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CAUSE OF DEATH - W. R. D. A.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME BURGESS, Leon F. O.K.

RANK Bugler O.K. SERIAL 71810 O.K.

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. D. 104th Infantry O.K. 26th Div.

DATE OF DEATH 7-~~8~~5-18 O.K.

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Mass.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10-19-1922 56 4 A

Date Grave Row Block

246 1764

Cemetery

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Co. D, 104th Inf.
26th Division

BURGESS, Leon F. - Bugler 71811
Home: 11 Hampshire St.
Holyoke, Mass

Killed in action by shell fire 7/5/18 at Sector Pas Finis. Buried 7/6/18 at Amer. section Fr. Cemty BeZu le Guery.
Killed by enemy H.E.shell in Bois Belleau while performing his duty. Died bravely.

Informant: Woodruff, Harold G. - Cpl 71855
Co. D, 104th Inf.
Home: Y.M.C.A. Holyoke. Mass

Searcher: None

Emergency address:
Mr. F.J. Burgess (father)

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CABLEGRAM

RECEIVED IN CODE ROOM, A.G.O. July 26, 1918.

RECEIVED IN TELEGRAPH & CABLE BRANCH, ADM. DIV. July 27, 1918.

FROM: H A E F

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington.

CASUALTY
CABLE NO: 198 PARAGRAPH NO: SENT _____ 1918.

C O R R E C T I O N

DEATHS: Killed in Action: "Henry P. Smith ..... Cpl., etc." should be "Henry P. Smith 1,764,746 Cpl. etc."

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PERSHING.

2933 Burgess, Leon F.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, WASHINGTON, D. C.

In reply refer to 220.86 (A-TCM) General

July 27, 1918.
Date

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July 26, 1918

ROOM, A. G. O.

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Burgess, Leon 7.	Bur	3	2 128
	CEMETERY 1764	1	4
BURIED	GRAVE 56	2	56
	ROW 4	2	04
	BLOCK a	1	1
STATE	Mass	2	25-
RANK	Bugler	1	2
DIVISION	26th	2	26
ORGANIZATION	104th	3	104
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME Mrs. N. J. Burgess	Bur	3	2 128
	STATE Mass	2	25-
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Norfolk	2	11
137 Sargeant St.	CITY Holyoke	3	065-
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burgess Leon F (AM)

July 11 1932

Mrs Maria Burgess
137 Sargeant St
Holyoke Mass

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

RECEIVED JUL 16 1932

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

(Sign here) Mrs. Maria Burgess.

QM 293 A-M
Burgess, Leon F. Bug (AM) M

January 5, 1932.

Mrs. N. J. Burgess,
137 Sargeant St.,
Holyoke, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Bugler Leon F. Burgess. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor, and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

It is believed that you would experience no difficulty in making the journey, and should you later decide to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested that you so notify this office. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

June 20, 1931.

Burgess, Leon F. Bug.(AM) M

Mrs. N. J. Burgess,
137 Sargeant St.,
Holyoke, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

RECEIVED JUN 23 1931 M & R. DIV. Q.M.G.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? No.
Write answer here

Mrs N. J. Burgess.
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Burgess, Leon F. Bugler (AM) M

May 8, 1931

Mrs. Maria Burgess,
137 Sargeant Street,
Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Leon F. Burgess, bugler, was married and is survived by a widow, and if so her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

Enclosure:
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Quartermaster General.

Dear Sir,

in answer to this letter, Leon F. Burgess Bugler was not married.

Mrs. Maria Burgess

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burgess, Leon F. 1764 M

June 7, 1930

Maria
Mrs. N. J. Burgess
137 Sargeant Street
Holyoke, Mass.

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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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.

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JUN 11 1930
M. A. DIV.
Q. M. G.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? Ill Health Cannot.
(Write answer here)

Maria Burgess
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burgess, Leon F. 1764-M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. N. J. Burgess,
137 Sargeant St.,
Holyoke, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	~~(Yes)~~ (No)
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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 67 (Years) Health ~~(Good)~~ very (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) ~~(No)~~ Other language French (Specify language spoken)

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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John T. Harris

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

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Holyoke Mass.
137 Sargeant St.
June 17, 1929.

E. M. 293. a-c.

Dear Sir

As the father of Leon F. Burgess Bugler of Co. D. 104th Inf. wish to state in answer to the question, if he is survived by a mother or widow, that he has a mother, who unfortunately will not be able to take advantage of the pilgrimage to France, on account of ill health.

Very truly yours
Napoleon J. Burgess,
137 Sargeant St.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 13, 1929.

Burgess, Leon F.

Mr. Napoleon J. Burgess,
11 Hampshire St.,
Holyoke, Mass.

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Burgess Leon F (AM) July 11 1932

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(Write answer here)

(Sign here)_____

QM 293 A-M
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January 5, 1932.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM-M

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Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____
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QM 293 A-M
Burgess, Leon F. Bugler (AM) M

May 8, 1931

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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June 7, 1930

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(Sign here)

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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO

AG 201 Burgess, Leon F. (WW)

July 1, 1927

SUBJECT: Date of death

TO:

The Quartermaster General,

Washington, D. C.

An investigation recently completed by this office in the case of Leon F. Burgess, Army serial number 71,810, Bugler, Company D, 104th Infantry, who was reported to have died July 6, 1918, from wounds received in action, shows that the report is erroneous and that this soldier died July 5, 1918, of wounds received in action.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Joseph G. Whitten
Adjutant General.

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Leon F. Burgess - Sgt

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293 Burgess, Leon F.

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To be prepared in triplicate. DATE Dec. 7th 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT COMPARATIVE REPORT

ml Records of G.R.S. Headquarters. Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BURGESS, Leon F. 10. Name
2. No. 71810 11. No.
3. Rank Bugler 12. Rank
4. Org. Co.D. 104th Inf. 13. Org.
5. D.D. July ~~6~~ 5th. 1918 14. (a) D.D.
6. C.D. DOWRIA. (b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 42 Sec. 15. Grave No. Sec.
8. Plot Row 16. Plot Row
9. 17. None.

18. Cemetery French Civil. 19. Commune or town BEZU LE GUERY
20. Dept. or County Aisne 21. Country France
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #246
23. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 7th 1921 By J.R.Garven
24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Leon F. BURGESS Serial No.

Rank Bugler Organization Co.D.104th Inf.

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

C.T.Brown C.T.Brown.
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).
None.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed recognition impossible.
28. Nature of burial Wooden box burlap and uniform under cross.
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 Dec. 7th 1921 By J.R.Garven
31. Casket sealed by J.R.Garven

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) J.R.Garven J.R. Garven

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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-16958

32. Designation of body:

Name Leon F. BURGESS Serial No. 71810

Rank Bugler Organization Co.D. 104th Inf.

33. Consigned to: Officer in Charge

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne,Amer.Cty #1764,BELLEAU (Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 7th 1921 By J.P.Garvey

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

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37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 7th 1921

To ~~point of Concentration~~ Aisne Marne Am. Cty. 1764 Belleau Aisne

(Name)

Convoyer Hogues Pellerin Signature Shipping Officer W.H.Roach,1st Lt.QMC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date Dec.7.21

Adolph G. Kaess, Superintendent, Aisne-Marne Morgue.

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Oct.19,1922,Aisne-Marne Cem.1764,Belleau(Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 56 Section

43. ~~Plot~~ BLOCK A Row 4

G.R.S. Representative W.D.Cleary

Lt.,Chaplain,USA.

G. R. S. Form. No. 16-A

Place Bea le-Guery 246

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec 7th,1921

1. REMAINS OF BURGESS, Leon F. SERIAL NUMBER 71810

RANK Bugler ORGANIZATION Co.D. 104th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec 7th 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 42, Cem 246

By: Group 2 Unit Sec 3

3. Reburied (date): Oct.19,1922 In (give complete location): Gr.56,Block A, Row 4,Aisne-Marne Cem.1764,Belleau(Aisne)

By: Group re-burial group Unit Nature of reburial Lined casket

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

Wooden box,burlap and uniform. Body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

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

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

Tag on body checks with GRS records,Found under cross.

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

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

(b) Weigh, (estimated) Imp to det.

(c) Hair—Color none

Quantity none

Characteristics none

(d) Hair on face—Color none

Location none

Quantity none

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts none visible

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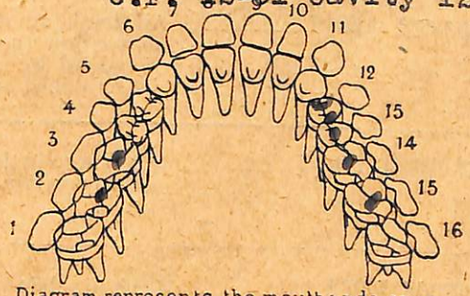
S.F. 2-3-13-14-15-18-19-20-28-30
C.F. 12-31 Cavity 12



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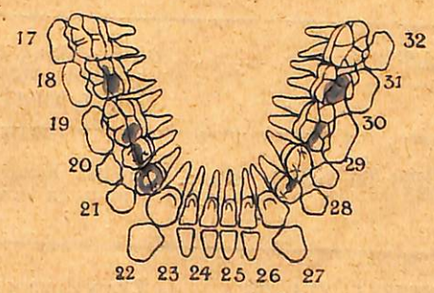

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)

Right side of skull fractured.

7. Disinterment supervised by J. R. Garven J.R.Garven Approved: W.H.Roach, 1st.Lt.QMC (Title)

8. Reburial Supervised by L.D.Hays Approved: W.D.Cleary (Title) Lt., Chaplain, USA.

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1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by wohm 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 shoudl 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 jwas 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 :

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FILLINGS ..... Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :

CARIES (CAVITIES) ..... Outline location and size ol cavity, shode 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".

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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.

Original

G. R. S. Form. No. 16-A

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Besu-le-Guesi (Aisne)

Date May 16 1921

1. Remains of BURGESS, LEON. F. Serial Number 71711

Rank Bugler Organization Co D 104th Inf

2. Disinterred (date): May 16, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 42 Cem. 246 Besu-le-Guesi (Aisne)

By: Group 2 Unit Section I

3. Reburied (date): May 16, 1921 In (give complete location): Gr. 42 Cem. 246 Besu-le-Guesi (Aisne)

By: Group 2 Unit Sect. 1 Nature of reburial in burlap & pine box

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

a blanket and uniform

badly decomposed; unrecognizable

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes (2) On grave marker? Yes

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

Aluminum match box with name, rank and organization

Gold signet ring with initials found on body

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) ~~determine~~ impossible to

(b) Weight (estimated) impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color no hair on skull

Quantity none

Characteristics none

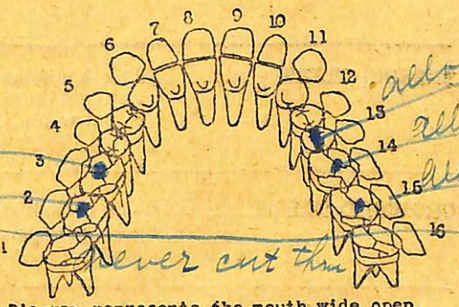
(d) Hair on face—Color no hair on face

Location none

Quantity none

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

unpossible to report



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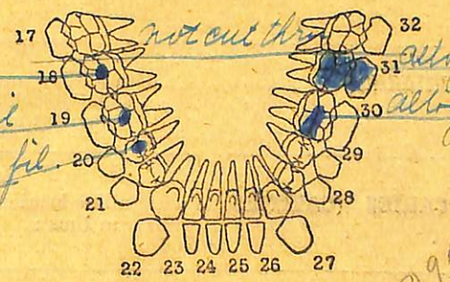

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)

skull fractured behind right ear

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7. Disinterment supervised by A F McCabe (A.F. McCabe) Sup. Emb. Approved: G D Gamble (G.D. Gamble) (Title) 1st. Lt. QMC., Inspect.

8. Reburial supervised by A F McCabe (A.F. McCabe) Sup. Emb. Approved: G D Gamble (G.D. Gamble) (Title) 1st. Lt. QMC., Inspect.

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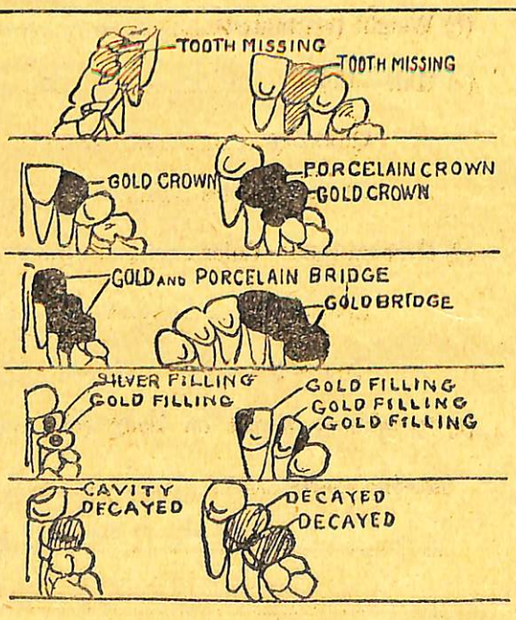

DENTURES (PLATES).....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

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.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 5353

4/14/22 Exhumed for Cremation Crane-Morse 1964 att 5/1/22

I. Location Index Card:

(a) Name BURGESS, Leon F. Ser. No. - 71810

(b) Rank Bugler Organization Co. D, 104th Inf.

(c) Date of death - 7-6-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

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CKR. AB

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

(a) Grave No. 42 Row - Plot - Sec. - TYP. DB

(b) Emerg. Address F. J. Burgess, (Father) 11 Hampshire St., Holyoke, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. AB

IV. A. G. O. Disposition Card: Date of receipt Gone

(a) Name Napoleon Burgess (b) Relationship Father OK AH

(c) Address 11 Hampshire St. Holyoke Mass.

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

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at No.

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Napoleon Burgess 11 Hampshire St Holyoke, Mass. Camer. E.

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

Examiner's Initials J. R. Date 9-18, 1920.

V. A. G. O. Correspondence shows communication from

, dated

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

No correspondence in file

Examiner's Initials [illegible] Date 9-20, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. Files, Correspondence—shows as follows: Parents Mr + Mrs Napoleon Burgess 11 Hampshire St Holyoke Mass 2-11-20 decides to have sons remains [illegible]

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? [illegible]

Examiner's Initials [illegible] Date 9-20, 1920.

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COUNTRY France Cemetery No. 246 Sheet No. 1 6

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

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VIII. Final Action:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on ....., 1920
letter on 9/27, 1920

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Par. # 2 Not to be returned (OJR)

IX. **CORRECTIONS**

Change of advice.	Action Taken.
Desires body be	
Body to be shipped to	
FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. 5/5/21 EP	

X. Suspension Remarks: buried with his comrades

11-3-20 Form #125 Father wishes body to remain in Europe 11-9-20 E.C.L.
Letter 11/13/20 To Mr. Napoleon Burgess (father) 11 Hampshire St. Holyoke, Mass. re widow + children
11/16/20 - Rec'd - Letter from father states deceased was not married - 11-18-20 - E.C.L.
Letter 11/22/20 to Mr. Napoleon Burgess, 11 Hampshire St. Holyoke, Mass. advising body will be left in France

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

April 14, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.

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

SUBJECT: Return of Record - Cemetery #246. Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 2182.

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

REFERENCE NO:

6 ✓ Burgess, Leon F., Bugler, Serial Number 71810, Company D, 104th Infantry.

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

BY: F. C. Palias

F. C. PALIAS,
Executive Assistant.

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File No. 293.3 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.

April 14, 1921.

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

SUBJECT: Return of Record - Cemetery #246.
Transmittal Memorandum Number 1 - 2168.

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

REFERENCE NO:

6 Burgess, Leon V., Pvt., Serial Number 71810, Company D, 104th Infantry.

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

BY:

V. G. WILLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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November 22,1920.

File No. 293.8 Gen. Div. Cor. Branch
(BURGESS, Leon F.)

Mr. Napoleon Burgess,
11 Hampshire Street,
Holyoke, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your notation on our letter of November 13th, you are advised that your wishes will be complied with and the remains of your son, the late Bugler Leon F. Burgess, Serial No. 71810, Co. D, 104th Infantry, left in France and buried in a permanent American Field of Honor.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

By

CLAY S. WORICK,
Captain, A.G.D.

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Noted on Form No. 116
Date

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November 22,1920.

File No. 293.8 Gen. Div. Cor. Branch
(BURGESS, Leon F.)

Mr. Napoleon Burgess,
11 Hampshire Street,
Holyoke, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your notation on our letter of November 13th, you are advised that your wishes will be complied with and the remains of your son, the late Sgt. Leon F. Burgess, Serial No. 718310, Co. D, 104th Infantry, left in France and buried in a permanent American Field of Honor.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

By

CLAY S. WORDEN,
Captain, Q.M.C.

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PIER #5, HOBOKEN, N.J.

November 13, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Cemeterial Division, Cor. Br.
(BURGESS, Leon F.)

Mr. Napoleon Burgess,
11 Hampshire Street,
Holyoke, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Before this office can comply with your request that the remains of your son the late Bugler Leon F. Burgess, Serial Number 71810, Co. D. 104th Infantry, be left in Europe, it is necessary that you state definitely whether or not the late soldier is survived by a widow or children, and if so, kindly furnish name and address of each.

Your early reply, using the enclosed envelope which requires no postage, will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

noted on 115
11-18-20

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

By:- Clay S. Worick
CLAY S. WORICK,
Captain, A. G. D.

the late Bugler Leon F. Burgess was not married. was only a young man 20 yrs. old.
I am his father,
Napoleon J. Burgess.
11 Hampshire St.
Holyoke.

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

By:-

CLAY S. WORICK,
Captain, A. G. D.

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G. R. S. Form No. 120
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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

WASHINGTON

NOV 3 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

To: Mr. Napoleon Burgess, 11 Hampshire St., Holyoke, Mass.

SUBJECT: Remains of Bugler Leon F. Burgess, Serial No. 71810, Co. D, 104th Infantry.

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			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.) 1			
2			
3			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.) 1			
2			
3			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.) 1			
2			
3			

Notes #115 CL. 11-9-20

Date _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper. 3—7860 (OVER.)

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

~~3. 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 Napoleon J. Burgess.

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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COMPI TION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS CA File #5353

See Form 115 at 5/1/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BURGESS, Leon F. Ser. No. 71810 TYP. HAB

(b) Rank Bugler Organization Co.D. 104th Inf. DB

(c) Date of death 7-6-18 Cause of death DWRIA RS

HD

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

(a) Grave No. 42 Row — Plot — Sect. — TYP. DB

(b) Emerg. Address F.J. Burgess, (Father) 11 Hampshire St., Holyoke, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contageous diseases NO CARD CKR HB

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

a.g.o. card G.R.S. Mr and Mrs Napoleon Burgess 11 Hampshire St. Holyoke - Mass. (parents) request that body be not returned to U.S. (2-11-20) gS-10-5-20

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192 (letter of transmittal on 9/27 1920

Par. #2 Not to be returned (PJR)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. OCT 25 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. 4-19- 1921

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 246 S HEET NO. 6

G.R.S. FORM 115-A
August , 1920

S-366/MB

HW 10-28-20

246-6

Burgess Leon F.
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

Bug. Co D, 104th Inf 71810
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? Yes.
(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:

Napoleon Burgess American Express.
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

11 Hampshire St. Holyoke Mass.
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) Napoleon Burgess.

11 Hampshire St. Holyoke Mass.
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

26 Received AG 6, APR 25 1919

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burgess, Leon P.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Bugler Co.D,104th Infantry
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL July 6,1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Besu-le-Guery American section, French Cemetery
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

GRAVE NUMBER.....

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body?.....

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

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

REPORTED BY :

J. Beck Valles Chaplain 104th Inf
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burgess, 71811, Leon A.,
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. "D" 104 Infantry
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL July 6, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL American Section French Cemetery, Bezu
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used. (aisle)

French Cemetery, Bezu-le-Guery

GRAVE NUMBER 44

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes 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 marks should be given here:

REPORTED BY: F. B. Evans
Capt. M.R.C. USA
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burgess, 71811, Leon F. or P.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. "D" 104 Infantry
(Rank.) (Organization.)

Bugler

DATE OF BURIAL July 6, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL American Section French Cemetery, Bazoilles

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

French Cemetery Bazoilles-les-Gray

GRAVE NUMBER 44

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes 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 marks should be given here:

REPORTED BY: J. B. Brown
Capt. M. R. C. U.S.A.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Received
11 JUIL 1918
H.Q. A.E.F.

RECEIVED
CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE
12 JUIL 1918

RECEIVED
STATISTICAL DIVISION
H.A.E.F.
11 JUIL 1918

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burgess, Leon R.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Bugler Co.D,104th Infantry
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL July 6,1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Bezu-le-Guery American section French Cemetery
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED : Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body?

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

REPORTED BY :

J B de Valles Chaplain 104 Inf
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

RECEIVED
CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE
12 AOUT 1918

Burgess, 71810 Leon F.

Rank Bugler Co. D Corps / Regt. 104th Inf.

Date of Death

Place

Cause

Date of Burial

Grave No. 42

Cemetery 5

Identified by { Tag / Papers / Clothing }

List of Effects

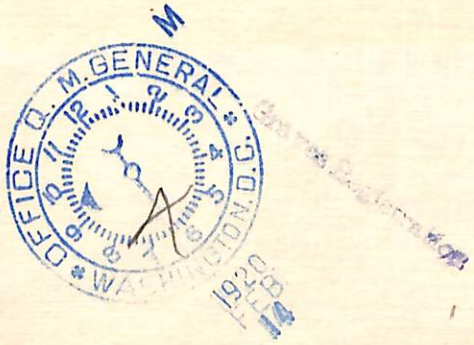
Field Record Made by I. G. MYERS.
2nd. LIEUT., Q. M. CORPS, N. A.

Group 1/304 Company....., Graves Rgistration Service

For additional data use reverse side

JUL 22 1918

NOV 1 Rec'd



Holyoke Mass.
11 Hampshire St.
Feb. 11. 1920.

Adjutant General,
Dear Sir,

About one year ago, we see a letter from you asking our wishes in regard to the disposition of our Son's body who lies buried in France, to which we answered that we would like the body shipped home, but as it is such a long time since, and we hear the bodies are to be sent home we have decided

it best to let the body of our son remain buried with his comrades. his name was Bugler Leon F. Burgess of 104th Regt.

yours truly

Napolean & Maria Burgess
11 Hampshire St.
Holyoke. Mass.

Received A. G. O. FEB 13 1920

REFERENCE:
ENQ/15/B.

#5-353

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

1st November, 1918.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service.

TO: Home Communication Section, A.E.F.

SUBJECT: BURGESS, Leon. F. Bugler, Co.D. 104 Inf.

Reference your 2-739, dated 10th ultimo, according to the records in this office, the above mentioned soldier is buried in A.E.F. Cemetery No. 246.

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*mlj.

Ref. 2-739

AMERICAN RED CROSS

INTER-OFFICE LETTER

From Home Communication Section, ENQ/13/B *Date* Oct. 10,1918.

To M. B. Dix, Capt. A.R.C., Grave Registration Bureau, A.P.O. 717,

Subject Bugler Leon F. Burgess, Co. D, 104th Infantry.

The above man is reported to have died July 6th of wounds received in action, Casualty Cable 198. Please give particulars as to his death and burial. Did he die in hospital? If so, where, etc.

E. M.

Home Communication Section of the
Bureau of Home & Hospital Service.

EM/sbf.

ENQ/13/B.

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Date October 23rd, 1918

MEMORANDUM FROM : Information Section, REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S. Hdqrs.
Headquarters S.O.S., A.P.O. 717, American E.F.

TO :

In reply to: Telegram dated:
Letter dated: October 10th, 1918. ARC.
Memorandum dated:
Verbal Inquiry made:

CASE OF: BURGESS, Leon F. Rank: Bugler Organ: Co. D 104 Inf.

OFFICIALLY REPORTED AS DEAD ON A.G.O. C.C. No.: 198

~~NOT officially reported as dead by A. G. O.~~

Date of death: July 6th, 1918. Cause: Wounds received in action

Buried 7-6-18 in (CTY. No: 246) (~~CMMB No~~: .....) Zone of Advance ~~Interior~~

Grave No: 42 Amer. Sec. French Cemetery Bayu-la- Guery

Identification Tags: Affixed to Gr.Mkr: Yes Buried with Body: Yes

Grave Marker: NP CROSS Yes HD BD BTTL

Nearest Relative: F. J. Burgess, Father

11 Rampshire Street, Holyoke, Mass.

Notified nearest relative of location of grave: July 31st, 1918

Remarks:

J. E. Glass

2nd Lieut. Q. M. C.

FILE

#3353

G.R.S. #106
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department
Office of the Quartermaster General.
Graves Registration Service
Washington, D.C.
Feb. 18, 1920

For information of:
(a) The Adjutant General of the Army
(b) G.R.S., Paris, France.
(c) Office Files.
(d) Photographic Section.

Case of:

Bugler Leon F. Burgess
104th Infantry, Company D.

Grave Location:

French Civilian Cemetery
Bezu-le-Guery, Dept. of Aisne.
Grave #42.

Request for action checked below:
(a) Return of Body to the U.S.
(b) Permanent Burial in France.
(c) Cancellation of former requests.
(d) Change of address.
(e) Photograph of grave.

has been made by:

Mrs. Maria Burgess
11 Hampshire Street
Holyoke, Mass.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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G.R.S. Form No. 113.
Reply to G. L. Inquiry.

FILES.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Feb. 18, 1920.

Mrs. Maria Burgess,
11 Hampshire Street,
Holyoke, Mass.

1. In reply to your inquiry we beg to say that the records of the Graves Registration Service contain the following information as to grave location:

Case of: **Bugler Leon F. Burgess**
104th Infantry, Company D.

Place of burial: **French Civilian Cemetery**
Bezu-le-Guery, Dept. of Aisne.
Grave #42.

2. The grave has been registered and suitably marked for present purposes, pending the adoption of a more permanent monument by the National Fine Arts Commission, which now has the matter under consideration.

3. While it is a sad duty on our part to convey information concerning the burial of men who were our valient comrades, it is a satisfaction to answer the queries of those who suffer so grievously by the casualties of War.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

FEB 19 1920

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Your request for permanent burial of your son in France has been noted.

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G.R.S. Form No. 112.
ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY.

WAR DEPARTMENT
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE
WASHINGTON

2/16/20

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ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

_____ Circumstances of Death (Par. #2, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Flowers, Flags, etc. (Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Monument (Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Discrepancies in Inscription (Par. #9, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Personal Effects (G.R.S. Form 111)

_____ Accrued Pay (G.R.S. Form 111)

_____ Maintenance (Par. #7, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Liberty Bonds (G.R.S. Form 111)

_____ War Risk Insurance (G.R.S. Form 111)

_____ Photographs (Par. #11, Bul. 10-C-W)

Permanent Burial In

✓ (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)

_____ (b) Other Countries

Return of Bodies From

_____ (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106) (Par. #12, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ (b) Other countries

Remarks: N.L.

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Cancellation of former request body to remain in France.

NOTE: In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11, and 12, G.R.S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15.

M.B.M.

Analysis Clerk. L.

NS-3579-NJH.

G.R.S. Form No. 1-A (Information Blank) File Number 5353

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S. Date 2/17/20.

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Burgess, Leon A. Serial Number

RANK Bugler ORGANIZATION 104th Regt.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) yes - Co. D, 104th Inf.
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 7/6/18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) DWRIA.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) #198
5.	Date buried	(5) 7/6/18
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave #42, French Civ. Cty. — #246, Bezu-le-Guery, Aisne.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10) a. yes b. yes
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(11) F. J. Burgess, (father) 11 Hampshire St., Holyoke, Mass.
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	(12) 7/31/18.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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

Released by Information Control Dept.

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