

G.R.S. Form #114-B

MAY 14 1926

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FULL NAME BURDICK, Ralph L

RANK Pvt. SERIAL 4083578

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co.M, 26th Inf.

DATE OF DEATH nov 4/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Pa

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

*cited in G.O.I. 1st div dated Jan 1/20*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery



Robert C. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General  
By *[Signature]*

MAY 19 1926



AC: 3520 12/12

### GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burdick, 4033573, Ralph I.  
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Org. Unknown  
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: November 7th 1913.

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

Burial plot 300 metres east of  
Cheveuxeges on highway Cheherrey  
to Sedan Dept. des Ardennes

Co M 2  
1st

GRAVE NUMBER:

vt 4083578

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

Pvt Burd  
a large tree w

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

I saw him behind

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

uis - Sgt. 58629  
o M 28th Inf.  
in Avenue, Brooklyn  
N.Y.

NEAREST RELATIVE:

es Jr,  
tain 28th Inf.

ADDRESS:

A/A/

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY: Chaplain J.J. Halliday  
163th Infantry

J.J. Halliday  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

Co M 28th Inf.  
1st Division

BURDICK, Ralph L.- Pvt 4083578

Pvt Burdick was killed at Sedan Nov. 7th 1918. I saw him behind a large tree with his head blown off.

Informant : Abend, Louis - Sgt. 58629  
Co M 28th Inf.  
Home : 2518 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn  
N.Y.  
Signed : J.M.L. Ames Jr.,  
Captain 28th Inf.

A/A/

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Burdick	3	2 12 8
	Ralph L.		
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	18
	ROW	2	46
	BLOCK	1	4
STATE	Pa.	2	44
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	1	2	01
ORGANIZATION	26	3	026
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Burdick	3	
	Mr. Elmer E.		
RESIDENCE	(Father)		
	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER	no sm	1	
ELIGIBILITY	no loco	1	
	Dead 1-6-23	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

AUDITED

APR 14 1932  
RS

m.l.H. ACCEPTANCE  
29/514/PJ.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burdick Ralph L 1232-F

July 7, 1930

Mr. Elmer E. Burdick,  
RFD #1, Box 12,  
Colegrove, Penn

Dear Sir:

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.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

*no*

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

*no*

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

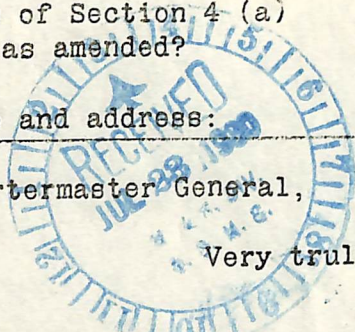
If so, give her name and address:

*no*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment



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

Colegrove, Pa.  
July 8<sup>th</sup> 1929.

John F. Harris:  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Sir:-

Your letter regarding  
the mother and widow of Private Ralph  
S. Burdick received. He was a single  
man and his mother Mrs. Lamena  
Burdick died Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1923.

yours truly.

Mr. Elmer E. Burdick.  
Colegrove,

P.O. # 1, Box 12, Pa.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June , 1929.

Burdick, Ralph L.

29

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The records of this office show that you are the father of the late

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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Envelope  
Act  
Amendment.

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

Burdick  
(Surname.)

Ralph L.  
(Christian name in full.)

4,083,578  
(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co M 28 Inf  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

~~Yes~~ NO (over)  
(Yes or no.)

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

no  
(Yes or no.)

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

Damus Bloomster Adams  
(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

Crosby  
(City or town.)

Penna  
(State.)

(Sign here)

Elmer E. Burdick

(Number and street or rural route.)

1  
Colegrove  
(City, town, or post office.)

Penna  
(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Change to Negative

See 293.8 papers.

10-27-19

9-27-20

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Donovan buy - BTR

*Handwritten notes in green ink, partially illegible.*

In reply refer to:  
293.5 C-R

65784.

January 4, 1923.

*File*

Mr. Elmer E. Burdick,  
R.F.D. #1, Cole Grove,  
Penn.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that  
the permanent grave of

the late Ralph L. Burdick, Pvt. Co. M, 26th  
Infantry, is Grave 18, Block D, Row 26, Meuse-Argonne American

Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries  
to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will  
be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design,  
with name, rank, 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  
exactd and more than willingly accorded by those performing this  
sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually main-  
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting  
place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

MAILED

JAN 4 - 1923

H. J. CONNER,  
Assistant.

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G.R.S.

hbc  
HCK

DATE 11/2/21

1. NAME BURDIK, Ralph L. SERIAL No. 4083578

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. M. 26th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Sedan American, Letanne, Ardennes CTY. NAME 1203 NUMBER

38 GRAVE Sec. 3 ROW 1 PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 12 Sketch, #8 B.A. C. Cheveuges Ardennes GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Mezieres 24 NW 294.6 E.-321.57 N.

CONCENTRATED TO 4/1/19 DATE 142 GRAVE Sec 3 ROW 3 PLOT

American B. A.C. 1203 - Letanne Ardennes CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Mezieres 24SE 308.42N- 307.45 E

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Jan 6.21. DATE 38 GRAVE Sec 3 ROW 1 PLOT 1203 CEMETERY

data taken from form 16-A.

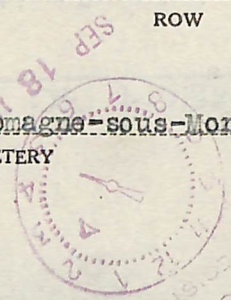
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Wm M. Cline **Wm M. CLINE**  
**Captain Q.M.C.**

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 11/2/21 DATE 18 GRAVE 46 ROW D PLOT Block

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

AUDITED BY  
SRB 12/2/22



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

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

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

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

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

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 8th 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BURDICK, Ralph L. SERIAL NUMBER 4083578

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. M, 26th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 8th 1921. From (give complete location): Grave 58, Sec. 3, Pt. 1, Cem. 1203.

By: Group TWO Unit F.S. #3.

3. Reburied (date): Nov. 2, 1921. In (give complete location): Meusa-Argonne Cemetery 1232 Grave-18 Block-D Row-46

By: Group Reburial S. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Unlined casket

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

Blanket, and pine box. See par. 6.

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

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

Battle record found on body dated 1-6-21, signed W.P. Petit, Maj. M.C.

shows tag on body and grave marker

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Package intact, not disturbed per authority letter dated 8-29-21,

(b) Weight (estimated) Operations Division, AGRS OMC in E.

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

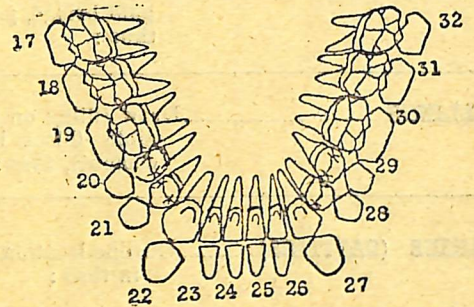
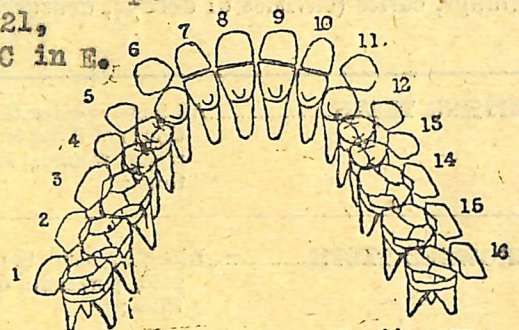
(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



7. Disinterment supervised by H. A. Harbutt

Approved: Wm. H. Roach,  
(Title) 1st Lt. M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault

Approved: James W. Younger,  
(Title) Captain, M.C.

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

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied,
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".  
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

**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 :



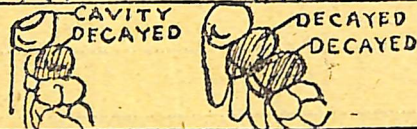
**BRIDGE WORK**.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :



**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.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept 8th 1921.

## 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 BURDICK, Ralph L.

10. Name

2. No. 4083578

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co.M.26th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Nov.7th.

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. K.IA.

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 38 Sec. 3

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 1 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None.18. Cemetery Sedan American19. Commune or town Letanne20. Dept. or County Ardennes21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 120323. Disinterred (Date) Sept 8th 1921By H.L.Hurlbut

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Ralph L. Burdick

Serial No.

Rank Pvt.Organization Co.M, 26th Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes.Signature S. I. Talimage  
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).

Bottle records found on body dated 1-6-21 signed W.D. Petit shows Tag on body and grave Marker.27. Condition of body See Par.36.28. Nature of burial Blanket and pine box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept 8th 1921 By H.L.Hurlbut

31. Casket sealed by

H.L.HurlbutSignature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H.L.Hurlbut

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

32. Designation of body:

Name BURDICK, Ralph L. Serial No. 4083578

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.M.26th Inf.

33. Consigned to: Officer in Charge Operations,  
Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne American, #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept 8th 1921 By H.L.Hurlbut

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 W.H.Roach, 1st.Lt.QMC.,

36. Remarks Package intact body not disturbed authority letter  
Operations Div. dated August 29th 1921.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept 8th 1921.

To point of Concentration Romagne sous Montfaucon, Meuse.

Convoyer James Flynn Signature Shipping Officer J.J. Glendon  
(Name) Capt. QMC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

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

40. Received: Date Sept 9, 1921

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger

41. Reinterred Meuse-Argonne Cemetery 1232 Nov. 2, 1921.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 18 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. PLOT Block D Row 46

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

hba

Date 7th May 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BURDICK Ralph L.

Number: 4083578

Rank: Unknown

Organization: Unknown

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

1st April 1919

Grave #12 Battle Area Cemetery

CHEVEUGES, ARDENNES 24 NW 294.6 E 321.57 N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

1st April 1919

Grave #142 Sec #3 Plot #3

Amer B/A Cemetery #1203

LETANNE, ARDENNES 24 SE 307.45 E 30842 N

1203

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

Burial good, buried in uniform.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

CONFIRMED N° D 11367

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 Wilson.

WWS.

R. H. ROSENTHAL  
2nd Lieut. Q. M. G. U. S. A.

C.O. Group Unit



Effects

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Selma Ardennes

Date Jan 6 1921

1. REMAINS OF BURDICK, RALPH, L SERIAL NUMBER #0 83575

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co M. 28 Inf

2. Disinterred (date): Jan. 6 1921 From (give complete location): 9142

Sedar Amer. City Selma Ardennes 1203 sec 3 P 3

By: Group Van Meter Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date): same In (give complete location): 3E 38

same city. sec 3 P 3

By: Group Van Meter Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Box & Blanket

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

5 ft. Eastern grave box buried in uniform badly disintegrated features not capable of recognition.

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

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

Money felt. U.S. Bill cannot determine denomination. Final offers (10) and U.S. coins (4) 1 Letter.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5 ft 1/2 in

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to determine

(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) Impossible to determine

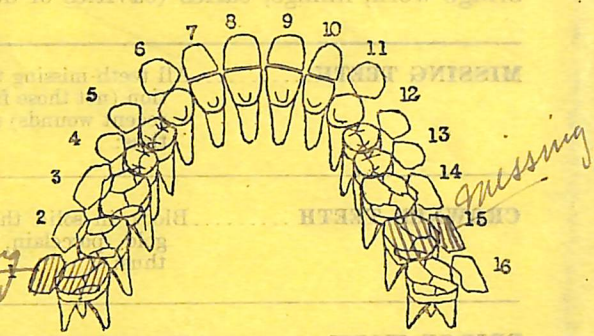
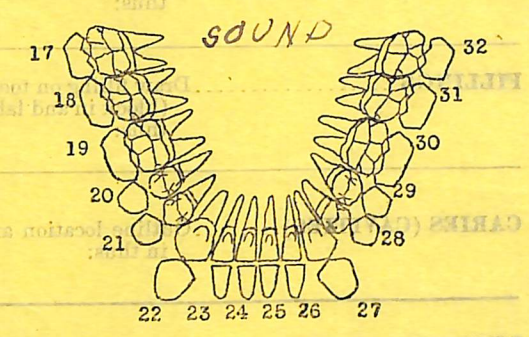


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Impossible to determine D-3015-9

7. Disinterment supervised by [Signature]

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by [Signature]

Approved: [Signature] (Title)


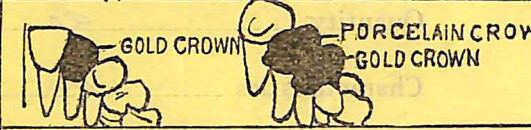



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

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.

<b>MISSING TEETH</b> .....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>
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b> .....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>
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b> .....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>
<b>FILLINGS</b> .....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>
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b> .....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."

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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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.  
To: Mr. Elmer E. Burdick, Cole Grove, Pa. R.F.D.1.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Ralph L. Burdick, Ser. No. 4083578,  
Co. M, 26th Inf.

NOV 23 1920

*change*

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body remain in Europe.

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

The nearest relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Was soldier married? Soldier's widow	<i>No.</i>	<i>All are living.</i>	
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father	<i>Elmer E. Burdick.</i>	<i>Colegrove Pa.</i>	
Mother	<i>Laurens C. Burdick</i>	<i>Colegrove Pa.</i>	
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>Carl R. Burdick.</i>	<i>Meadielle Pa.</i>	
	2 <i>Guy E. Burdick</i>	<i>Colegrove Pa.</i>	
	3 <i>Selmond R. Burdick</i>	<i>" "</i>	
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>Minnie S. Burdick</i>	<i>Benezette Pa.</i>	
	2 <i>Clara Campbell</i>	<i>Colegrove Pa.</i>	
	3 <i>Maudie Burdick</i>	<i>" "</i>	
Date	<i>Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 1920</i>	Signature	<i>Elmer E. Burdick</i>

Address *Colegrove, Pa.* Relationship *Father*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



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Nov 29. 1920

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I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living relative of the within-named  
(Relationship.)

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

~~2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_~~  
(Name.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(R. R. station.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(State.)

~~2. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.~~

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

Signature Elmer O. Burdick

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.**

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper **MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER** shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
WAR DEPARTMENT

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE  
1918

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 65784

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BURDICK, Ralph L. (10-6) *OK* Ser. No. 4083578  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.M. 28th Inf. } TYPE EK  
(c) Date of death 11/7/18 (d) Cause of death K/A } CKR. *+*

*10/18/21 - In transit to  
Imperial College 1282  
194W-1016721*

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

(a) Grave No. 142 Row -- Plot 3 Sec. 3 TYP. EK  
(b) Emerg. Address Elmer E. Burdick (father) RFD 1, Cole Grove, Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. 13

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Elmer E. Burdick (b) Relationship Father  
(c) Address Colegrove Pa.  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No {reverse of card.  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -  
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. -  
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials BER Date 9-27-, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials BER Date 9-27-, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes HW  
Examiner's Initials HW Date 10-12-, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1203 SHEET No. 102

*411-11-20*

*checked by  
10/18/21*

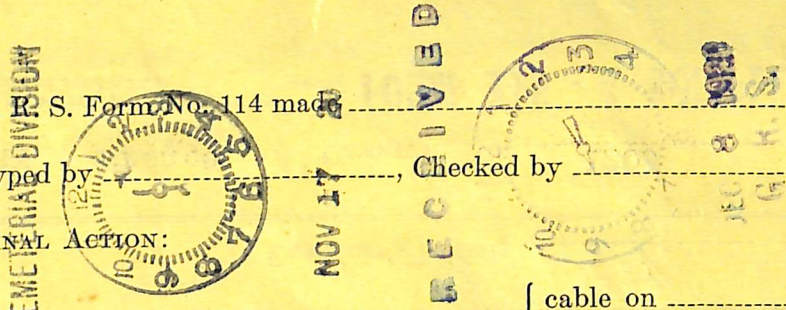
VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

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

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 11-4, 1920

*Par 2 not to be returned. R.H.C.*



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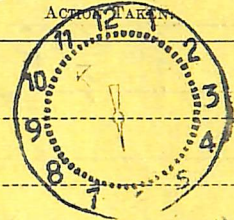
CORRECTIONS

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

Desires body be \_\_\_\_\_

Body to be shipped to \_\_\_\_\_



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X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*11-29-20 from #120. Father wishes body left in France 12-2-20*

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN BODY  
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

DEC 8 1920

*C.M.*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

see 118  
11/10/20  
11/10/20

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 65784

(a) Name **BURDICK, Ralph** <sup>(10-2)</sup> Ser. No. **4083578** } TYP **BE**  
 (b) Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co.M. 88th Inf.** }  
 (c) Date of death **11/7/18** Cause of death **K/A**

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

(a) Grave No. **142** Row **--** Plot **3** Sect. **3** TYP **BE**  
 (b) Emerg. Address **Elmer B. Burdick (father) RFD 1, Cole Grove, Pa.**

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR **113**

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

*P.Y. Card Elmer E. Burdick (father)  
 Cole Grove, Pa requests body not returned.  
 R.C. 11-4-20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on ..... 192  
 (letter of transmittal on **11-4-1920**)

*Par. 2 Not to be returned*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **NOV 15 1920** 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **DEC 8 1920** 192

COUNTRY **France** CEMETERY NO. **1203** SHEET NO. **102**  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A August 1920  
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*11-10-20*

# 65784

Colegrove Oct 21st 1919

*Me*

To The Adjutant General of the Army;

Mr Elmer E. Burdick filled out a card to have our son Private Ralph Luverne Burdick brought home for burial we have decided to have him left in France where he is buried i will give the record so that you will have no trouble in finding it

Pvt. Ralph L. Burdick #4083578 Co. M. 28 inf. Grave #12 .American Battle Area Cemetry , Cheveuges, Dept. Ardennes.

Mr & Mrs E. E. Burdick

Colegrove Pa.

3 Received A G O. OCT 23 1919

12 REC'D RECORDS BR, A. G. O. OCT 23 1919

*Noted - M.E.B. - 10-27-19*

*A. B. B. Burdick, Ralph L. 293.8*

*File 10/30/19*

*Change of wishes noted*

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burdick, 4083573 Ralph L.  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Org. Unknown  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF BURIAL:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: November 7th 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

Burial plot 300 metres east of Cheveuxeges on highway Cheherrey to Sedan Dept. des Ardennes

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

OMME. Cheveuxeges (Ardennes)

(C-566) SHT. 24 N.W. COORD { E 294.6  
N 322.2

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP: Chaplain J.J. Halliday

REPORTED BY: 166th Infantry

J.J. Halliday  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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



Daily Report No. H25-566

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1. G. R. S. Form No. 1. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 4083578

3. Burdick Ralph L  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known K.I.A.

6. Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Chevrouges Ardennes  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 12  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross?  Headboard? Bottle?   
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body?  Attached to Grave Marker?   
Identification Tags

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

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12. #24 Mezieres N W E 294.51 N 321.6  
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Chaplain Stuntz 166th Inf  
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed W. D. Dalman

Group 1 Unit E G. R. S.



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington.

ROOM: O. Q. M. G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1128

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

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

Date Oct. 1, 1920.

*Special*

File No. 65784 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 Burdick ✓
- b. Christian name Ralph (Ralph L.) ✓
- c. Serial Number 4083578 ✓
- d. Organization Co. M. 26th 28th Inf. ✓
- e. Rank Pvt. ✓
- f. Date of death Nov. 4, 1918 ✓  
11/7/18
- g. Cause of death K/A ✓
- h. Authority (C.C.#) 352 ✓
- i. Emergency address Elmer E. Burdick  
R 48 #1
- j. Relationship Father Cole Grove  
Ta.

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

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- 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)

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							

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*Sonnelly JH 7/337*  
*10/4-20*

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

BY: *H J Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
Lieut. Colonel, Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 1203

SHEET NO: 102  
TYPED BY: JDB

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OCT 4 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington.

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

Date Oct. 1, 1920.

File No. *65784* Registration.

*Special*

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 Burdick ✓

f. Date of death *Nov. 4, 1918*  
11/7/18

b. Christian name Ralph (Ralph L.) ✓

g. Cause of death K/A ✓

c. Serial Number 4083578 ✓

h. Authority (C.C.#) 352 ✓

d. Organization Co. M. 28th Inf. ✓

i. Emergency address Elmer E. Burdick  
R 9 B #

e. Rank Pvt. ✓

j. Relationship father  
Cole Grove Pa.

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

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*Donnelly JH 7/337*  
*10/4-20*

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

BY:

*H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,  
Lieut. Colonel, Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 1203

SHEET NO: 102

TYPED BY: JDB

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Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

Form 3-A-4  
Information requested of A.S.C.

Registration File No.

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

To:

The Adjutant General of the Army, 405 3rd St., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information request for A.S.C.

It is requested that the items herein be examined, and copies of all information shown.

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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

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f. Permanent marks and  
scars (old scars or wounds)

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Quartermaster General, U.S. Army

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adjutant General, U.S. Army

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# SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY

## TELEGRAM

RECEIVED AT: HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY, A. E. F.

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NOYERS JUNE 15 1919

GRAVES REGISTRATION SVC

TOURS

SS 9199 REQUEST YOU ADVISE LOCATION OF GRAVE OF PVT RALPH LAVERN  
BURDICK 4083578 KILLED NOVEMBER 7 PERIOD

MALONE CMDG FIRST REPLACEMENT DEPOT

117PM



10<sup>00</sup> am ✓

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

May 12th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : Lieut. Eric R. Burdick, U.S. Infantry, St. Aignau, France  
SUBJECT : Private Ralph S. Burdick, Co. M., 28th Infantry,  
1st Division, American E.F.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the  
regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these  
headquarters he is buried in the American Battle Area Cemetery  
of CHEVEUGES, department of the ARDENNES. The grave number  
is 12.

By direction:

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

*M.B. Dix*

Per

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

{ Enclosures - G.R.S.: }  
{ 10 - B, .004.5. }

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ON ACTIVE SERVICE  
WITH THE  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

April 20 1919

From: Lieut E. R. Burdick, St. Aignan, France. A.P.O. 727.

To: Graves Registration Service.

Subject: Information of grave of Pvt. Ralph L. Burdick.

1. Pvt. Ralph L. Burdick reported killed in action Nov. 7, 1918 while fighting with Co M 28 Inf, 1st Div. formerly from Co F 11th Infantry Bn. Replacement.
2. If possible please locate grave and mail all information to me when completed.

E. R. Burdick

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