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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME BURKE, Lester J.

RANK Pvt. SERIAL 1401168.

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ... Co. A, Mtr. Trans. Serv. ... *Corps not Dir.*

DATE OF DEATH *Aug 20/18*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *Ill.*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 35. 8. B.
Date Grave Row Block

Suresnes, #34

Cemetery

15 Received A. G. O. SEP 3 1974

23/306/ARK

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV
SEP 3 24

Place Suresnes (Seine)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 9.8.21

1. REMAINS OF BURKE, Lester J. SERIAL NUMBER 1401168
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. A. Motor Trans. Serv.

2. Disinterred (date): 9.8.21 From (give complete location):
Gr. 608 Cem. 34. Suresnes.
By: Group 4 Unit Sec. 6

3. Reburied (date): 9.8.21 In (give complete location): Block B
Gr. 35, Row 8, Cem. 34. Suresnes. Metallic casket & blanket
By: Group 4 Unit Sec. 6 Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Wooden coffin and shroud. Partly decomposed - unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes (2) On grave marker? No
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
No effects found. Scapulars on body.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? Nos. 1, 17, 30 & (31 M.B.D. No. 2. Cavity.)

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5 ft 8 in.

(b) Weight (estimated) 150 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color Dark Brown

Quantity Medium

Characteristics Straight

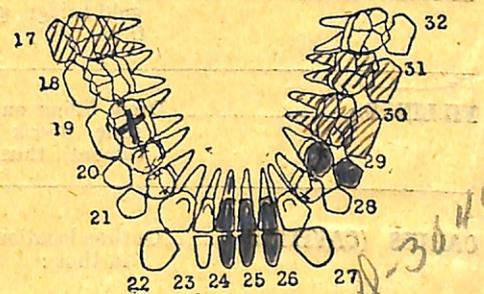
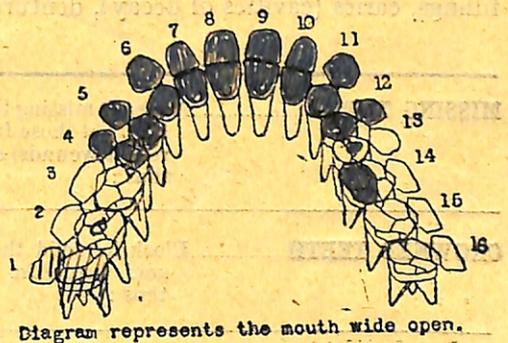
(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location None visible

Quantity None visible

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

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



Nos. 4 to 12 Gold & Porcelain bridge. Nos. 13, 14 & 19 Sil. Fil. Nos. 4, 12 & 29 Gold crowns. Nos. 24, 25 & 26 Gold caps.

7. Disinterment supervised by G.C. Handy, S.L. Approved: R.F. O'Leary
(Title) 1st Lieut., QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by G.C. Handy, S.L. Approved: R.F. O'Leary
(Title) 1st Lieut., QMC.

Burke, Lester J.
Pvt.

CENTRAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
HARRISON AND DEARBORN STREETS

CHICAGO, ILL.

C. A. FOX, CHAIRMAN
R. E. PEPPER, SECRETARY

FILE NO.

SAILING FROM NEW YORK JUNE 25, 1930

S. S. REPUBLIC

No. 378

Name Mrs Ellen Burke (I-22)
Address 5068 Monroe St.
From Chicago, Ill. To New York and return

Going Route

B&O to New York

Return same route

Train Schedule to New York

Lv. Chicago	10:00 AM No. 10 June 23
Ar. Jersey City	2:08 PM No. 10 ⁶ June 24

Sleeping car from Chicago to Jersey City

Elapsed time 28 Hrs 8 Min ¹/₄

Name BURKE, Mrs. Ellen
HOTEL D'ÏÉNA
Paris Hôtel AVENUE D'ÏÉNA
Home address 5068 Monroe St., Chicago, Cook County, Illinois
Party I Group 6 Unit §§. REPUBLIC.
Date of arrival July 6, 1930. Date of departure §§. AMERICA, July 17 1930.
Relationship Mother
Name of deceased BURKE, Lester J.
Rank Pvt Organization Motor Trans. Corps
Cemetery Suresnes

REMARKS

Desires quarters with Mrs Gillen Lizzie 3628 Oak Park Ave.
Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois (Group. Suresnes)



Group Suresnes - Itinerary - Party "I"

Sailed June 25, 1930 on SS REPUBLIC. Capt. F. M. Child and Lt. G. E. Young in charge. Arrived Cherbourg 10.30 pm July 5th. Tender arrived 5.35 am July 6th, bearing Major Dailey and 8 other officers; 4 nurses and 2 civilian employees. Train left at 8.21 am. Arrived Gare des Invalides 2.15 pm. Met by Col. Ellis, members of his staff and a detail of interpreters and nurses.

July 7th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Left hotel by bus at 3 pm for Arc de Triomphe where Mrs. Emmeline Neubert placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent after ceremony. Returned to hotel for dinner. Evening free.

July 8th. Left 9.30 am for Suresnes Cemetery. Lunch at Belle Cycliste. Dinner at Hotel d'Iena.

July 9th. Fontainebleau Via Melun. Lunch at Hotel Legris. Visit Chateau. Arrived Paris 6.00 pm. Dinner at Hotel d'Iena.

July 10th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Afternoon at Cemetery. Dinner at Hotel d'Iena. Sightseeing Night Trip.

July 11th. Visited Cemetery. Lunch at Belle Cycliste. Dinner at Hotel d'Iena.

July 12th. 8.30 am depart Porte de Pantin, Meaux. Arrived La Ferte s/s Jouarre 10.45 am. Rest stop Hotel de la Terrasse. Left 11.15 am. Arrived Chateau Thierry 12.15 pm. Lunch at Hostellerie du Bonhomme. Left 2.15 pm. Arrived Aisne-Marne Cemetery 2.40 pm. Left 3.30 pm. Arrived La Ferte s/s Jouarre 4.30 pm. Rest stop Hotel de la Terrasse. Left 5.00 pm and arrived in Paris 7.15 pm. Dinner at Hotel d'Iena.

July 13th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Sightseeing trip Paris Sacre Coeur. Dinner at Hotel d'Iena.

July 14th. Visited Cemetery. Lunch at Belle Cycliste. Sightseeing trip Paris Notre Dame. Dinner at Hotel d'Iena.

July 15th. Louvre. Lunch at Hotel d'Iena. Afternoon free. Dinner at Hotel d'Iena.

July 16th. Versailles. Lunch Belle Cycliste. Visited Suresnes Cemetery in afternoon. Dinner at Hotel d'Iena.

July 17th. Beat train for Cherbourg 10.30 am. Arrived Cherbourg 4.13 pm. SS AMERICA sailed shortly after 6.10 pm. Capt. Child and Lt. Young in charge. Arrived New York July 26th.

WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 -- ROOM 901 --

225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

Party I
 Number 1696

BURKE, LESTER J. SUR.

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. ELLEN BURKE
 Name of Traveler
CHICAGO, COOK COUNTY,
 Home Address
ILL.

Estimate cost of through Pullman.
 New York, to CHICAGO, ILL.
 \$ 9.00

New York, to CHICAGO, ILL.
 Destination.

Via B & O TO DEST.

LIMIT - AUG 22-30
 Date of Departure JULY 27, 1930

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV	JERSEY CITY B&O	9	7/27	4:54P				
AR	Chicago	"	7/28	7:25P	Lo 9	A-1	NY 1022378	9.00
LV								
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TOTAL 9.00

Remarks: :

Accounted by 1st Lt. Dennis M. Moore

2 Baps

NAME BURKE, MRS. ELLEN

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S.S. AMERICA

JUL 25 1930

1698

HOME CHICAGO, COOK COUNTY, ILL.

R.R. B+O to dest.

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Aug 22. 30

Mrs. E. Cote

5068 ^{West} Monroe St.

Chicago, Ill

354-A

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Mrs Ellen Burke

WAR DEPARTMENT
FILIPINO WIDOWS & WIDOWS
225 WEST 34TH ST. N.Y. N.Y. ROOM 901

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Transferred to
Hotel Park
By order of Mrs
Bawler
With Mrs.
Gillen

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$300.

THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD COMPANY
Passenger Traffic Department

Chicago, Illinois., June 19th, 1930.

SUBJECT: Gold Star Mothers' Pilgrimage Sailing from New York City
June 25th, 1930.

Gentlemen:

The following are Gold Star Mothers, located in Chicago proper, who will use our train No. 10-6 to New York, leaving Chicago on June 23rd and occupying space as designated below:

	low	Car
Mrs. Elsie Louise Preston, 1141 North LaSalle Ave., Chgo.	" 5	102
Mrs. Marie Louise Hadon, c/o Mrs. John Shea, 2863 Loomis St "	" 6	102
Mrs. Anna Cunningham, 1434 West 72nd Place, Chgo.	" 7	102
Mrs. Ellen Burke, 5068 Monroe St., Chgo.	" 8	102
Mrs. Pearl Bartlett, 1637 Marshall Field Bldg, c/o Dr. E. L. Dunn	" 9	102
Mrs. Rose E. Potter, 2446 Wilson Ave., Chgo.	" 10	102

Each of these mothers have been furnished by the U.S. Government \$10.00 a day for subsistence enroute.

Copy of this letter is sent to Mr. E. D. Ainslie who will please arrange to have representative meet these ladies upon arrival of train No. 10-6 at Jersey City, June 24th and assist wherever possible.

W. C. BROWN.

cc- L. Offerdahl
Pullman Conductor) Train No. 10 leaving Chicago June 23rd.
Train Conductor)
Dining Car Steward)
E. D. Ainslie
W. C. Calloway
C. A. Fox
Train Secretary, CAPITOL LIMITED, leaving Chicago June 23rd.
Col. A. E. Williams, 901 Pennsylvania Bldg., 225 W. 34th St., New York
City, N. Y.

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Burke, Mrs. E

June 10th, 1930

Mrs. Ellen Burke,
5068 Monroe Street,
Chicago, Ill.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
PLACEMENT, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS
225 WEST 34TH ST., N. Y., N. Y., ROOM 901

VIA POSTAL

A.C. TIPTON
MAJOR INF (DOL)

JULY 26 1930.

MRS A.P. COYE
5069 MONROE STREET
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

YOUR MOTHER ARRIVES CHICAGO 9:00 P.M MONDAY JULY 26th.

COLONEL WILLIAMS

MRS ELLEN BURKE PARTY I HOTEL MCALPIN

Postal Telegraph

(THE MACKAY SYSTEM)



ALL AMERICA
CABLES

COMMERCIAL
CABLES

RECEIVED AT

STANDARD TIME
INDICATED ON THIS MESSAGE

This is a full rate Telegram or Cablegram unless otherwise indicated by signal in the check or in the address.

BLUE	DAY LETTER
NL	NIGHT LETTER
NITE	NIGHT MESSAGE
LCO	DEFERRED CABLE
NLT	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
WLT	WEEK END CABLE LETTER

Form
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N10 7 TD CHPCAGO ILL 1218P JUL 26 1930

COLONEL WILLIAMS=

TIS ANS 25 MP OFC DATE NEWYORK NY=

ARRIVING AT WHAT DEPORT AND WHAT TRAIN=

MRS A F COTE.

238P

Bto #9 at 7:25 PM - July 28th

(Mrs. Ellen Burke, Party "I", Hotel McAlpin).

AEW:FVR

Pilgrimage, War Mothers & Widows,
R. 901, 225 W. 34th St.,
New York City, N.Y.

VIA POSTAL TELEGRAPH

A. E. WILLIAMS,
Colonel, Q.M. Corps.

July 28, 1930

Mrs. A. F. Cote,
5068 Monroe Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

YOUR MOTHER WILL ARRIVE CHICAGO ON B & O TRAIN NUMBER NINE AT SEVEN TWENTY
FIVE P M TONIGHT

COLONEL WILLIAMS

(Mrs. Ellen Burke, Party "I", Hotel McAlpin).

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

June 15, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R - #11758 (Burke, Lester J., Private)
FROM: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.
TO: Mrs. Ellen Burke, 3643 W. Polk St., Chicago, Ill.
SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of
Private Lester J. Burke,
Co. A, Mtr. Transport Service.

*File 22
6-15-22
HBE*

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. ³⁵ Row ⁸
Block
B, The American Cemetery of the Suresnes, Department of Seine,
France.

2. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, organization and date of soldier's death. 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.

3. 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.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED
JUN 15 1922
G.R.S.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

DATE _____

1. NAME Burke, Lester J. SERIAL No. 1401168

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co.A. Motor Trans Serv.

GRAVE LOCATION Suresnes American Cty 34
CTY. NAME NUMBER

608
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 608 SURESNES Seine.
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Amer. Cty. #34.

CONCENTRATED TO Original burial.
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Original burial.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None.
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR G.V.S. QUACKENBUSH.
Lieut.-Col., Q.M.C. Chief, Operations Div.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 9-8-21. 35. 8. Block B.
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34 (Seine) SURESNES.
CEMETERY

FR

*Audited by
CBY
2-28-22*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE 9.8.21

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, Lester J 10. Name _____
 2. No. 1401168 11. No. _____
 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank _____
 4. Org. Co.A.Motor Trans.Serv. 13. Org. _____
 5. D.D. Aug.20 14. (a) D.D. _____
 6. C.D. DOD (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 608 Sec. _____ 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 8. Plot _____ Row _____ 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____ 17. No discrepancy
 18. Cemetery American 19. Commune or town Suresnes
 20. Dept. or County Seine 21. Country France
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 34
 23. Disinterred (Date) 9.8.21 By C.O. Handy
 24. Inscription on grave marker:
 Name Lester J. Burke Serial No. None
 Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A. Motor Trans.Serv.
 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? Yes (2)

Thomas L. Collins
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).
No effects found. Scapulars on body.
 27. Condition of body Partly decomposed - unrecognizable.
 28. Nature of burial Wooden coffin and shroud.
 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 9.8.21 By C.O. Handy
 31. Casket sealed by C.O. Handy

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

C.O. Handy

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box) Box No. **C-5021**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Burke, Lester J** Serial No. **1401168**

Rank **Pvt** Organization **Co. A. Motor Trans. Serv.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Suresnes American Cty. #34**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **9.8.21** By **C.O. Handy**

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 **R.F.O'Leary,**
1st Lieut., QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **9.8.21**

To point of Concentration **Suresnes (Seine)**
(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery
(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **9.8.21**
(Date)

42. Grave No. **35** Section **---**

43. Plot **Block B** Row **8 (Cem. 34)**
FR

G.R.S. Representative **R.F.O'Leary,**
1st Lieut., QMC.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #11758 ✓

(a) Name BURKE, Lester J. Ser. No. 1401168
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A, Motor Trans. Service } TYP. DMA
(c) Date of death 8/20/18 (d) Cause of death Lobar pneumonia } CKR. 3/0

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

(a) Grave No. 608 Row --- Plot --- Sec. --- TYP. DMA
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ellen Burke (mother) 3643 W. Polk St., Chicago,

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR. Ill. 3/0

no card in file H.P. 12/30/20.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

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

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials H.P. Date 12/30, 1920.

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

No request for disposition.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes S.M.

Examiner's Initials S.M. Date 1-3-, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 608 SHEET No. 119

See Remarks

CARDED

FEB 25 1921 P.S.

Concentrated into P. A. C. 34

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 JAN 21 1921, 1920

RECEIVED

MAR 21 1921

Operatives Project Sub-Section
Central Division

~~Par. 2 Not to be returned.~~ (Ment)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *Burke, Lester J. buried in city 34-146087*
city "608" was typographical error EdH 3-22-21

File #293.8 Cor.Br.
[Burke, Lester J.]

March 16th, 1921.

File on 115a
34-119

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G., Washington, D.C.
SUBJECT: Letter of Transmission No. H-194.

1. Returned herewith is form #115 in the case of Lester J. Burke, Private, Serial Number 1401168, Co.A, Motor Transport Service, which was forwarded this office in letter of Transmission No. 1323, dated March 10th, 1921.

2. There is already one case in Cemetery 608, Sheet No. 119, on file here - Private Frank Baker, Serial Number 1558498, Co. A, 166th Infantry. It is requested, therefore, that correction be made and papers be returned to this office for necessary action.

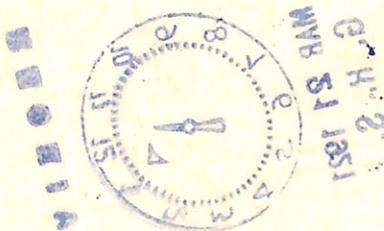
R. M. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

By:

J. F. BUTLER,
1st Lieutenant, Infantry.

1 encl.

Division of Cemeterial Affairs
Office of the Chief



MAR 21 1921
RECEIVED

Recorded JHE 3/26/21

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #11758

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BURKE, Lester J. Ser. No. 1401168 IMA
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. A, Motor Trans. Service TYP
 (c) Date of death 8/20/18 Cause of death Lobar pneumonia 21

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

(a) Grave No. 608 Row --- Plot --- Sect. --- TYP. --- DMA
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ellen Burke (mother) 3643 W. Polk St., Chicago, Ill. Ill.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. NO CARD CKR 21

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

G.O. - No card in file
G.R.S. - No request for disposition.
G.B.R. - 2/23/21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192)
 (letter of transmittal on JAN 21 1921)

Par. 2 Not to be returned. (MEX) MAR 10 1921 MAR 24 1921

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

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

S-666/MB FRANCE

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~~608~~

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FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

Concentrated into P. A. C. 34

FEB 25 1921 H.S.

11758

JUN 1951

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BURKE, 1401168 Lester J.

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

Pvt. Co. A. Mtr. Trasp, T. Ser.

(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.

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:

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Burke, Lester J. Bur	3	2 17 08
BURIED	CEMETERY 34	1	6
	GRAVE 35	2	35
	ROW 8	2	08
	BLOCK 13	1	2
STATE	Ill.	2	13
RANK	Priv	1	2
DIVISION	Motor Trans Corps	2	54
ORGANIZATION		3	XXX
ARM		1	X
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Mrs. Ellen Burke Bur	3	2 17 08
RESIDENCE	STATE Ill.	2	13
	COUNTY Cook	2	16
	CITY Chicago	3	028
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. 1930	1	
ACCEPTANCE	420	1	
29/514/EAB	Age		

Sold June 2 1930

AUDITED
 SEP 25 1931
 LVPB

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NAME Burke, Mrs. Ellen

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ADDRESS 5068 Monroe St. Chicago, Ill.

DATE _____

TO: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

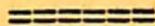
I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED)

Ellen Burke

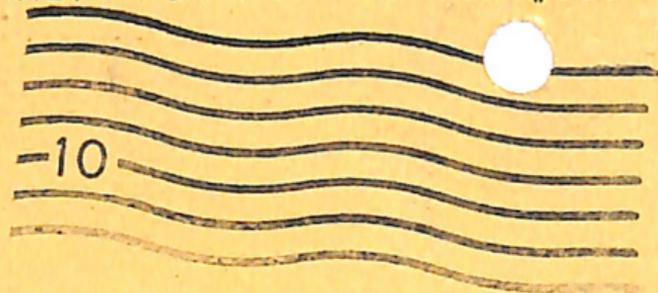
WAR DEPARTMENT



OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

609
225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

ILLINOIS

Burke, Lester J.

M

NAME *Burke, Mrs. Ellen* HOME ADDRESS *5068 Monroe St.,*

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN *Mrs. E. Cote Same Address* *Chicago*

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE *JUN 24 1930* HOTEL *Paramount* ROOM NO. *736*
354-a

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *JUN 25 1930* VESSEL *S/S REPUBLIC* CABIN NO. *354-A*

DESTINATION *CHERBOURG* CEMETERY *SUR*

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE *JUL 26 1930*

M

NAME *Burke, Mrs. Ellen* HOME ADDRESS *5068 Monroe St.,*
Chicago, Illinois

RETURN ON S. S. *S/S AMERICA* HOTEL *MCALPIN* ROOM NO. *656*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *7/27*

ROAD *BoD* TRAIN *9* CAR *a-1* BERTH or SEAT *L9*

REMARKS

1913

RETURN RECEIPT

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QM 293 AM
Burke, Lester J. Pvt. 34 M

August 9, 1930.

Mrs. Ellen Burke,
5068 Monroe St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated July 25th to the Secretary of War, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS America were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been referred to me for reply.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army and the nurse in charge of your group rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DEWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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QM 293 A-C

June 4, 1930

Gillen, Carl E. 34 M
✓ Burke, Lester J. 34 M

Mrs. Ellen Burke,
5068 Monroe Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 26 relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. C. A. Gillen when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "Republic" June 25, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Cook Co. Chicago, Ill.
May 26, 30

War Dept.
Quartermaster General,
Washington D.C.

Q. M. 293 A-C.
Burke, Lester J. 34 M.

Dear Sir:-

I intend to sail for
France with the Gold Star
Mothers on the "Republic"
on June (26)th 1930 and I would
appreciate it very much
if you could arrange to



Back acc.
Republic
June 25.

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and cards

have a friend of mine share
the same cabin or stateroom
with me, her name is
Carl E. Gilley 347M

Mrs. C. A. Gilley

3628 Oak Park Ave

Berwyn, Ill.

Also a "Gold Star Mother"

Hoping to hear from
you and thanking you
very kindly for this favor,

I am,

Sincerely

Mrs Ellen Burke

5068 Monroe St.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burke, Lester J. 34-M
Republic 6/25

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Ellen Burke
5068 Monroe St.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Mrs Helen M. Cote. (Mrs Alfred J. Cote)

Address

5068 W. Monroe St. Yoted

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 5, 1930.

Burke, Lester J. 34 M

Mrs. Ellen Burke,
5068 Monroe St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Burke, Peter J.

I accept 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. Ellen Burke

(Name)

5068 Monroe St., Chicago, Cook Co., Illinois.

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Burke, Lester J. 34 M

October 8, 1929

Mrs. Ellen Burke,
5068 Monroe St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

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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.

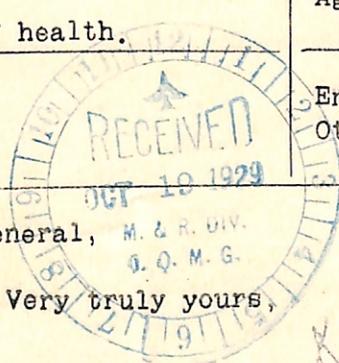
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) (No) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>20</i> Health <i>good</i> (Years) (Good) (Bad)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General, M. & R. DIV.
Q. Q. M. G.

Very truly yours,

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

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Chicago Ill
June 19, 29

Office of the Quartermaster General
War Dept. Washington. D.C.
G. M. 293-A.C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter
of May 29th in regards to my
son Private Lester J. Burke,
beg to state that he was
not married, consequently
leaves no widow.

Trusting this is the
necessary information, I beg
to remain,
yours truly
Mrs. Ellen Burke.

5068 Monroe Sts

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burke, Lester J.

May , 1929.
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Mrs. Ellen Burke,
5068 Monroe St.,
Chicago, Ill.

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 Lester J. Burke, Co. A, Motor Transport Corps, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, 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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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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



QM 295 AM
Burke, Lester J. Pvt. 54 M

August 9, 1930.

Mrs. Ellen Burke,
5088 Monroe St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated July 26th to the Secretary of War, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS America were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been referred to me for reply.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army and the nurse in charge of your group rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DONITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burke, Lester J. 34-M

June 13, 1930

Mrs. Ellen Burke,
5068 Monroe Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet. a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

Burke, Lester J. 34 M

June 5, 1930

Mrs. Ellen Burke
5068 Monroe Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Chicago 10:00 AM No. 10 June 23
Ar. Jersey City 2:08 PM " 10-6 " 24

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

QM 293 A-C

June 2, 1930.

Burke, Lester J. 34 M

Mrs. Ellen Burke,
5068 Monroe St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The acceptances from the mothers and widows who are to make the pilgrimage to France, sailing on the SS REPUBLIC, June 25, 1930, are far in excess of the number anticipated, and due to this fact this boat will be somewhat crowded and the accommodations will not be as satisfactory as The War Department desires to furnish. Over 300 women have accepted invitations to sail on this boat and it is desired if possible to reduce this number to around 200 by voluntary transfers of women who are booked to sail.

Much more comfortable accommodations can be furnished on the SS REPUBLIC, sailing August 30, 1930, and should you change your sailing date to August 30th, a more comfortable trip can be assured.

If you desire to change from June 25th to August 30th, please notify this office at once, in order that the necessary adjustments can be made.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burke, Lester J. 34-M
Republie 6/25

May 12, 1930

Mrs. Ellen Burke
5068 Monroe St.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

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
Burke, Lester
Republic 6-25

May 9 1930

Mrs. Ellen Burke
5068 Monroe St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October , 1929.

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Burke, Lester J. 34 M

Mrs. Ellen Burke,
5068 Monroe St.,
Chicago, Illinois.
Dear Madam:

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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.

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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.

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QM 293 A-C
Gillen, Carl E. 34 M
Burke, Lester J. 34 M

June 4, 1930

Mrs. Ellen Burke,
5088 Monroe Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 26 relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. C. A. Gillen when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "Republic" June 25, 1930.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Paris.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. H. SHANNON,
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

April 7, 1930.

Burke, Lester J. 34 M

Mrs. Ellen Burke,
5068 Monroe St.,
Dear Madam:
Chicago, Ill.

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.

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 5, 1930.

Burke, Lester J. 34 M

Mrs. Ellen Burke,
5068 Monroe St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

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

Burke, Lester J.

May , 1929.

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Mrs. Ellen Burke,
5068 Monroe St.,
Chicago, Ill.

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Lester J. Burke, Co. A, Motor Transport Corps, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, 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 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,

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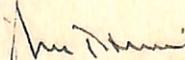
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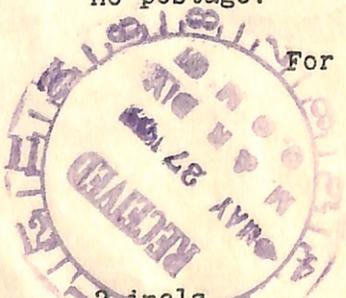
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