

Washington

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1764

Burke, Chester Arthur

Ans. 5-16-30

I decline 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 provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. George Gade,

(Name)

68 New St., Shelton, Fairfield County, Conn.

(Town or City)

(State)

1931

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Burke	3	2 12 0 1 8
Chester A.	CEMETERY 1764	1	4
BURIED	GRAVE 82	2	82
	ROW 11	2	11
	BLOCK A	1	1
STATE	Conn	2	06
RANK	Pvt	1	4
DIVISION	2	2	02
ORGANIZATION	5	3	005
ARM	USMC	1	X
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
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NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
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AUDITED
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G.R.S. Form #114-B

CAUSE OF DEATH *Killed in action*FULL NAME *BURKE, Chester A. Arthur*RANK *Pvt.* SERIAL *306320*DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *17th Co. ~~Co. A~~ 5th Marines, 2nd Div*DATE OF DEATH *June 9, 1918*STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Conn.*MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *Cross de Guerre (98)*FINAL GRAVE LOCATION *11-21-1922* *82-* *11n* *A*
Date Grave Row Block

1764

Cemetery

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

IN REPLY
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT

Oct. 13, 1932.

Burke, Chester Arthur (AM) OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Mrs. George Gade,
68 New St.,
Shelton, Conn.

Handwritten: Mrs Gade is deceased since May 22, 1932

SPECIAL

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

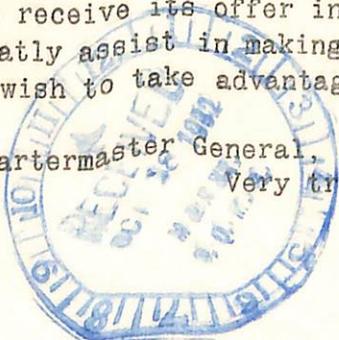
You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space See above indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here _____ . Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



Handwritten signature of Chas. W. Dietz

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burke Chester Arthur AM

September 7 1932

Mrs George Gade
68 New St
Shelton Conn

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burke Chester Arthur (AM)

July 11 1932

Mrs George Cade
68 New St
Shelton Conn

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M

Burke, Chester A. Pvt. (AM) M

January 5, 1932.

Mrs. George Gade,
68 New St.,
Shelton, Conn.

Dear Madam:

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

The correspondence indicates that your health will not permit you to make this pilgrimage, 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 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. ①

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

August 15, 1931

Burke, Chester A. Pvt. (AM) M

Mrs. George Gade,
68 New St.,
Shelton, Conn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Burke, Chester A Pvt. (A-M) M*

July 23, 1931.

Mrs. George Gade,
68 New St.,
Shelton, Conn.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

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

No
Write answer here

Sign here

I am not able.
Josephine Gade

America

8-12-31

1764

Burke, Chester Arthur, Pvt.

I Decline 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.

Mrs. George Gade

(Name)

68 New St., Shelton, Fairfield Co., Connecticut

(Town or City)

(State)



QM 293 A-M

Burke, Chester Arthur (A-M) M

April 20, 1931

Mrs. George Gade,
68 New St.,
Shelton, Conn.

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 "America" on August 12, 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 12, 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

July 1, 1930

Burke, Chester Arthur 1764-M

Mrs. George Gade
68 New Street
Shelton, Conn.

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,

Enclosures:

Envelope
Act
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 19, 1930

Burke, Chester Arthur 1764 M

Mrs. George Gade,
68 New St.,
Shelton, Conn.

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.

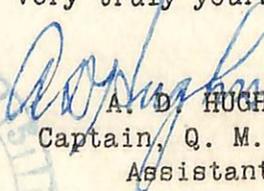
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

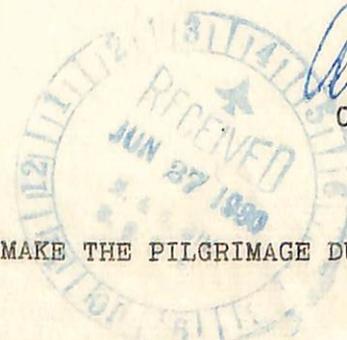
For The Quartermaster General,

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)


Mrs George Gade
(Sign here)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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

Date 6-5-23

File No. 84124 Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, Graves Registration Service.

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname *Burke*
- b. Christian name *Chester Aubin*
- c. Serial Number *306320*
- d. Organization *17 Co 5 Mar.*
- e. Rank *Pvt.*
- f. Date of death *6-9-18*
- g. Cause of death *M.A.*
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address *George Bader
68 New St. Shelton Conn.*
- j. Relationship *step-father*

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

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

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

*No dental chart on file
of Mr. B. Dirg Navy.*

Born 4/4/97
Shelton Conn

- a. Age of enlistment *1/6/18*
- b. Color of eyes *20 yrs 7 hrs.*
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

NO: *18-1-6* *18-6-9*
97-6-4 *97-6-4*
 CEMETERY NO: *20-7-2* *21-0-5*

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

SHEET NO:
TYPED BY:
BY: Charles J. Wynne,
Captain, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

WAR DEPARTMENT

FIRST DISTRICT OFFICE, CONSTRUCTION SERVICE

QUARTERMASTER CORPS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

No. 18-1-9

From:

To:

Subject:

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18-1-9

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

FILE NUMBER 84124

FROM:-

DATE:

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BURKE CHESTER, A NUMBER

RANK ORGANIZATION

Pvt Co # 5th MARINES.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① yes
2.	Date of Death.	② 6-10-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ K/A
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	④ C.C.# 462
5.	Date buried.	⑤ 6-10-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ Coy # 577 Grave # 24 Tyames B/A BUSS HIRES (AISCNE)
7.	Who reported burial.	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑦ JOHN J. BRADY Chap USN
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑧ yes
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑨ none reg.
11.	Who is nearest relative?:	⑩ Tags missing
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑪ none given
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑫ no.
14.	What is the Photograph No. ?	

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

84124
File

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

Reference - 84124.

April 17th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : 1st Lieut. C. M. French, Engineers, A.P.O. 713, American E.F.
SUBJECT : Pvt. Chester A. Burke, Co. A, 5th Marines, American E.F.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the re-
gretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters
he is buried in Grave #24, American Battle Area Cemetery at BUSSIARES, in the
Commune of BUSSIARES, Department of the AISNE.

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.

(Enclosures - G.R.S.):
(10-B. .004.5)

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Original request
attached to file # 90080.

WAR DEPARTMENT

Address Reply To
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE
Munitions Building

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

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

84124

Date June 2, 1920

City - 1764

File No. 84124 Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname Burke -
- b. Christian name Chester A. -
- c. Serial number 306320 -
- d. Organization Co. A, 5th Mar.
- e. Rank Pvt.
- f. Date of death 6-10-18
- g. Cause of death k/a -
- h. Authority (C.C.#) 462
- i. Emergency address *George Gade 68 New St. Shelton Conn.*
- j. Relationship *Mother*

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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

DENTAL CHART

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- lower right lower left

Manner

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,
Director of Purchase & Storage.

By:

H J Conner

H. J. CONNER,
Captain, Q.M.C.

Rec'd World War Div.
Date... 6. 8. 20

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE
Military Building
G. R. Form 8-W-A
Information required of A.G.O.

June 2, 1920

Date

OK

Grave Location:

File No. 84124

Grave # 24, Section B. Plot # 1,
American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne.

From:

The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army

To:

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

Subject:

Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname
- b. Christian name
- c. Serial number
- d. Organization
- e. Rank
- f. Relationship
- g. Cause of death
- h. Date of death
- i. Authority (G.C.#)
- j. Emergency address

DENTAL CHART

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

(See page 42 of the Service Record)

- a. Age at Enlistment
- b. Color of Eyes
- c. Color of Hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects
- g. Enlistment (and previous or present)

H. E. ROBERTS

Quartermaster General, U. S. Army
Director of Purchase & Storage

H. J. SUMNER

Adjutant General, U. S. Army

SCHOOL FOR BAKERS AND COOKS
DEPARTMENT OF COOKING

2/26/21

Mr. Wilson

COST

Burke, Chester ARTHUR

Put., \$# 306320.

17th Co. 5th marines

Adjustment Made

April 25 1922

File No. 84124

Form 840 from Marine Corps

Date Rec'd 2/24/21

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Burke

Chester

Private

C. A.

5th Marine

For Location

See Chester C. A.

Grade

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N. 263.7

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Communal List No. _____
Report No. _____

49-265

Name **Burke, - Chester G.**

Rank **Pvt.** Co. **-** {Corps} **Marines**
Regt.

Date of Death

Place

Cause

84124

Date of Burial **JUN 10 1918**

Grave No. **24**

Cemetery **29**

Identified by { Tag
Papers }
(Clothing)

List of Effects

577

Field Record Made by **I. C. MYERS**

2nd. LIEUT., U. S. M. CORPS.
Group **1** **303** Company Graves Registration Service

JUL 17 1918

For additional data use reverse side

JUL 17 1918

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

(Chester C.A. Burke) BC

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

or Gade
Burke

Chester
C.A.

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

Private

5th Marines

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL June 10, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL

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

American Cemetery on road between

Champillon and Torcy

Meaux map.

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? YES Cross?

NAME: TORCY (AUSIE)

(049) SIGN Headboard? NE COORD? ? Bottle? ?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: missing

Was one buried with body? no

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

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

name Torcy - (AUSIE) C-49

49 N.E. E

REPORTED BY:

John J. Brady

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

John J. Brady

Chaplain, USN

Lt (Jg)

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

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Communal List No. _____
Daily Report No. _____

B. M. B. Co.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BURKE

306320

Chester

A.

(Surname).

(Number).

(First Name and Initials).

Pvt.

CO. A. 5th. Marines

(Rank).

(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL:

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

See correspondence-Galleger, James D

2225304

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?

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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





106683-AB-25-hmm

Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,

Washington, February 24, 1921.

From: The Major General Commandant.

To: The Chief, Cemeterial Division, Office of Quartermaster General of the Army.

Subject: A.E.F. dead: Confirmation or revision of G.R.S. record of disposition status.

Reference: Form No. 124, File No. 84124 dated 2-23-21
Case of BURKE, Chester Arthur, 306320, Private,
17th Co. 5th Marines, 1764-286.

1. It is requested that the remains of the above-named man be disposed of as follows:

DISPOSITION: To be left in France.

CONSIGNEE: Name:

Address:

NEXT OF KIN: Name: Mrs. George Gade,

Relationship: Mother,

Address: 68 New St.,

Shelton, Conn.

REMARKS:

H. Lay
 H. LAY,
 Lt. Col., U.S.M.C.
 Asst. Adj. and Inspector.

By

Special Assistant to the
Major General Commandant.

Rob - 3-22-21 W.

near Bussiares, Aisn

Date June 2, 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

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Remains of:

Name Burke, Chester G. *Arthur*

Number:

Rank: Pvt.

Organization: 49th Co. 5th Marines.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit "B"

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

June 2, 1919.

Plot-29 Myers, near Bussiares Aisne.

Coord. 262.7N - - 173.55E.

Grave 24.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

June 2, 1919

National Cemetery at Belleau Woods, Aisne. *1764*

Coord. 262.60N - - 173.55E.

Plot-1, Sec. B, Grave 24.

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

Body in fair condition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? no

What other means of identification were found upon the body? none

Note:

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

Supervised by: *Sgt. Geo. W. Dorley* *J. C. M. Cameron*

C.O. Group _____ Unit _____

Prov. Unit B G.R.S.

CONFIRMED No. D 20214

Place

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date..... 19th July, 1921.....

1. REMAINS OF..... BURKE, Chester A...... SERIAL NUMBER 306320
RANK..... Pvt...... ORGANIZATION..... 17Co. Co. A, 5th ^{Regt} U.S.M.C. Marines

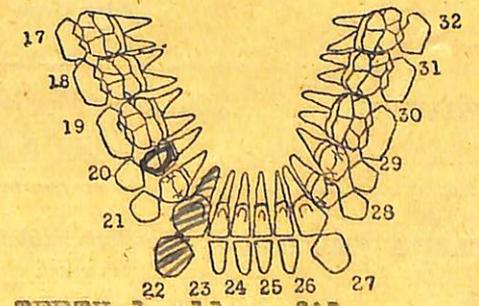
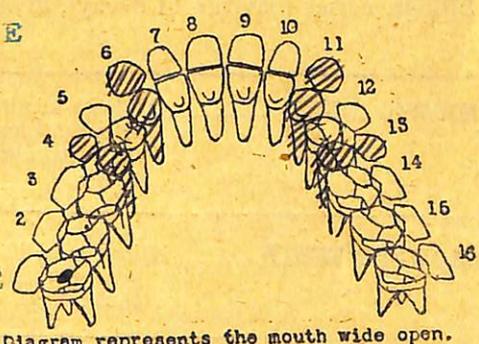
2. Disinterred (date) :..... 19th July, 1921..... From (give complete location) :.....
..... Gr. 24, Sec. B, Plot 1
..... FIELD SECTION # 7
By : Group..... Kelly's..... Unit.....

3. Reburied (date) :..... 19th July, 1921..... In (give complete location) :.....
..... Gr. 24, Sec. B, Plot 1
..... FIELD SECTION # 7
By : Group..... Kelly's..... Unit..... Nature of reburial.....
..... Burlap and box

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
BADLY DECOMPOSED..... FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE
.....
..... Marine uniform and wooden box.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ?..... Yes..... On grave marker ?..... No
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
GRS. burial plaque" Pvt. Chester Burke 5th Marines 6-10-18" Name
on marksman pin, Body tag O.K.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ?
(a) Height (actual measurement)..... IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE
(b) Weight (estimated)..... IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE
(c) Hair—Color..... So
Quantity..... So
Characteristics..... So
(d) Hair on face—Color..... IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE
Location..... IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE
Quantity..... IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts)..... IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE
(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty).....
Impossible to determine



TEETH-1, alloy fil.
4, 6, 11, 13, 22-Ext.
20-cav.

N-51016

7. Disinterment supervised by..... F.G. Kelly..... Approved :..... A.E. Dewey
..... (Title)..... 1st Lt. A.E. Dewey
..... Q.M.C.
8. Reburial supervised by..... F.G. Kelly..... Approved :..... A.E. Dewey
..... (Title)..... 1st Lt. A.E. Dewey, Q.M.C.

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

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

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #84124

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(2/26/21
meB)

Marine

(a) Name BURKE, Chester A. Arthur Ser. No. 306320
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization 17th Co., 5th Marines
(c) Date of death 6-9-18 (d) Cause of death K/A
TYP. sew
CKR. J

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

(a) Grave No. 24 Row Plot 1 Sec. B TYP. sew
(b) Emerg. Address George Gade, Mother, 68 New St., Shelton, Conn.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -

(a) Name George Gade (b) Relationship Step-father
(c) Address 68 New St., Shelton, Conn.
(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 MH Date 2-19-21, 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 MH Date 2-19-21, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes - MH

Examiner's Initials MH Date 2-19-21, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1764 SHEET No. 286

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

4-5-3-18-21

Handwritten notes and stamps at bottom right corner.

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on 3/10/21, 1920

Burke - Chester Arthur
Par # 2 - Not to be returned - Marine - Ho

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	

Form 124 to Marine Corps Form 840 from Marine Corps

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS

Date Sent 2/23/21 Date Rec'd 2/24/21

*Form # 840. 2/24/21 - Consignee - To be left in
France. N of K. Mrs. George Gade, (mother)
68 New St., Shelton, Conn. 2/26/21 MEB.*

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Nugues.

A.G.O. Card & Corr. *2-19-21*

Discrepancies

Name *✓*

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks *Ed*

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks *Checked 2-21-21*

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File #84124

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(2/26/21)
mch

Marine

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

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

Form 840, 2/24/21. Mrs. George Gade (mother)
68 New St., Shelton, Conn., requests
remains left in France

ap 3/18/21.

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on 3/10/21, 192

Par #2 - Not to be returned - Marine -
Burke - Chester Arthur

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., _____, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

Place Belleau (Aisne)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 21, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BURKE, Chester A. *Arthur* SERIAL NUMBER 506520
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION 17 Co. ~~4~~, 5th Marines Regt. U.S.M.C.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 21, 1922. From (give complete location): Grave 24, Sec. B, Plot 1, Cem. 1764.
By: Group 1 Unit F.S.1, Aisne-Marne Cem.

3. Reburied (date): Nov. 21, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 82, Block A, Row 11, 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 and burlap

Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

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

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

Bottle record and body disc agree. Marksman's badge inscription: "C.A. Burke 1918".

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

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(c) Hair—Color "

Quantity "

Characteristics "

(d) Hair on face—Color "

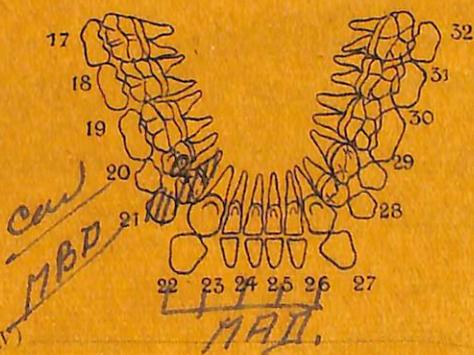
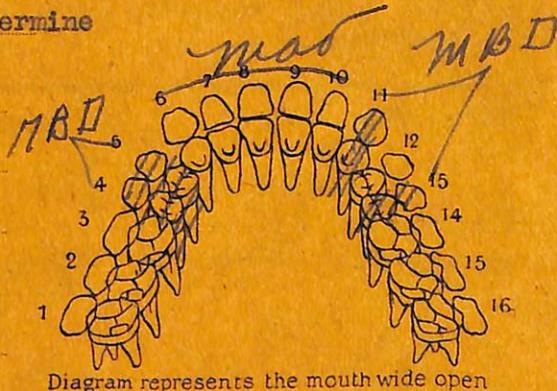
Location "

Quantity "

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

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

None visible.



W.D. Wall Jr. Checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by C.P. Keating, S.E. Approved: A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by L.D. Hays Approved: W.D. Cleary

(Title) Lt., Chaplain, USA.

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FILLINGS

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DENTURES (PLATES)

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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.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 21, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BURKE, Chester A. *Arthur*

2. No. 306320

3. Rank Pvt.

4. Org. *17* Co. ~~A. 5th Marines~~ *regt U.S.M.C.*

5. D.D. *K/A 6-9-18*

6. C.D. --

10. Name

11. No.

12. Rank

13. Org.

14. (a) D.D.

(b) D.B. no discrepancy

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 24 Sec. B

8. Plot 1 Row

9.

15. Grave No. Sec.

16. Plot Row

17. no discrepancy

18. Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer.

20. Dept. or County Aisne.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1764

19. Commune or town Belleau

21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 21, 1922.

By C.P. Keating

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Chester A. Burke

Rank Pvt.

Serial No. -

Organization Co. A, 5 Marines

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

W.D. Wall Jr.
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
W.D. Wall Jr.

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

Bottle record and body disc agree. Marksman's badge inscription: "C.A. Burke 1918".

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box and burlap

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 Nov. 21, 1922. By C.P. Keating

31. Casket sealed by C.P. Keating

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor *C.P. Keating*)
C.P. KEATING

sub 9/1/27

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-31216

32. Designation of body:

Name Chester A. BURKE. Serial No. 306320

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A. 5th Marines.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer. Cty. 1764, Belleau, Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 21, 1922. By C.P. Keating

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 A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. OMC.

36. Remarks

Body disc read: "Chester A. Burke, U.S.M.C. 1-4118"

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) November 21, 1922.

To point of Concentration (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer. Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. OMC.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Nov. 21, 1922, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 82 Section

43. ~~Plot~~ BLOCK A Row 11

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleury

Lt., Chaplain, USA.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF
or **Gade** **Chester**
Burke **C.A.**

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

Private **5th Marines**

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. **June 10, 1918.**

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

American Cemetary on road between
Champillon and Torcy
Meaux map.

GRAVE NUMBER. **24**

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: **missing**

Was one buried with body? **no**

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

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

REPORTED BY:

John J. Brady

John J. Brady

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

Chaplain, USN

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

Lt (jg)

RECEIVED
STATISTICAL DIVISION
H. A. B. P.
{ 16 AUG 1918 }

306320

BURKE, CHESTER ARTHUR PVT. 17TH CO., 5TH REG.
MARINES.

DISPOSITION: RETURN OF REMAINS NOT DESIRED.

NEXT OF KIN: GEORGE GADE,
RELATION, STEP-FATHER.

ADDRESS: 68 NEW ST., SHELTON, CONN.

CTY: 1764.

12-61-2
98 of 1961
taken by hand

Handwritten notes, possibly including "1961" and "12-61-2", written in a cursive style.

QM 293 A-C

(Burke, Chester Arthur)

December 11, 1928.

Mrs. George Gade,
68 New Street,
Shelton, Conn.

Dear Madam:

The inclosed card gives the permanent cemetery and grave location of the late **Chester Arthur Burke**.

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that all American military cemeteries, both in Europe and in our own country, will be maintained by the Government forever, the graves permanently marked by headstones showing the decedent's name, rank, organization, State, and date of death, all of which will be done without the necessity of requests emanating from relatives.

Please understand that in effecting the final disposition of our heroic dead the utmost care and reverence is exercised.

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

1 Incl.
Record card.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 1929.

Burke, Chester Arthur.

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Mrs. George Gade,
68 New St., Shelton, Conn.

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 Private Chester Arthur Burke, 17th Co. 5th Regt., U.S.M.C., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, 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 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 re-married 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

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JUN 15 11 AM '29
Q. M. G. & R. DIV.

QM 293 A-C
Burke, Chester Arthur

August 15, 1929.

Mrs. George Gado,
68 New St.,
Shelton, Conn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 6, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Widows and Mothers to Europe.

You are advised that the Act of March 2, 1929, provides that the pilgrimage shall be extended in the name of the United States to the mothers and widows for whom the pilgrimage is authorized, and it does not contain any provision for any member of the family to make the trip except the mother or unmarried widow, nor does it permit of the mother or widow being accompanied by any member of the family. The War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act and its efforts therefore must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc. of those named as eligible under the Act.

Any arrangements which are desired to be made by relatives or friends of such eligibles to visit the cemeteries in Europe must be made by them personally. The limited accommodations available in small towns in the neighborhood of the cemeteries in Europe, and the fact that it is contemplated that the War Department will utilize these accommodations to the limit for those mothers and widows eligible under the above mentioned Act make it necessary for those ineligible under the Act to make their own arrangements.

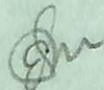
You are assured that competent personnel will be assigned

by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of these mothers and widows making the pilgrimage.

Should you find you will be able to make the trip, within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage (May 1930), blanks will be furnished you upon which to make application for the journey. Space will be provided thereon for you to indicate the time you desire to go.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

sc/mm

D. O. M. G. M. & R. DIV.

1930 AUG 13
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QM 295 A-C
Burke, Chester Arthur, 1764-M

May 17, 1930

Mrs. George Gade,
68 New Street,
Shelton, Conn.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date declining the invitation to sail on the SS "Washington" August 19, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Chester Arthur Burke, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Burke, Chester Arthur

1764
6-13-29

Active Name

August 15, 1929.

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Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 6, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Widows and Mothers to Europe.

You are advised that the Act of March 2, 1929, provides that the pilgrimage shall be extended in the name of the United States to the mothers and widows for whom the pilgrimage is authorized, and it does not contain any provision for any member of the family to make the trip except the mother or unmarried widow, nor does it permit of the mother or widow being accompanied by any member of the family. The War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act and its efforts therefore must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc. of those named as eligible under the Act.

Any arrangements which are desired to be made by relatives or friends of such eligibles to visit the cemeteries in Europe must be made by them personally. The limited accommodations available in small towns in the neighborhood of the cemeteries in Europe, and the fact that it is contemplated that the War Department will utilize these accommodations to the limit for those mothers and widows eligible under the above mentioned Act make it necessary for those ineligible under the Act to make their own arrangements.

You are assured that competent personnel will be assigned

by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of those mothers and widows making the pilgrimage.

Should you find you will be able to make the trip, within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage (May 1930), blanks will be furnished you upon which to make application for the journey. Space will be provided thereon for you to indicate the time you desire to go.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Shelton, Conn.
Aug. 6, 1929.

Dear Sir,

In answer to
your letter of June 13,
to make a pilgrimage
to France.

I should like very
much to take this trip.
but owing to past illness
I will be unable to go
without a companion.

Will you please advise
me as to whether my



husband could accompany me,
and the rates.

My son 2. M. 293 A-C
Private. Chester, Arthur, Burke.
was my only son and
not married.

Very truly yours.

Mrs. George Gade
68 New St.

Shelton, Conn.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June , 1929.

Burke, Chester Arthur.

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Mrs. George Gade,
68 New St., Shelton, Conn.

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 **Private Chester Arthur Burke, 17th Co. 5th Regt., U.S.M.C., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, 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 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 A-M
Burke Chester Arthur AM

September 7 1932

Mrs George Gade
68 New St
Shelton Conn

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Burke Chester Arthur (AM)

July 11 1932

Mrs George Gade
68 New St
Shelton Conn

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M

Burke, Chester A. Pvt. (AM) M

January 5, 1932.

Mrs. George Gade,
68 New St.,
Shelton, Conn.

Dear Madam:

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

The correspondence indicates that your health will not permit you to make this pilgrimage, 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 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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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

July 23, 1931.

Burke, Chester A Pvt. (A-M) M+

Mrs. George Gade,
68 New St.,
Shelton, Conn.

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

QM 293 A-M

Burke, Chester Arthur (A-M) M

April 20, 1931

Mrs. George Gade,
68 New St.,
Shelton, Conn.

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 "America" on August 12, 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 12, 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.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 1, 1930

Burke, Chester Arthur 1764-M

Mrs. George Gade
68 New Street
Shelton, Conn.

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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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 19, 1930

Burke, Chester Arthur 1764 M

Mrs. George Gade,
68 New St.,
Shelton, Conn.

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)

CM 293 A-C
Burke, Chester Arthur, 1764-M

May 17, 1930

Mrs. George Gade,
68 New Street,
Shelton, Conn.

Dear Madam:

W. C. C.
Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date declining the invitation to sail on the SS "Washington" August 19, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Chester Arthur Burke, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burke, Chester Arthur 1764-M

April 30, 1930

Mrs. George Gade,
68 New Street,
Shelton, Conn.

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

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

October 7, 1929.

Burke, Chester Arthur 1764-M

**Mrs. George Gade,
68 New St.,
Shelton, Conn.**

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,

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