

JUN 1 - 1923

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DATE 2/10/22

1. NAME BURK, John C. SERIAL No. 1460390

RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co.D. 140th Inf. 35 Div.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse Argonne American, Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232, Sec.13

25 Sec.13 1 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Isolated Exermont (Ardennes) GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 35 NE 281.5N 300.6E

CONCENTRATED TO 5.5.19 25 13 1 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross

DATE OF DEATH Sept 29, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Missouri

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SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 2/10/22 15 7 Block E. DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. CEMETERY

Robert O. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General.

JUN 1 2 1926

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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 16, 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.



C° D. 140th Inf.

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BURK John C. - Cpl. I460390.

Missing September 26th 1918.

(Isolated grave, near Exermont (<sup>A</sup>rdennes). Grave 2x 2. Sketch 3.  
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By Wilbur L. Smith. Hdrs Group Unit 305.

No Informant.  
No date given.

M.C. Enquirer:  
Capt. Whuln. B.H. IIS.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Burk</i>	<i>BUR</i>	3	<i>2 12 1/8</i>
BURIED <i>John C</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE <i>15-</i>	2	<i>15</i>
	ROW <i>7</i>	2	<i>07</i>
	BLOCK <i>E</i>	1	<i>5</i>
STATE	<i>Mo</i>	2	<i>29</i>
RANK	<i>Cpl</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>35</i>	2	<i>35</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>140</i>	3	<i>140</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL <i>father</i>	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Burk</i>	<i>BURK</i>	5	<i>2 1 5</i>
RESIDENCE <i>Mr Thomas S 1317 So Lamine Ave Sedalia Mo</i>	STATE <i>Mo</i>	2	<i>29</i>
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	CITY <i>Sedalia</i>	3	<i>132</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>plead</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY	<i>plead 11-22-31</i>	1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
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ACCEPTANCE	<i>700</i>	1	

**AUDITED**

MAR. 1 1932

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Burk John  
Cpl., Co D, 140th Inf.

Missouri

1232

A. L.

~~Mother's~~ latest address ?

Mother died 11-22-31

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father Thomas S. Burk  
adm 1317 South Lanning An  
Sedalia - mo.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

September 29, 1931. AL

Burk, John C. (M-A) M

Mrs. Laura E. Burk,  
1305 S. Lamine Street,  
Sedalia, Missouri.

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. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, 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 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

July 22, 1931.

Burk, John C. Cpl. (M-A) M\*

Mrs. Laura E. Burk,  
1306 S. Lamine St.,  
Sedalia, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

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Aug 5 - 19

1232

Burk, John E

I Cancelled - no reply the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of  
the Government of the United States under the pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Burk, Mrs Laura E

(Name)

1305 S. Lamine St. Sedalia

(Town or City)

(State)

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QM 293 A-M

Burk, John C. (M-A) M

June 5, 1931

Mrs. Laura E. Burk,  
1305 S. Lamine St.,  
Sedalia, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The invitation which was extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe sailing from New York on the PRESIDENT HARDING on August 5, 1931 has been withdrawn due to the fact that no acceptance has been received from you.

If you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you communicate your wishes to this office.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Washington, D. C., May 22, 1931

MRS. LAURA E. BURK,  
1505 S. LAMINE ST.,  
SEDLIA, MO.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL AUGUST FIVE NOT RECEIVED  
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 29660SM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Burk, John C. (M-A) M

QM 293 A-M

Burk, John C. (M-A) M

April 13, 1931

Mrs. Laura E. Burke,  
1305 S. Lamine St.,  
Sedalia, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "President Harding" on August 5, 1931.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before June 5, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

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-C

Burk, John C. - 1232 M

June 27, 1930.

Mrs. Laura E. Burk,  
1305 S. Lamine Street,  
Sedalia, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Burk, John C. 1232-M

June 3, 1930

Mrs. Laura E. Burk  
1305 S. Lamine Street,  
Sedalia, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

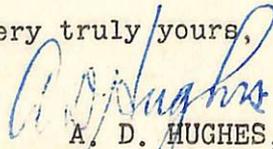
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? yes  
(Write answer here)

  
Laura E. Burk

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burk, John C.  
1232

Sept. 4, 1929

Mrs. Laura Burk,  
1317 S. Lamine St.,  
~~St.~~ Sedalia, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

No. he was  
un-married

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

Mother,  
Mrs Laura E. Burk  
1305 S. Lamine  
Sedalia Mo  
has not fully  
decided.

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Burk, John C.

Mrs. Laura Burk,  
1317 S. Main St.,  
St. Sedalia, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Corporal John C. Burk, Co. D, 140th 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 widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is 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-AM

July 22, 1931.

Burk, John C. Cpl. (M-A) M\*

Mrs. Laura E. Burk,  
1306 S. Lamine St.,  
Sedalia, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

QM 293 A-M

Burk, John C. (M-A) M

June 5, 1931

Mrs. Laura E. Burk,  
1305 S. Lamine St.,  
Sedalia, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The invitation which was extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe sailing from New York on the PRESIDENT HARDING on August 5, 1931 has been withdrawn due to the fact that no acceptance has been received from you.

If you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you communicate your wishes to this office.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Washington, D. C., May 22, 1931

MRS. LAURA E. BURK,  
1305 S. LAMINE ST.,  
SEDALIA, MO.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL AUGUST FIVE NOT RECEIVED  
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2966GSM

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ADH

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Burk, John C. (M-A) M



Burke, John G. (M-A) M

April 13, 1931

Mrs. Laura E. Burke,  
1305 S. Lamine St.,  
Sedalia, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "President Harding" on August 5, 1931.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before June 5, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

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-C

Burk, John C, - 1232 M

June 27, 1930.

Mrs. Laura E. Burk,  
1305 S. Lamine Street,  
Sedalia, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burk, John C. 1252-M

June 3, 1930

Mrs. Laura E. Burk  
1305 S. Lamine Street,  
Sedalia, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Burk, John C.

Mrs. Laura Burk,  
1317 S. Main St.,  
St. Sedalia, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Corporal John C. Burk, Co. D, 140th 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 widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

In reply refer to:  
293 C-R

71548  
June 2, 1923.

Mr. Thomas S. Burk,  
1317 South Lamine St.,  
Sedalia, Mo.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that  
the permanent grave of ~~the~~ **Cornoral John C. Burk, Company D, 140th  
Infantry, is Grave 15, Row 7, Block E, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery,  
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) France.**

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

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JUN 2 1923  
B. O. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burk, John C.  
1232

Sept. 4, 1929

Mrs. Laura Burk,  
1317 S. Lamine St.,  
St. Sedalia, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **June 29, 1929** making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased serviceman above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burk, John C. (M-A) M

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Laura E. Burk,  
1305 S. Lamine Street,  
Sedalia, Missouri.

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. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, 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 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Burk, John C. 1232 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Laura E. Burk,  
1305 S. Lamine Street,  
Sedalia, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

Burk

John C

1,460,390

(Surname.)  
Cpl. Co. D,

(Christian name in full.)  
140th Inf.

(Army serial number.)

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Father*

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)

*Thomas S. Burk*

1317 S Lammie  
(Number and street or rural route.)

Sedalia  
(City, town, or post office.)

MO  
(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by J.A.  
1232 - Dec 13 - 19

3-25-21

Charles C. Wolf

3-25-21

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #71548 ✓

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BURK, John C. Ser. No. 1460390 } TYP aew  
(b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. D, 140th Inf. } CKR. 173  
          9-29-18 (11-2-21) MKM  
(c) Date of death ~~9-26-10-2-18~~ (d) Cause of death K/a

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

(a) Grave No. 25 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 13 TYP. aew  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Laura Burk, Mother, 214-A West 7th St., Sedalia, Mo.  
          ok (3/26/11) 826  
          G.P. 201-10/25/21 - F.S. Burk (Father) 1419 S. Ohio St., Sedalia, Mo. (11-2-21) K

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases / / / CKR. 173

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None  
(a) Name Thomas S. Burk (b) Relationship Father  
(c) Address 1317 S. Laminel St. Sedalia, Mo.  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at —  
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. —  
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. —

Examiner's Initials JD Date 3-25, 1920

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

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials JD Date 3-25, 1920

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

No request for disposition.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes

Examiner's Initials JD Date 3-25, 1920

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1232, Sec. 13 SHEET No. 19

G. R. S. Form No. 115 Amended April 16, 1920

Make Form No. 115

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

APR 7 1921 J.L.

CARDED ✓

Checked 11-2-21 MKM  
Dec'd 3-26-11 JBC



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb 10 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

me.

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BURK, John C.  
 2. No. 1460390  
 3. Rank Cpl.  
 4. Org. Co. D. 140th Inf.  
 5. D.D. 9-25/10-2-18  
 6. C.D. KIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 25 Sec. 13  
 8. Plot 1 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse Argonne American.

19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon.

20. Dept. or County Meuse.

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232, Sec. 13

23. Disinterred (Date) Feb 10 1922

By J L Haky

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name John C Burk  
 Rank Cpl

Serial No. 1460390  
 Organization Co D 140 Inf

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

C T Brown  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
 C T Brown

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).

GBS plaque on body reads: John C Burk 1460390

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Pine box burlap and US Uniform

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 Feb 10 1922 By J L Haky

31. Casket sealed by J L Haky

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) J L Haky

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-21836.**

32. Designation of body:

Name **John C. BURK** Serial No. **1460390**

Rank **Cpl.** Organization **Co.D. 140th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse Argonne American, 1232, Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse.**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **FEB 10 1922** By **J L Haky**

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 *Geo C Bland*

36. Remarks **Geo C Bland 1st Lt. OMC**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Feb 10 1922**

To point of Concentration **Morgue Romagne** (Name)

Convoyer **W J Royed** Signature Shipping Officer *Geo C Bland*

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Geo C Bland 1st Lt OMC**

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232 Feb. 10th 1922.** (Date)

42. Grave No. Section

43. Plot **BLOCK 10** Row **3**

G.R.S. Representative *A E Dewey*  
**A. E. Dewey, 1st. Lt. 410.**

jt.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Romagne 1232.

Date Feb 10, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BURK, John C. SERIAL NUMBER 1460390

RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. D. 140th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb 10, 1922 From (give complete location): gr 25, sec 13, plot 1, Cty. 1232a

By: Group Haky. Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Feb. 10th 1922 In (give complete location): Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 15 block E row 7

By: Group Re-burial S Unit unlined casket. Nature of reburial unlined casket.

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

wooden box and burlap and U.S. uniform. body decomposed, unrecognizable.

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

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

G.R.S. plaque on body reads: John C. Burk. 1460390.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

missing parts) do

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

both legs shattered below knee. skull fractured.

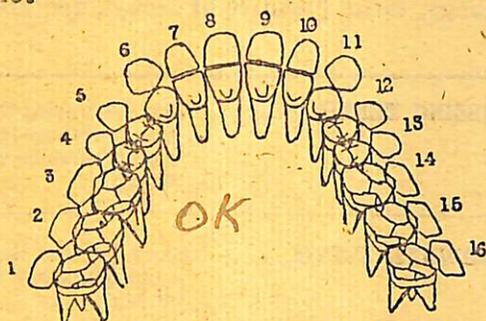
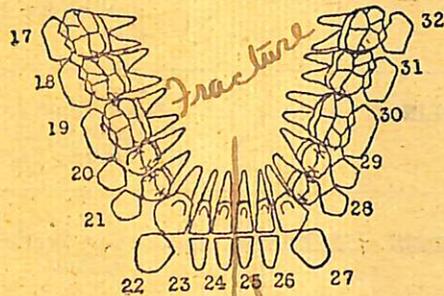


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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7. Disinterment supervised by J. L. Haky

Approved: Geo. C. Bland 1st Lt. U.S.A.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Shields

Approved: A. E. Dewey 1st Lt. OMC.  
(Title)  
jt.

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

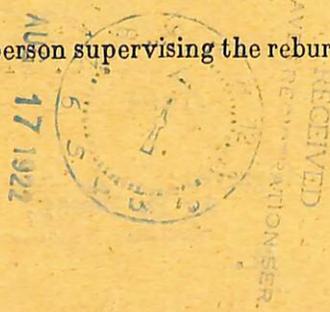
Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

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.

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

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



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #71548

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BURK, John C. Ser. No. 1460390  
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. D, 140th Inf. } TYP. aeu  
 (c) Date of death ~~9-25/10-2-18~~ <sup>9-29-18 (11-2-21) MKM</sup> (d) Cause of death K/a } DB

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

(a) Grave No. 25 Row      Plot 1 Sec. 13 TYP. aeu

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Laura Burk, Mother, 214-A West 7th St., Sedalia, Mo.  
*U.S. 201-10/25/21 J.S. Burk (father) 1419 S. Ohio St., Sedalia, Mo.*

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases /// <sup>(11-2-21)K</sup> CKR. DB

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

*A. G. O. Carl Thomas S. Burk (father) 1317 S. Lamine St., Sedalia, Mo. requests body not returned to U.S. Ans 4-6-21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
*Sec. 13* letter of transmittal on 4/2/21, 192  
*Par. 2. Not to be returned (ess)*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., APR 13 1921, 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., \_\_\_\_\_, 192

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. 19

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

France

1232, Sec. 13

19

APR 7 1921 J.L.

*Checked 11-2-21 MKM*

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BURK John C.

Number: 1460390

Rank: Unkn.

Organization: Unkn.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

5th, May 1919

Isolated Grave

CHATEL CHEHERY ARDENNES.

35 NE 281.3 N; 300.6 E.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

5th, May 1919

Grave #25 Sec. 13 Plot 1

ARGONNE AMER. CTY. #1232.

ROMAGNE MEUSE.

1232

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

Burial poor; buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No

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

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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, G.R.S.

Supervised by: Lieut. Stirn

R. H. ROSENTHAL

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

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1. G.R.S. Form No. 1. 71548 Hq. G.R.S. File

2. Soldier's No. 1460390

3. BURK ----- JOHN C. -----  
Surname First Name and Initials

4. Unknown ----- Unknown ----- Unknown -----  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Unknown ----- In action -----  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Unknown ----- Isolated Grave -----  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. NEAR EXERMONT ----- ARDENNES -----  
Town or Commune Department

8. 2 ----- Sketch No 3. -----  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

NEAR EXERMONT (ARDENNES)

(C-209) SHIP. 35 NE COORD E 300.9 N 280.9

12. 280.9 N X 300.9 E Verdun 35 NE  
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Unknown -----  
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed Webster L Smith

Group Hdqrs Unit 305 G.R.S.



CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION BRANCH  
Inquiry & Correspondence Section  
Registration Section  
Overseas Project Section

Date 11/21/21

TO: Mr Houghton

CAPTAIN WYNNE

MR. HUGHITT

MISS BOLAND

MISS MINOGUE

MAIL & PREPARATION OF DATA  
CONGRESSIONAL & SPECIAL REPLY  
GENERAL REPLY  
PHOTOGRAPH SECTION

INVESTIGATION & ADJUSTMENT  
AUDIT  
CARDS

COMPILATION OF DATA  
STATISTICS

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

From J + A

- ✓ Action
  - Adjustment
  - Approval
  - Copies
  - Correction
  - Draft of letter
  - Investigation & Report
  - Note (need not return)
  - Note and Return
  - Papers in Case
  - Personal Conference
  - Remark
  - Reply
  - Returned
  - Signature
- File

Preparation of Reply for Signature of  
Secretary of War  
Quartermaster General  
Colonel Penrose  
Lt. Col. Davis, O.R.C.  
Captain Wynne

(See other side)



WAR DEPARTMENT

EB 1-213

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

A.G.201 Burk, John C. (10-25-21) WASHINGTON

*Hu*

IN REPLY REFER TO

October 25, 1921.

SUBJECT: Notification of correct date of death.

ADJUSTMENT MADE

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

NOV 2 1921

FILE 71548

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 2938  
71548

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained by the war Department, that the date of death in the case of Corporal John C. Burk, #1460390, Company D, 140th Infantry, heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that this soldier was killed in action September 29, 1918.

2. It appears from the records that the deceased enlisted June 17, 1917 and designated his father, F.S. Burk, 1419 S. Ohio Street, Sedalia, Mo., as the person to notified in case of emergency.

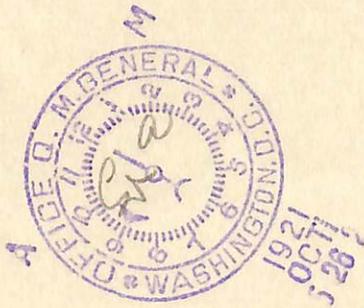
By order of the Secretary of War:

*J. Ennis*  
Adjutant General.

*Burk, John C*

*5*

*MKN-10-2821*



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OSPSTY. IN 1332

Sec. 13 case no 19

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CEMETERY DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

**FILE**

October 28, 1921.

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1. CASE OF:

Co. D, 140th Inf.

ORGANIZATION (Old)

BURK, 1460390, John C.

Corp.

(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH 9/29/18

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new data and data correcting previous information)

BY: M. K. McCarthy

Investigation and Adjustment  
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By A.B.

S/1105/IML