



# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burke Walter E

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

2nd Lt. Co G, 119 Inf

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL.

Oct. 21, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL.

Ribeauville, Mele Com

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

map sheet 57B, W. G. C. 5-2

GRAVE NUMBER.

A 24

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?

yes

Cross?

yes

Headboard?

Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

yes

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

yes

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

REPORTED BY:

St. A. P. Stepp, Chaplain 119 Inf

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb. 16, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BURKE, Walter E. SERIAL NUMBER.....

RANK 2nd Lt. ORGANIZATION Co. C 119th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): From (give complete location):

Feb. 16, 1921 Gr. 139, Pl. B, Row 6

By: Group 3 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

Feb. 16, 1921 Gr. 18, Pl. A, Row 6

By: Group 3 Unit Sec. 7 Nature of reburial Pine box  
Blanket

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

Uniform, Officer's burlap and box Badly decomposed Not recog.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes (3) On grave marker? Yes

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

Body tag reads Cpl. Co. C 355 Inf.  
" " " " W.E. Burke Co. A. Hq. Bn. GHQ "----800" of SN legible  
Tag on body reads Buke, W.E. Co. A. Hq. Bn. G.H.Q. 2310800

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Imp. to determine

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

Fracture of right arm above elbow

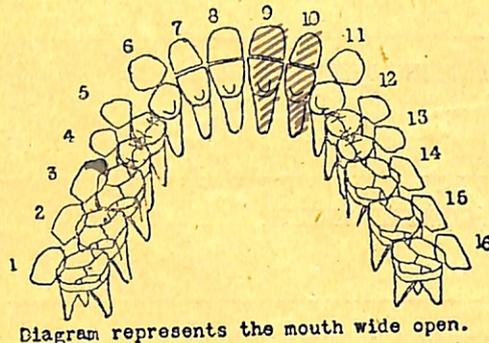
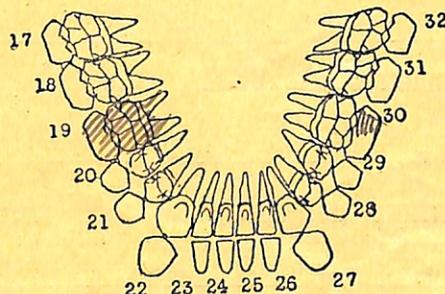


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



3 Metal filling

9, 10 Missing  
30 Cavity  
19 Extracted 30135

7. Disinterment supervised by E.P. DOYLE Approved: E.W. AUSTIN  
Capt., Q.M.C. (Title) Maj., F.A.

8. Reburial supervised by E.P. DOYLE Approved: E.W. AUSTIN  
JJO chp (Title) Maj., F.A.

*Burke, Walter E.*

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY May 7, 1930

State of Nebraska

Frontier County

Name: Burke, Mrs Julia

Address: Maywood, Nebraska

Route Going: CB&Q RR Chicago, Erie New York

Return: Same Route

*Burke, Walter E.*

*m-636*

		: Road :	Train :	Time	:	Date
Itinerary going	Lv Maywood	: CB&Q :	152	: 12:48 PM	:	May 3
	Ar Holdrege	: " :	"	: 3:45 PM	:	" "
	Lv Holdrege	: " :	6	: 1:10 AM	:	" 4
	Ar Chicago	: " :	"	: 7:45 PM	:	" "
	Lv Chicago	: Erie :	2	: 8:35 PM	:	" "
	Ar New York	: " :	"	: 9:55 PM	:	" 5

(West 23rd Street  
Station)

Accommodations: Coach Maywood to Holdrege, standard sleeper Holdrege to Chicago and Chicago to New York.

Elapsed Time: 57 hrs:7 min.

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F. Naville, R.M.  
Party a

# MEDICAL RECORD

Burke, Walter E.  
2nd St, Co G. 1199 Inf.

Station: St Quentin, France.

Date: May 20, 1930

Name Burke, Mrs Julia

Home address Maywood, Nebraska

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mr. W. S. Burke (Husband)  
Maywood, Nebraska

Religion Protestant (Christian Church) Age 64 years.

History of Present complaint: May 20 - Feeling very cold a "chilled", after auto journey from Paris. Brandy 38s. May 21 - Slept well, a feeling better. Appetite good.

(over)

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Diagnosis and complications : *(include dates)*

Treatment and Progress : *(include dates)*

Disposition : *(include dates)*

Remarks :

5/29/30. To Cherdony - OK to travel  
Beuch-

Name.....BURKE, Mrs. Julia.....

Paris Hôtel.....HOTEL DE PARIS.....

Home address.....BOULEVARD DE LA MADELEINE  
Maywood, Frontier County, Nebraska.....

Party.....A..... Group 5..... Unit S/S AMERICA.....

Date of arrival.....MAY 16. 1930..... Date of departure.....MAY 29th, 1930. ~~SS~~. HARDING.....

Relationship.....Mother.....

Name of deceased.....BURKE, Walter E. ....

Rank.....2nd Lt. Organization.....Co. G, 119th Inf. ....

Cemetery.....Somme.....

REMARKS

desires quarters with Mrs. S. Johnson, Maywood, Nebraska, Group 3



MRS. JULIA BURKE  
Maywood, Nebraska.

Mother of 2nd Lt. Walter E. Burke, Co. G, 119th Infantry, remains interred in the Somme American Cemetery in France.

Arrived New York on May 5th on Train 2 Erie RR at 9:35 P.M.

Met by Captain Funk

Escorted to New Yorker hotel and occupied room with Mrs. S. J. Johnson.

Sailed on the SS AMERICA for Cherbourg and arrived May 16th  
Occupied cabin 37 with Mrs. Sarah Johnson, Mrs. Eldora Carter

See itinerary attached for group in Europe

Sailed May 29th on the PRESIDENT HARDING - Occupied cabin 248  
with Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Sophia Strand.

Arrived New York June 6th and escorted to the McAlpin hotel  
and occupied room 606 with Mrs. Sarah Johnson.

Left for home on the 7th of June on train 1 Erie RR at 9:00 A.M. from  
Jersey City. (2 pieces of baggage)

Escorted by Captain Cistero

ILLNESS: May 20th feeling very cold and chilly after ride from Paris.  
May 21st - feeling better.

ITINERARY OF SOMME GROUP

PARTY "A"

Arrived at Cherbourg at 1:45 P.M. May 16, 1930, on the SS AMERICA. Met by Majors Dailey, Beach, Captain Haley, Miss Rulon and 2 other nurses.

Taken to the Main Hall of the Gare Maritime where officially welcomed by the French. Then to train to go to Paris. Met in Paris by photographers and Mr. Daniel Baque who made a welcoming speech at the Gare des Invalides. Then to hotel.

May 17th - Spent morning resting and transacting personal business, such as preparation of laundry, exchange of money, buying flowers, etc. After lunch proceeded to the Arc de Triomphe where Mrs. S. G. Thompson of New York placed a wreath. Then to the Laurent Restaurant for tea and an informal reception - short addresses were made by prominent persons - including General Pershing. Hotel for dinner.

May 18th - Sunday - church - sightseeing

May 19th - Spent day at Fontainebleau visiting the Park and Chateau at that place, as well as stopping and seeing the town of Molun and the famous artist village of Barbison. Lunched at Fontainebleau.

May 20th - 25th.

Left for cemetery - visited daily for five days.

May 26th - returned to Paris

May 27-28th - Sightseeing which included a trip to Versailles

May 29th - Left Paris for Cherbourg to sail at 6:45 PM on the PRESIDENT HARDING for home.

Mrs. Julia Burke

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

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

Party "A"  
 Number 124

*BURKE, WALTER E.*

Son

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Julia Burke

Name of Traveler  
 Maywood, Frontier County,  
 Home Address  
 Nebraska.

Estimate cost of through Pullman.  
 New York, to Maywood, Nebraska.

\$ 16.50

New York, to Maywood, Nebraska.  
 Destination.

Via Erie to Chicago - C.B. & Q. to Dest.

*Sarah Johnson*

June 7, 1930.  
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV	Jersey City	Erie	#1	6/7	9 am	LV	12	1,020.276
AR	Chicago			8 am.				
LV	Chicago	089.	9	10.30 am				
AR	Chicago			5.50 am	7	7		
LV	Heldreth			9.15 am				
AR	Maywood			11.33 am.				
LV								
AR								
LV								
AR								
LV								
AR								
LV								
AR								
TOTAL								21.30

Remarks: :

*Extra fare train*

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NAME Burke, Mrs. Julia

S.S. Harding, June 6, 1930

HOME Maywood, Frontier County, Neb.

R.R. Erie & Chi. C. & G. <sup>to dest.</sup> ~~Maywood, Neb.~~

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

028

28

April 19th, 1930.

Mrs. Julia Burke,  
Maywood,  
Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the railroad station by a United States Air Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star with the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your hotel in New York City.

For the Officer in Charge

George H. W. Taylor,  
1st Lieut. U.S. AIR CORPS,  
Asst. Asst.

Enclosures:  
2 tags

VIA WESTERN UNION.

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

W. L. Burke,

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,  
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.

Maywood, Nebraska.

June 7, 1930

WE ARRIVED IN NEW YORK WILL BE HOME MONDAY NOON

MOTHER.

**PARTY A**

*201 Burke, Mrs Julia*

*Party A*

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>BURKE Walter</i>	<i>Bur</i>	3	<i>2 12 0</i> <i>1 8</i>
<i>E.</i>	CEMETERY <i>636</i>	1	<i>5</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>2</i>	2	<i>02</i>
	ROW <i>7</i>	2	<i>07</i>
	BLOCK <i>6</i>	1	<i>3</i>
STATE	<i>Nebr.</i>	2	<i>32</i>
RANK	<i>2nd Lt.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
DIVISION	<i>30th</i>	2	<i>30</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>119th</i>	3	<i>119</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>W</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Mrs. Julia Burke</i>	<i>Bur</i>	3	<i>2 12 0</i> <i>1 8</i>
	STATE <i>Nebr.</i>	2	<i>32</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Montic</i>	2	<i>32</i>
	CITY <i>Maywood</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. <i>1930</i>	1	
	YR. <i>1930</i>	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
29/514/EAB	<i>Age 63</i>		<i>63</i>

**AUDITED**  
SEP. 25 1931 *KPB*

QM 293 A-M  
Burke, Walter E. - 636

September 9, 1930

Mrs. Julia Burke,  
Maywood,  
Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

The enclosed **passport** used by you on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has been stamped showing "Pilgrimage Completed" and may be retained by you as an additional souvenir of your trip.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
1 passport

A.

NAME Burke, Mrs Julia

ADDRESS Maywood Nebr.

DATE June 9<sup>th</sup> '30.

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,

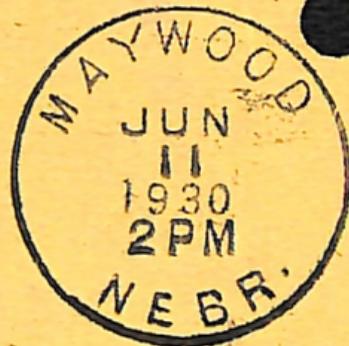
(SIGNED) Mrs Julia Burke

WAR DEPARTMENT



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

NEBRASKA

Burke, Walter F.

Mother

Maywood,  
Frontier County

NAME Burke, Mrs. Julia HOME ADDRESS

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mr. W. L. Burke Maywood Neb

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE May 5, 1930 HOTEL NEW YORKER ROOM NO. 606

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE May 7th, 1930 VESSEL S/S "AMERICA" CABIN NO. 37-B

DESTINATION CHERBOURG, FRANCE CEMETERY SOMME

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party "A"

Station: St. Quentin

Date: May 20, 1930

Name Burke, Mrs. Julia.

Home address Maywood, Nebraska (no street address)

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mr. W.L. Burke (husband) S.A.

Religion Protestant.

Age 64

## History of Present complaint :

May 20, 1930 Feeling very cold and chilly after ride from paris. Brandy oz. ss. May 21, 1930 Slept. well, felling better

Appetite good.

May 29, 1930 To Cherbourg. O.K. to travel.

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(over)

Diagnosis and complications : *(include dates)*

PRES. HARDING

Treatment and Progress : *(include dates)*

NEW YORK

JUN 6 1912

Disposition : *(include dates)*

Remarks :

AT Ballard

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE *JUN 6 1930* .....

Frontier County  
Maywood  
Nebraska

Mother

NAME ..... *Burke, Mrs. Julia* ..... HOME ADDRESS .....

*MCALPIN*

RETURN ON S. S. *HARDING* ..... HOTEL ..... ROOM NO. *606* .....

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *JUN 7 1930* .....

ROAD *Erie* ..... TRAIN *1* ..... CAR *12* ..... BERTH or SEAT *L2* .....

REMARKS .....  
.....  
.....  
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RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Miss Julia Burke  
-----  
(Signature or name of addressee.)

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**DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY**  
(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, **APR 25 192**, 192

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926323

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE



Return to J. M. Bennett

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, Minuteman Bldg

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

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Annua 5/7/30

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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 924213

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Return to A. M. General

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, Washington Bldg.

WASHINGTON,

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY



D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burke, Walter E. 636-M

April 21, 1930.

Mrs. Julia Burke,  
Maywood, Nebr.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. <sup>291,763</sup> in the amount of \$25.00 to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burke, Walter E. 636-K

April 21, 1930.

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Haywood, Neb.

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Burke, Walter E. 636-M

April 15, 1930

Mrs. Julia Burke,  
Maywood, Nebraska.

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 Maywood	12:48 PM,	CB&Q No. 152,	May 3
Ar Holdrege	3:45 PM,	CB&Q No. 152,	May 3
Lv Holdrege	1:10 AM,	CB&Q No. 6,	May 4
Ar Chicago	7:45 PM,	CB&Q No. 6,	May 4
Lv Chicago	8:35 PM,	Erie No. 2,	May 4
Ar. New York	9:55 PM,	Erie No. 2,	May 5

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.

*See Johnson Case*

QM 293 A-C  
Johnson, Louis F. 1233-M  
Burke, Walter E. 636-M

April 4, 1930.

Mr. Harry Hall, Cashier,  
Farmers Security Bank,  
Maywood, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 27, 1930, relative to the desire of Mrs. Sarah Johnson and Mrs. W. L. Burke to be quartered together on the SS AMERICA sailing May 7th for Europe.

Notation has been made of their desire, and it is believed their wishes can be complied with.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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*See Johnson Case for letter from bank*

QM 293 A-C  
Burke, Walter E. - 333 M

April 1, 1930

*Johnson, Louis 1233*

Mrs. Julia Burke,  
Maywood,  
Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 26, relative to your desire that Mrs. Sarah Johnson be quartered with you on the SS "America" when you make the pilgrimage to the graves of your sons, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

Notation has been made of your desire in this matter and your request will be complied with insofar as is practicable.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

BB:lg

P.E. I.M. 293 A-C.  
Burke, Walter E. - 636m.

Maywood Nebr.  
March 26, 1930

A. D. Hughes,  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I received your letter of instruction, and will ask that Mrs. Sarah Johnson of Maywood, Nebr. be quartered as my cabin mate if possible.

Thanking you most sincerely for your kindness, I am,

Mrs. Sarah Johnson accepts  
for America May 7<sup>th</sup>

Sincerely Yours,

Johnson, Louis F.

1233

Same Cabin  
Noted

Mrs. Julia Burke  
Accepts for America  
May 7<sup>th</sup>

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 12, 1930.

Burke, Walter E. 636 M

Mrs. Julia Burke,  
Maywood, Nebr.

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:

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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.

Burke - Walter E  
2nd Lt Co 4 119th Inf

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. Julia Burke

(Name)

Maywood, Frontier County, Nebraska

(Town or City)

(State)

*American  
May 7 - 1930*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Burke, Walter E 636 -M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Julia Burke,  
Maywood,  
Nebraska.

*Sailed  
May 7, 1930*

Dear Madam:

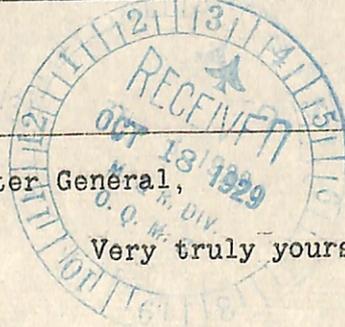
The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, 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>63</i> Health <i>good</i>	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



*John T. Harris*

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

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# NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

OF HARTFORD, CONN.

## WESTERN DEPARTMENT

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COMPTROLLER

Maywood, Nebraska.

May 22, 1929.

Quartermaster General,

Washington, D. C.

Refer: QM 293 A-G  
Burke, Walter E.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Mrs. Julia Burke, of Maywood, Nebraska, is the mother of the late Lieut. Walter E. Burke, of Company G, 119th Infantry, and as such, will be entitled to make the pilgrimage to his grave.



Yours very truly,

*W. L. Burke*  
W. L. Burke,

Maywood, Nebraska.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burke, Walter E.

May 16, 1929.

Mr. W. L. Burke,  
Maywood,  
Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

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 father of the late Second Lieutenant Walter E. Burke, Company G, 119th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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*shows*  
*"no widow"*  
2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

*TPB*

*B*

QM 293 A-M

Burke, Walter E.

October 3, 1930

Mrs. Julia Burke,  
Maywood, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

The enclosed **Passport** used by you on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has been stamped showing "Pilgrimage Completed" and may be retained by you as an additional souvenir of your trip.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

U.M.C.M. & C. DIV.

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Passport.

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QM 293 A-M

Burke, Walter E. - 636

September 9, 1930

Mrs. Julia Burke,  
Maywood,  
Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

The enclosed **passport** used by you on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has been stamped showing "Pilgrimage Completed" and may be retained by you as an additional souvenir of your trip.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Burke, Walter E. 636-M

April 15, 1930

Mrs. Julia Burke,  
Maywood, Nebraska.

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 Maywood	12:48 PM,	CB&Q No. 152,	May 3
Ar Holdrege	3:45 PM,	CB&Q No. 152,	May 3
Lv Holdrege	1:10 AM,	CB&Q No. 6,	May 4
Ar Chicago	7:45 PM,	CB&Q No. 6,	May 4
Lv Chicago	8:35 PM,	Erie No. 2,	May 4
Ar. New York	9:55 PM,	Erie No. 2,	May 5

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.

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QM 293 A-C  
Johnson, Louis F. 1233-M  
Burke, Walter E. 635-M

April 4, 1930.

Mr. Harry Hall, Cashier,  
Farmers Security Bank,  
Maywood, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 27, 1930, relative to the desire of Mrs. Sarah Johnson and Mrs. W. L. Burke to be quartered together on the SS AMERICA sailing May 7th for Europe.

Notation has been made of their desire, and it is believed their wishes can be complied with.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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293 Burke, Walter E.

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QM 295 A-C

Burke, Walter E. - 036 H

April 1, 1930

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Mrs. Julia Burke,  
Haywood,  
Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 26, relative to your desire that Mrs. Sarah Johnson be quartered with you on the SS "America" when you make the pilgrimage to the graves of your sons, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

Notation has been made of your desire in this matter and your request will be complied with insofar as is practicable.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

*See Crew List.*

*U. S. M. & R. DIV.*

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QM 298 A-C  
Burke, Walter E. - 636 M

April 1, 1930

Mrs. Julia Burke,  
Maywood,  
Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 26, relative to your desire that Mrs. Sarah Johnson be quartered with you on the SS "America" when you make the pilgrimage to the graves of your sons, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

Notation has been made of your desire in this matter and your request will be complied with insofar as is practicable.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. 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

Burke, Walter E. 636-M

March 19, 1930

Mrs. Julia Burke,  
Maywood, Nebraska.

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.

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

March 12, 1930.

Burke, Walter E. 636 M

Mrs. Julia Burke,  
Maywood, Nebr.

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.

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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.

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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

October 7 1929.

Burke, Walter E 636 -M

Mrs. Julia Burke,  
Maywood,  
Nebraska.

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,

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

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ORIGINAL PAPER FILED

CROSS INDEX

QM 293 A-C  
(Johnson, Louis F.)  
(Burke, Walter E.)

July 12, 1929

O. O. M. G.

Mr. Harry Hall, Cashier,  
Farmers Security Bank,  
Maywood, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

In connection with your letter of June 21, 1929, I am enclosing herewith for your information a copy of the Act approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and unmarried widows of members of the American forces whose bodies are now interred in the cemeteries in Europe to visit their graves.

Under the provisions of this Act, Mrs. Sarah Johnson, as the mother of the late Private Louis F. Johnson is entitled to visit his grave in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery at the expense of the Government, and Mrs. W. L. Burke, as the mother of the late 2nd Lieut. Walter E. Burke, is entitled to make the pilgrimage to his grave in the Somme American Cemetery, provided they have not previously visited their sons' graves in Europe.

Within a reasonable time blank forms upon which to make formal application for the journey will be sent direct to Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Burke. Space will be provided on these blanks for them to indicate the time during which they desire to make the trip. As their sons are buried in different cemeteries it is doubtful whether or not Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Burke can make the trip together. However, this cannot be definitely determined until final plans for the pilgrimages are completed.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Burke, Walter E.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 16, 1929.

Burke, Walter E.

Mr. W. L. Burke,  
Maywood,  
Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

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 father of the late Second Lieutenant Walter E. Burke, Company G, 119th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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Burke,

Walter E

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

2nd Lt Co G 119th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Father*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*No*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*W L Burke  
Maywood Neb*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

France  
Qty # 642.

Drawn by Bm  
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OSP SS.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

March 16, 1927.

BURKE, Walter E. - 2nd Lt.  
Co. G, 119th Infantry.

Mr. W. L. Burke,  
Maywood, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

K. J. HAMPTON,  
Lt. Col. Q.M.C.  
Assistant.

✓  
1 Incl.  
Record card.



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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 13, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name Burke, Walter E

2. No. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Rank 2nd Lt.

4. Org. Co. C. 119th Inf

5. D.D. Oct. 18, 1918

6. C.D. KIA.

Body " " Disc (1) shows: Walter E. Burke  
 (2) Show: W.E. Burke

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (1) 2310800

11. No. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Rank (3) Corpl.  
 (1) Co. C. 355 Inf. U.S.N.A.

13. Org. (2) Co. A. Hq. B.O. G.H.Q. A.E.F.

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Discs pinned to blanket)  
 (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 18 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot A Row 6

9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

17. no discrepancy

18. Cemetery Brit. Mil. Cty

20. Dept. or County Nord

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 642

19. Commune or town St. Souplet

21. Country \_\_\_\_\_

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 13, 1921

By E.L. Reid

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Walter E. Burke

Rank 2. Lieut.

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Co. C. 119th. Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes

On body? yes (3)

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)

Body previously worked by field section: bottle record and 2 metal strips; data agrees with form 114-A. Discs pinned to blanket read: (1) Walter E. Burke (1) 2310800  
 (2) W.E. Burke (3) Corpl.  
 (1) Co. C. 355 Inf. U.S.N.A. (2) Co. A. Hq. B.O. G.H.Q. A.E.F.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecog.

28. Nature of burial U.S. uniform, blanket and wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above?

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 13, 1921 By E.L. Reid

31. Casket sealed by E.L. Reid

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) E.L. Reid

E. L. Reid

AUDITED BY  
Hub  
3/25/25

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-1670

32. Designation of body:

Name Burke, Walter E Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank 2nd Lt. Organization Co.C.119th Inf

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery American Cemetery #636, Bony (Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 13, 1921 By E. L. Reid

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 J. J. Powers  
J. J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks Disc on marker read: "Walter E. Burke, Corpl. Co. C. 355 Inf. U.S.N.A. 2310800"

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 13, 1921

To point of Concentration Aisel, Somme

Convoyer S.C. Stewart Signature Shipping Officer J. J. Powers  
S.C. Stewart (Name) J. J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 13, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative Hubert W. Boyette  
Hubert W. Boyette, Capt. QMC

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 13, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery No. 636, Bony, Aisne

Convoyer S.C. Stewart Signature Shipping Officer Hubert W. Boyette  
S.C. Stewart (Name) H.W. Boyette, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date 14 OCT 1921

G.R.S. Representative J.R. D... ..

41. Reinterred Oct. 13, 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 3 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. ~~1186~~ Block C Row 7

G.R.S. Representative D. E. Lowry  
D. E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC

Place St. Souplet (N rd)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 13, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BURKE, Walter E. SERIAL NUMBER -----

RANK 2nd Lt. ORGANIZATION Co. G, 119th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 13, 1921, Gr. 18, Plot A, Row 6, Brit. Mil. Cem. 642, St. Souplet, France,  
From (give complete location):

By: Group 4 Unit F.S.8

3. Reburied (date): 10/13/22 In (give complete location):  
Grave 3 Row 7 Block C, Somme Cem. #636, Bony (Aisne)

By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Reburial \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Reg. Casket, Shipping Case

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable. U.S. uniform, blanket and wooden box.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes, 3. On grave marker? Yes.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Body previously worked by Field Section. Bottle record and 2 metal strips - data checks with form 114-A.

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 estimate

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

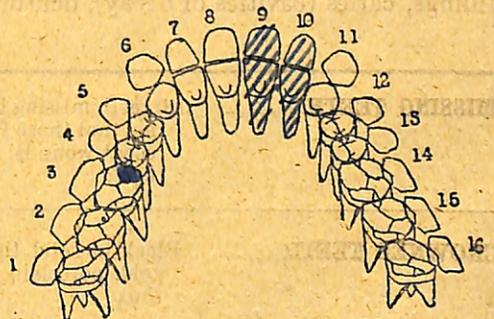
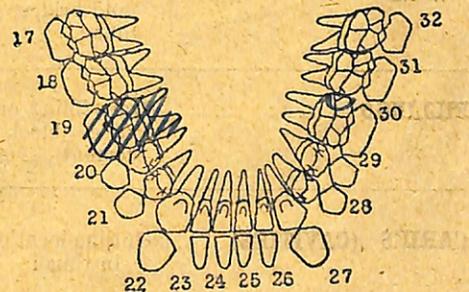


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



(3 SF, 9&10 MAD, 19 MBD, 30 Cav.)

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

W.D. Wall, Jr., Checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by E. E. Reid  
E.L. Reid, Sup. Sub.

Approved: J. J. Powers,  
(Title) 1st Lt., C.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by B.A. Bradford, S.E.

Approved: D.E. Lowry,  
(Title) 1st Lt. OMC.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 61675

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BURKE, Walter E. Ser. No.                     )  
 (b) Rank 2nd Lieut. Organization Co. G, 119th Inf.) TYP. EN  
 (c) Date of death 10-18-18 (d) Cause of death K/A) CKR. L.S.

11. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(a) Grave No. #139 Row 6 Plot B Sect. -) TYP. EN  
 (b) Emerg. Address W.L. Burke, (Father), Maywood, Nebr.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; NO CARD) CKR. L.S.

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name W.L. Burke (b) Relationship Father  
 (c) Address Maywood, Nebr.  
 (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 AES Date 8-16-1920

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

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

✓ No correspondence

Examiner's Initials AES Date 8-16-1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows:

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes AM

Examiner's Initials AM Date 8-17-1920

COUNTRY France. CEMETERY NO. # 642 SHEET NO. 40

G.R.S. Form #115 Amended April 6, 1920. Make Form #114 rechecked 10-1-27-21

OK  
AM

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

AUG 26 1920  
642-40

cer

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.  
TO: W. L. Burke, Maywood, Nebr.  
SUBJECT: Remains of 2nd. Lieut. Walter E. Burke, Ser. # Co. G, 119th Inf.

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

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

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

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children (Name oldest first)	1. 2. 3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers (Name oldest first)	1. 2. 3.		
Sisters (Name oldest first)	1. 2. 3.		

Date..... Signature.....

Address..... Relationship.....

IMPORTANT:- CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper. (OVER)

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TO: W. L. Burke, Maywood, Nebr.

SUBJECT: Remains of 2nd. Lieut. Walter E. Burke, Ser. # --- Co. G, 119th Inf.

*Rush Answer*  
*no change*  
*en*

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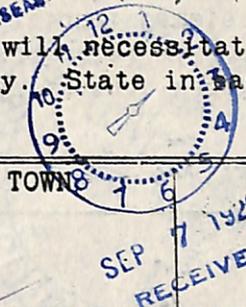
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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

*noted on Form 10*  
*9-11-20*

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



NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>None</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Soldier's Children			
(Name oldest first)	1. <i>None</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	2. <i>None</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	3. <i>None</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Father	<i>W L Burke</i>	<i>Maywood</i>	<i>Nebr</i>
Mother	<i>Julia Burke</i>	<i>Maywood</i>	<i>Nebr</i>
Brothers	1. <i>Fred Burke</i>	<i>Maywood</i>	<i>Nebr</i>
(Name oldest first)	2. <i>Frank Burke</i>	<i>Maywood</i>	<i>Nebr</i>
	3. <i>Leonard Burke</i>	<i>Maywood</i>	<i>Nebr</i>
	<i>Edward Burke</i>	<i>Maywood</i>	<i>Nebr</i>
Sisters	1. <i>Nellie Cashler</i>	<i>Maywood</i>	<i>Nebr</i>
(Name oldest first)	2. <i>Edna Burke</i>	<i>Maywood</i>	<i>Nebr</i>
	3. <i>Dorothy Burke</i>	<i>Maywood</i>	<i>Nebr</i>

Date *Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1920*

Signature *W L Burke*

Address *Maywood Nebr*

Relationship *Father*

IMPORTANT: - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living relative of the within  
 (Relationship)  
 named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
 (Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired).

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to~~ .....

(Name)

(R.R. Station)

(State)

3. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and buried in~~ .....

~~National Cemetery~~

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

Signature W. L. Burke

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. If definite instructions as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within 2 weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA  
File # 61675

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name... BURKE, Walter E. ..... Ser.No. ... -- ..... TYP. EN .....  
 (b) Rank... 2nd Lt. ..... Organization Co. G, 119th Inf. ..... TYP. LS .....  
 Cause of  
 (c) Date of death. 10-18-18 death K/A .....

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

(a) Grave No. 139 .. Row 6 ..... Plot B ..... Sect. 7 ..... TP. EN .....  
 (b) Emerg. Address... W.L. Burke, (Father) Maywood, Nebr. .....

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases... No Card. ..... CKR. .... DB

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

*Also Card - W.L. Burke (father) Maywood, Nebr., requests body not returned to U.S. - ap 2/1/21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on ..... 192 ..... (letter of transmittal on 8-21-1920 .....  
 .... Par. #1, Not to be returned (MacB) .....

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

COUNTRY	<u>FRANCE</u>	CEMETERY NO.	<u>642</u>	SHEET NO.	<u>40</u>
G.R.S. FORM 115-A					
August	<u>, 1920</u>				

61675

Concentrated  
from

43908

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

FILE

43908 6/675

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Burke - Walter E.

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

2nd Lt. Co G. 119 Inf

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 21, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Ribesville mil Cem

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

map sheet 57 B.W.6, C-5-2

GRAVE NUMBER A 24

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HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross? yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

(Cusine)  
St. Martin - Riviere

(401) SHT. 1376 (E. 200) on 369

approved

REPORTED BY:

H. P. Stapp, Chaplain 119 Inf  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

NOV 8 1918

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Communal List No. 101-696

Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

Burke, Walter E.

Form 1 - A records burial  
in gr 23, Plot 1, Row B.

Form 1 - A grave location  
blank records gr 24, Row A

the chaplain ~~one~~ one that  
made sketch of cemetery  
numbered the Rows

Vice Versa & according  
to sketch there were

23 graves in Row B

with 1 single grave  
at head which

would make 24  
graves. The Chaplain

counted it as 24<sup>th</sup>

grave number A  
while the one that  
made sketch did not count  
grave at head and numbered it  
B-23

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2. Soldier's No. 210800

3. Burke Walter E  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials4. Corp O 355 Inf  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps5. 10/17/18 K.I.A.  
Date of Death Cause, if known6. 10/19/18 St Martin Mil  
Date of Burial Cemetery

St Martin

7. Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 24 - 1 A  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter9. Name Peg? ..... Cross?  Headboard? ..... Bottle? .....  
Check Method of Marking10. Buried with Body? ..... Attached to Grave Marker? .....  
Identification Tags

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

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12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

Wassigny W 6 c 11

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed

Group ..... Unit 302 ..... G. R. S.

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CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

FILE

January 9 1922

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

, CASE OF:

Co. G., 119th Inf.,  
ORGANIZATION (Old)BURKE 2310800 Walter E., 2nd Lt.,  
(Name)

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

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st. Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.	2/16/21	642	D- 30135
3rd Reb.			D-

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

BY: Miss LannonCard.,  
(Department)5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By A.B.