sherman Burden
Route #8,
Harrod, Ohio.

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.

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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
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Burden, Mila C. 1232 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Sherman Burden,
Route #3,
Harrod, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

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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

Burden, Mila C.

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Sherman Burden,
R. #5,
Lima, Ohio.

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".

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Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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QM 293 A-C

BURDEN, Mila C. - Pvt.

April 1, 1926

Mr. Sherman Burden,
Route #5,
Lima, Ohio

Dear Sir:

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

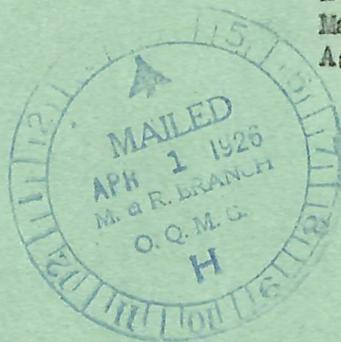
This American overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

L.W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

1 Incl.
Record card.



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QM 293 A-C.

1st Ind.

War Department, OQMG, Washington, Jan. 12, 1926 - To Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, (16 eme), France.

The identification of the remains of the late Private Mila G. Burden, Co. L, 18th Infantry, is hereby confirmed. It is requested that this office be advised of the final grave location as soon as practicable.

By order of the Acting The Quartermaster General:



L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

encls. withdrawn

293 Burden, Mila G.

2nd Ind.

Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, February 24, 1926. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. In compliance with above instructions, forwarded herewith are G.R.S. Forms 114-A, 16-A and 1-A covering permanent concentration of the remains of this late soldier in grave 7, row 43, block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.



W. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

3 encls.

Forms 114-A, 16-A
and 1-A.

293
Burden
Mila G

2nd Lt. ...
War Department, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., 1936 - as Chief, American
Graves Registration Service, 2nd Lt. ... in Europe, 3d Lt. ...
(10 encl., France.)

The identification of the remains of the late Private Miss G. ...
Co. A, 18th Infantry, is hereby confirmed. It is requested that this
office be advised of the final grave location as soon as practicable.

By order of the Acting Quartermaster General:

[Signature]
L. S. ...
Major, ...
Assistant

encl. withdrawn

2nd Lt. ...

Mr. American ... in ... 3d Lt. ...
Department, 1936. For the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C.

In compliance with above instructions, forwarded ...
S. S. forms 114-A, 114-B and 1-A covering permanent concentration of
the remains of this late soldier in grave ... for ...
Arizona American Cemetery.



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encl. 3
forms 114-A, 114-B
and 1-A

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE
20 RUE MOLITOR

IN REPLYING
PLEASE ADDRESS:
CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES
REGISTRATION SERVICE.

FILE NO. 293 Burden, Mila C.

PARIS, FRANCE
November 16, 1925.

Subject: Recovery.

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

1. Forwarded herewith is G.R.S. Form 16-A for remains (believed to be those of Pvt. Mila C. Burden, 3355381, Co.L, 18th Inf.) recovered by the Research personnel of this office.

2. The Field Investigator who located the body reports as follows:

"The remains of the above mentioned deceased American soldier were recovered from an isolated fox hole on south slope of Hill 240. Remains were buried five feet deep and had apparently never been removed from the fox hole in which he had been killed. The legs were doubled up and head was lying on his hand as though he were asleep when hit by a one pound shell. The remains of the shell were with the body. Small trees about five feet tall were growing over the grave.

"Identification card in 'Over There' leather case was made legible by brushing with a small hair brush."

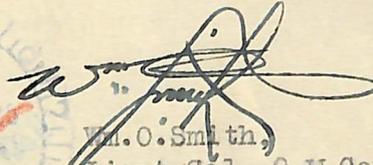
3. The following personal effects found with the remains are forwarded herewith:

- 1 Leather case containing identification card.
- 1 Comb (Souvenir Camp Gordon).
- 1 Briquet.
- 1 one-franc piece.
- 1 ten-centime piece.
- 2 five-centime pieces
- 1 one-cent piece.

4. These remains are being held in the Meuse-Argonne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to confirmation of identification and disposition.

2 encls.
encl.1-Form 16-A.
encl.2-encl. containing personal
effects listed in par.3.




W. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

293
Burden, Mila C

AMERICAN DRIVE REPAIR COMPANY
1000 14th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

November 10, 1925

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. regarding the matter mentioned therein.

The field office at Washington, D.C., is handling this matter.

The records of the above mentioned case are being reviewed and it is expected that a report will be made to you in due season. The fact that the above mentioned case is being handled by the field office at Washington, D.C., is being advised to you for your information.

The following persons are being investigated in this case:

- 1. [Name]
- 2. [Name]
- 3. [Name]
- 4. [Name]
- 5. [Name]
- 6. [Name]
- 7. [Name]
- 8. [Name]
- 9. [Name]
- 10. [Name]

These persons are being investigated in this case as to their connection with the above mentioned case.

DEC-1 1925
COMMUNICATION SERVICE
7 8 9 10
GRAVE

Very truly yours,
[Signature]

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE January 30, 1925.

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 BURDEN, Mila C.
- 2. No. 3355381
- 3. Rank Pvt.
- 4. Org. Co.L, 18th Inf.
- 5. D.D. Oct. 4, 1918.
- 6. C.D. MIA

- 10. Name _____
- 11. No. _____
- 12. Rank _____
- 13. Org. _____
- 14. (a) D.D. _____
- (b) D.B. No discrepancies.

Isolated fox hole near top and middle of south slope of Hill 240. Commune Exermont (Ardennes). Map Foret d'Argonne, E-301.06, N-281.74.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 8. Plot _____ Row _____
- 9. _____

- 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 16. Plot _____ Row _____
- 17. No discrepancies.

18. Cemetery ---

19. Commune or town Exermont

20. Dept. or County Ardennes

21. Country France.

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

23. Disinterred (Date) November 3, 1925. By James McGourty.

24. Inscription on grave marker: No grave marker.

Name _____

Serial No. _____

Rank _____

Organization _____

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

James McGourty
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). USNA collar ornament on blouse--buried. Identification card in leather case reads, "Mila C. Burden, Address R.F.D. #5, Lima Ohio". "In case of serious illness or accident please notify Sherman Burden, Lima, Ohio, R.F.D. #5". One comb, souvenir Camp Gordon; One franc piece, 1 ten centime piece, 2 five centime pieces, One cent piece,

27. Condition of body Skeleton disarticulated, Flesh decomposed. --- forwarded.

28. Nature of burial Buried 5 feet deep in OD US uniform & field shoes size 9E.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date November 7, 1925 By James McGourty.

31. Casket sealed by James McGourty.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *James McGourty*
James McGourty.

ADMITTED BY
5202
3/23/24
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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-33031

32. Designation of body:

Name BURDEN, Mila C. Serial No. 3355381

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.L, 18th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.#1232, Romagne-s/Montfaucon (Meuse).

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) January 30, 1926. By James McGourty.

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 *James McGourty*
James McGourty

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

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 February 2nd, 1926. (Date)

42. Grave No. Seven (7). Section Block H,

43. Plot Row Forty-three (43),

G.R.S. Representative *W.B. Shields*
W. B. Shields,
Caretaker.

Meuse-Argonne Am. Cemetery, #1232,
Remagne-s/Montfaucon (Meuse),
Place
November 7th, 1925.
Date

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BURDEN, Mila C., SERIAL NUMBER 3355381
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. L, 18th Infantry.

2. Disinterred (date): November 3rd, 1925. From (give complete location): Isol. 'Box Hole' near top and middle of south slope of Hill #210, Comm. Exerment (Ards), Map Peret d'Argonne, East 301.06 North 281.74.

By: Group ONE Unit Meuse-Argonne Sector.

3. Reburied (date): February 2nd, 1926. In (give complete location): Grave 7, Block H, Row 43, Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cemetery, #1232, Remagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

By: Group W.B. Sheild, Caretaker. Unit AGRS, QMC, in E. Nature of reburial GRS case, casket, sheet & OD Blanket.

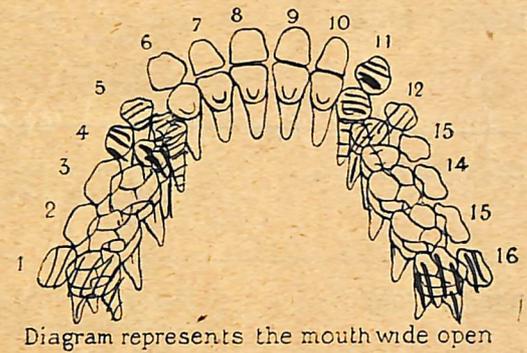
4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body and findings: Buried five feet deep in OD uniform and ~~findings~~ shoes size 9B. Skeleton disarticulated, flesh entirely decomposed.

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

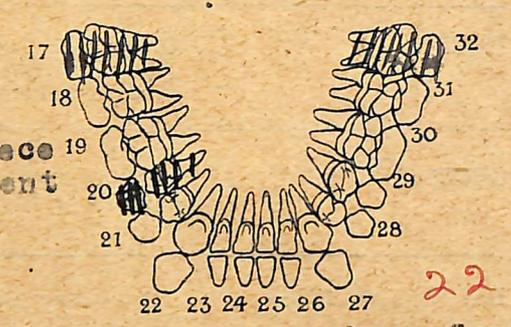
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: USNA Collar ornament on blouse--buried. Identification card in leather case reads, "Mila C. Burden, Address R.F.D. #6, Lima Ohio". "In case of serious illness or accident please notify Sherman Burden, Lima, Ohio, R.F.D. #5". One comb, souvenir Camp Garden; One briquet, One franc piece, 1 ten centime piece, 5 five centime pieces, One cent piece, forwarded.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?
5' 8"

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5' 8"
(b) Weight (estimated) 140 lbs.
(c) Hair—Color NONE.
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) Brest bone has small piece cut out of it, apparently from accident when young. →



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Left femur fractured, upper third. Right pelvic bone fractured
Teeth #1, 5, 11, 16, 17, 20, 32
MBD. #4, 12 MAD.

7. Disinterment supervised by James McGourty, Chief Investigator. Approved: James McGourty, Chief Investigator.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Sheild, Caretaker. Approved: _____
(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:	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED DECAYED</p>
DENTURES (PLATES)	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"	

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

JK
QM 293 A-C, *Burden, Mils C.* 1st Inf.
War Department, OQMG, Washington, Jan. 12, 1926 - To Chief, American
Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G., in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris,
(16 eme), France.

The identification of the remains of the late Private Mils C. Burden,
Co. I, 16th Infantry, is hereby confirmed. It is requested that this
office be advised of the final grave location as soon as practicable.

By order of the Acting The Quartermaster General:

encls. withdrawn

L. W. HEDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.G.,
Assistant.

JK
McL
SWS
WER *WR*

[Large handwritten signature]

MAILED
JAN 13 1926
M. & R. BRANCH
O. Q. M. G.
B

QM 295 A-C.

Burden, Mila G. Pvt.
Co. L, 18th Infantry

Jan. 12, 1926

Claims Division,
General Accounting Office,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Acting The Quartermaster General desires that there be forwarded to you herewith personal effects recovered with the remains of the late Private Mila G. Burden, Co. L, 18th Infantry. It is requested that they be forwarded to his mother, Mrs. May Burden, R. R. #5, Lima, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

1 encl.
effects.



L. W. HEDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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SWS
WPK

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QM 295 A-C.

Burden, Milla G. Pvt.
Co. L, 18th Infantry.

Jan. 12, 1926

Mrs. May Burden,
R. R. #5,
Lima, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The Acting The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the investigation instituted in the case of your son, the late Private Milla G. Burden, Co. L, 18th Infantry, to locate his remains, has finally been successfully concluded. The remains will be buried permanently in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, France. The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, has this date been requested to furnish this office with the grave location, which will be furnished you as soon as received.

The Department desires to extend to you its deepest sympathy and trusts that knowledge of the recovery of your son's remains will afford you some measure of comfort.

Very truly yours,



L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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McL
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WPR *WPR*

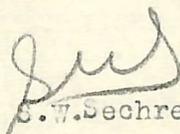
January 8, 1926

Burden, Mila C.

Advise E.A. of the recovery and that she will be advised as soon as the final grave location is received from Europe.

Dispose of Effects in Usual way.

Advise Europe of the confirmation of the identity of Mila C. Burden and that body is to remain. Notice of final grave location to be forwarded as soon as practicable.


S.W. Sechrest

295 Burden, Mila C.

November 16, 1925.

Subject: Recovery.

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

1. Forwarded herewith is G.R.S. Form 16-A for remains (believed to be those of Pvt. Mila C. Burden, 3355381, Co.L, 18th Inf.) recovered by the Research personnel of this office.

2. The Field Investigator who located the body reports as follows:

"The remains of the above mentioned deceased American soldier were recovered from an isolated fox hole on south slope of Hill 240. Remains were buried five feet deep and had apparently never been removed from the fox hole in which he had been killed. The legs were doubled up and head was lying on his hand as though he were asleep when hit by a one pound shell. The remains of the shell were with the body. Small trees about five feet tall were growing over the grave.

"Identification card in 'Over There' leather case was made legible by brushing with a small hair brush."

3. The following personal effects found with the remains are forwarded herewith:

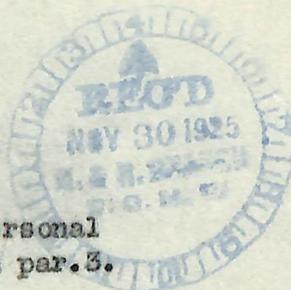
- 1 Leather case containing identification card.
- 1 Comb (Souvenir Camp Gordon).
- 1 Briquet.
- 1 one-franc piece.
- 1 ten-centime piece.
- 2 five-centime pieces
- 1 one-cent piece.

4. These remains are being held in the Meuse-Argonne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to confirmation of identification and disposition.

2 encls.

encl.1-Form 16-A.

encl.2-envl.containing personal effects listed in par.3.



Wm. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

293
Burden Mila C

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name BURDEN, Mila C. Ser.No. 3355381
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. L, 18th Inf. TYP.
(c) Date of Death 10-4-18 (d) Cause of Death K/A CKR

II. Registration Card

(a) Grave No. Morgue 1232 Row Plot Sec. Block
(b) Emerg. Address Sherman Burden (Father), Route #5, Lima, Ohio

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name Mrs. May Burden (b) mother
(c) Address R.R. #5 - Lima, Ohio
(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 in U.S.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S.

IV. G.R.S. Files, Correspondence shows as follows

Examiner's Initials P.D. Date 1/11/26

COUNTRY Cemetery No. Morgue 1232 Sheet No. 356

V. Final Action: **COMPLETION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS**

Following advice forwarded to Europe by letter on _____

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name _____

(b) Rank _____

(c) Date of Death _____

VI.

REMARKS

II. Registration Card

(a) Grave No. _____

(b) Address _____

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name _____

(b) Address _____

(c) Remains to be brought to U.S.?

(d) To be interred in National Cemetery in U.S.?

(e) Shipping instructions upon arrival in U.S.?

(f) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S.?

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name--BURDEN, Mila C.-----Ser.No. 3355381-----
(b) Rank--Pvt-----Organization--Co. L. 18th Inf. TYP-----
(c) Date of Death--10-4-18----- (d) Cause of Death--K/A CKR-----

II. Registration Card

(a) Grave No. ^{Morgue 1232}-----Row-----Plot-----Sec.-----Block-----
(b) Emerg. Address--Sherman Burden (Father), Route #5, Lima, Ohio-----

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name----- (b)-----
(c) Address-----
(d) Remains to be brought to U.S.?-----
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U.S. at -----
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival in U.S.-----
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S.-----

IV. G.R.S. Files ,Correspondence-shows as follows-----

Examiner's Initials-----Date-----

COUNTRY----- Cemetery No. Morgue 1232----- Sheet No. 356-----

V. Final Action: **ORGANIZATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS**

Following advice forwarded to Europe by letter on _____
I. Location Index Card

(a) Name

(b) Rank

(c) Date of Death

VI.

REMARKS

II. Registration Card

(a) Grave No.

(b) _____

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD

(a) Name

(c) Address

(d) Remains to be brought to U.S.?

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U.S.?

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival in U.S.

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S.

IV. G.S.S. Files Correspondence shows as follows

Regiment's Initials

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date November 7th, 1925.

1. REMAINS OF BURDEN, Mila C., SERIAL NUMBER 3355381

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. L, 18th Infantry.

2. Disinterred (date): November 3rd, 1925. From (give complete location): Isel. 'Fox Hole' near top and middle of south slope of Hill #240, Comm. Exerment (Ards), Map Forêt d'Argonne, East 301.06 North 281.74.

By: Group ONE Unit Meuse-Argonne Sector.

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

In Mergue.

By: Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Buried five feet deep in OD US uniform, and field shoes size 9E. Skeleton disarticulated, flesh entirely decomposed.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: USNA Collar ornament on blouse--buried. Identification card in leather case reads, "Mila C. Burden, Address R.F.D. #5, Lima Ohio". "In case of serious illness or accident please notify Sherman Burden, Lima, Ohio, R.F.D. #5". One comb, souvenir Camp Garden; One briquet, One franc piece, 1 ten centime piece, 2 five centime pieces, One cent piece, forwarded.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following: (a) Height (actual measurement) 5' 8"

(b) Weight (estimated) 140 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color NONE.

Quantify do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

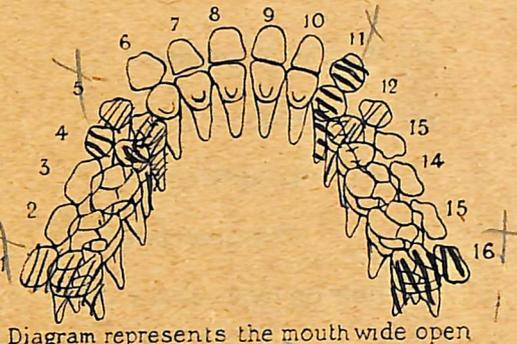
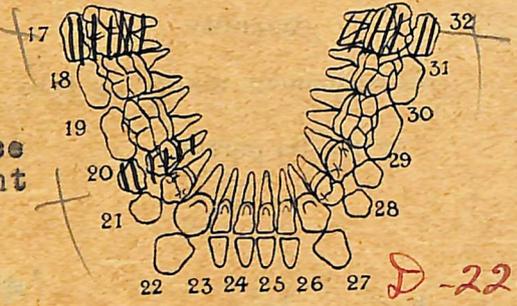


Diagram represents the mouth wide open

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

Brest bone has small piece cut out of it, apparently from accident when young. →



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(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Right pelvic bone fractured. Left femur fractured, upper third.

Teeth #1, 5, 11, 16, 17, 20, 32
MBD. #4, 12 MAD.

7. Disinterment supervised by James McGourty, Chief Investigator.

Approved: James McGourty, Chief Investigator.
(Title)

8. Reburial Supervised by _____

Approved: _____
(Title)

Place _____

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date _____

1. REMAINS OF _____ SERIAL NUMBER _____

RANK _____ ORGANIZATION _____

2. Disinterred (date): _____ From (give complete location): _____

By: Group _____ Unit _____

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

By: Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

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

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

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

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) _____

(b) Weight (estimated) _____

(c) Hair—Color _____

Quantity _____

Characteristics _____

(d) Hair on face—Color _____

Location _____

Quantity _____

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

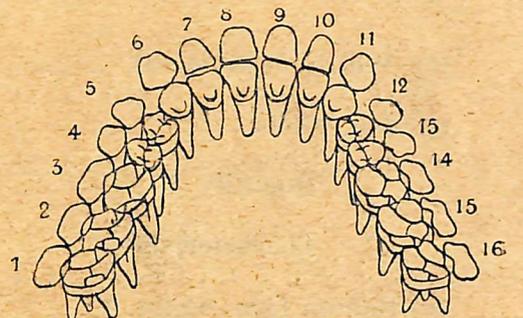
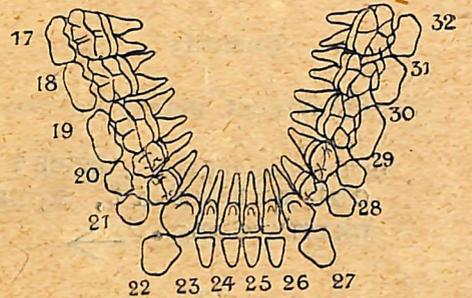


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



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

7. Disinterment supervised by _____ Approved: _____

(Title) _____

8. Reburial supervised by _____ Approved: _____

(Title) _____

CASE OF Burden, Mila C. 3355381 Pvt Co. I, 18 Inf. ka-10-4-18

GRAVE Meuse Argonne Mortuary. (Recovered)

DECISION Identity O.K.

DENTAL CHARTS AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS

CAMP	LOCAL BOARD	FROM RELATIVES	OF BODY	
1			1	A.D.
11		Two teeth	11	
16		extracted after	16	
17		enlistment	17	
32			32	
			5 & 20 Ex. (these are	
			no doubt the two that were	
			extd. after enlistment) Others	
			check perfectly.	
HEIGHT				
WEIGHT				
HAIR				
SHOE SIZE				
REMARKS				

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body
no

Found on Marker
no

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

identification card in leather case reading " Mila C. Burden, Address R.F.D # 5, Lima, Ohio". " In case of serious illness or accident please notify Sherman Burden, Lima, Ohio, R.F.D.# 5". E.A. says he had a lump on the lower part of his breast bone where it had been broken. This body has a small piece out of the breast bone, apparently caused by an accident when young.

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA
Original burial of body ~~1 mile north of Exermont~~ on south slope. ont. Near top and middle of Hill 240, Exerm-
Original burial of man Near top and middle of Hill 290 (no doubt 240) on south slope in Crme of Exermont

S.W. Sechrest
S.W. Sechrest

Investigator

APPROVED: 1-8-26

E. Davis

Officer in Charge.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Concur: *Scott*

Dup. 

Burden

Mila C.

3,355,381

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. L. 18th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Mother*Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *No*~~Yes~~ or no.)

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

*Mrs. May Burden**R.R. 5*
(Number and street or rural route.)*Lima*
(City, town, or post office.)*B*
(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

No. 1234.



File No.

OUT-CHARGE SHEET

Date charged out

Charged to

Remarks:

293 Burden, Niles Chandler

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6. Niles Chandler Burden, Army Serial No. 5,555,381, was inducted May 27, 1918; assigned to the 12th Company, 1st Infantry Replacement Regiment, Camp Gordon, Georgia; sailed for overseas duty July 21, 1918; transferred to Company L, 18th Infantry August 13, 1918, and was killed in action October 4, 1918. Dental chart shows upper right 8; lower right 8; upper left 8, 3; lower left 8, missing. Places of death and burial not stated. No statements of comrades on file.

INSTRUCTIONS.—If a document is taken from the files, charge it to the person to whom delivered. Make charge sheet in duplicate. Place one in record file and one in suspended file used for follow up on "charge out sheets."

1921/11

QM 293 A-C

Burden, Mila, C. Pvt.

Oct. 5, 1925.

SUBJECT: Investigation.

TO: Chief, IGCS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Attention is invited to the inclosed information to be used in connection with the investigation to locate the grave of the late Pvt. Mila C. Burden, 3355381, Co. L, 18th Inf.

2. The Adjutant General reports teeth 1, 11, 16, 17 and 32 missing at time of enlistment.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

2 incls.

Incl. 1-c/let. Sept. 26/25
" 2-c/let. Dec. 26/25.



L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

LN
CS
WPR

[Handwritten initials]

Sept. 26. 1925.

Q. M. 293. A. B.

Dear Sir: in answer to your letter I received I would say that Pvt. Miles B. Burden had no teeth pulled out nor capped or filled he had two teeth pulled after he was at Camp Gordon, Georgia but I do not know what teeth. his breast boan had a lump on the lower part where it had been broken and he had a bad scar on one of his feet where he had cut it on a glass can. just back of his instep, right next to his heel. The information we receive where he was buried

over

293

Mila G. Burden 2nd. Bol. Inf.
killed by German one pound
shell Oct 4th and buried
near top and middle of
South Slope of Hill 290,
one half mile North of
Exermont, signed

W. H. Melgatchen

(his Father and Mother)

Mrs. and Mr. Sherman Burden

R.R. 3. Starrod.



Q.

SEP 29 1925



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

Burden, Mila, C. Pvt.
Co. L, 18th Inf.

Sept. 19, 1925.

Mr. Sherman Burden,
Route 5,
Lima, O.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the investigations which are being conducted with a view towards locating the graves of the Unlocated World War Dead, are proving successful in many cases where sufficient identifying marks can be secured. To assist in the investigation work, it will be appreciated if you will secure, if possible, a chart from the dentist who may have performed dental work for the soldier named above, prior to enlistment. The chart should include crowns, fillings, bridges, and extractions, if any. Should you be unable to obtain a chart, kindly report which teeth you recall crowned or filled.

Any information, sketches or descriptions which you may have received from comrades or officers, regarding the death and burial of this soldier, or which you may now secure from the Local Legion Post, may be of valuable aid in locating his grave, and it will be appreciated if you will forward same to this office.

You may be assured that everything possible will be done by the Department to bring the case to a successful conclusion.

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

Very truly yours,

R. P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q. M. G.
Assistant.

1 incl.
envelope.

25/256/EYS



WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

109525

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

Date October 19-21

File No. 109525 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 Burden *A.K.*
- b. Christian name *Mila C. A.K.*
- c. Serial Number 3355381 *A.K.*
- d. Organization *C. L. 18th Inf.*
- e. Rank Pvt. *A.K.*
- f. Date of death Oct. 4-18 *A.K.*
- g. Cause of death *K/A/*
- h. Authority (C.O.#) *CC 666 - 9*
- i. Emergency address *Sherman Burden
Route # 5
Lima, Ohio*
- j. Relationship *Father*

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

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

*Donnelly (JWB)
P.S. Wg 8/10-22-21*

CEMETERY NO:

SHEET NO:
TYPED BY:

S/3310/LML

REC'D MAIL SECTION,
W. W. Div., A. G. O.
OCT 20 1921 - 3

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*

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

Rec'd World War Division.

OCT 21 1921

FILE
1093 Burden

ADDRESS REPLY TO
-----Division
DIRECTOR OF STORAGE
MUNITIONS BUILDING

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

No:

From:

To:

Subject:



[Faint, mostly illegible typed text follows, including recipient and sender information.]

CORRESPONDENCE

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

January 14, 1919.

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

SUBJECT : Information required for G R S.

I. Items checked are to be completed :

- Surname : Burden
 Number : 3355381
 First name : Mila C.
 Rank : Private
 Company : "L"
 Organization : 18th Inf.
 Date of death : 10/4/18 10-4/12-18
 Cause : K/A m g w
 Place :

Location of hospital :

Number » »
 Class » »

- Relative :
 Relationship :
 Address :

- Authority :
 Cablegram No :
 Telegram from :

dated :

- Reported to Washington : 308
 C.C. Nos :

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

- Remarks :

Present Status

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

Initials of reporter :

Mrch 5th 1919.

109525

BURDEN#3355381, Pvt. Mila C.

Co. "L"
18th Inf.
D.D. 10-4-18.

K/.
FILE.

Buried at--One half mile North

of Exermont. *Near top
and middle of
South slope of
Hill 290.*

MEMORANDUM

Exermont (Ardennes)

(C-209) 35718 COORD -

Taken From Correspondence.

Burden, 335-381 Milae
Pvt. Co L. 18th Infantry

Y/L on Red

cross

NO

no card

Burden Milae

109525

C L ticket made

3/12

JAP

109525

~~4/10~~

5/20

~~4/20~~

Burden. Phila C 6/24

Altoona

JAN 12 1919

TO: Identification Department Date _____

CASE OF Burden, Mela E. Serial No. _____

RANK _____ ORGANIZATION _____ DATE OF DEATH _____

Take the following action on above case:

1. Send G.R.S. FORM NO 8, Calling for ~~Present State~~

G.R.S. FORM NO _____ calling for _____

2. Send TELEGRAM - LETTER TO: _____

FILE NO. _____ RECORDED ON REGISTRATION CARD _____

*S. - 1/29/19.
2/23/19.*

AA

Mila C.
ate
Co. L, 18 Inf. A.E.F.

January 10, 1919.

MEMORANDUM TO: Lieut. Noetzel.

Kindly note attached information furnished by Red Cross Headquarters.

MAURICE B. DIX
Captain, A.R.C., Representative assigned to G.R.S.

MBD-ca
Attachment.

den, Mila C.
private
Co. L, 19 Inf. A.E.F.

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
FRANCE

January 10, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E. F.
TO: Home Communication Section, A.R.C., Paris
SUBJECT: Burden, Mila C., Private, Co. L, 18th Inf., American E.F.

Reference your 16492,d/December 26, 1918: We wish to thank you for the information in respect of the above mentioned soldier which has been passed on to the proper department for attention.

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

Per MAURICE B. DIX
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

MBD-ca

~~1/10~~
6/10
6/24

NO G L B

AMERICAN RED CROSS

(CROIX-ROUGE AMÉRICAINNE)



16492

Dec. 26th, 1918.

109525

From - Home Communication Section
To - Capt. N. B. Dix, ARC, Graves Registration Bureau - A.P.O. 717.
Subject - Pvt. Mila C. Burden - Co. L - 18th Inf. - Am.E.F.
#3355381.

Through an indirect source, we received the identification disc of Private Mila C. Burden and a pencil notation reading as follows:

"Mila C. Burden, 2nd BN-18th Inf. - killed by German one pound shell Oct. 4th, and buried near top and middle of South Slope of Hill 290, one half mile North of Exermont. Signed,

W. H. McCutcheon,
1st Lieut.

The disc and notation were both forwarded to Central Records Office to be sent to Private Burden's family in the States. We are sending you this information for what it may be worth to you.

KF/KR

mmh

Home Communication Section
Bureau of Home and Hospital Service.

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

FILE NUMBER

FROM:- *JOP*

DATE: *2/50*

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME

BURDEN, MILAC.

NUMBER

3355381

RANK

PVT

ORGANIZATION

Co. L, 18 Inf.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	
2.	Date of Death	
3.	Cause and place of death	
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	
5.	Date buried	
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	
7.	Who reported burial	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker	
10.	Report as to Identification Tags	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the photograph No.?	

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

*No card
No B/P.*

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